



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE "Our Foundation and Guide" arr. Ruth E. Schram

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Be Still and Know" Anthony Giamanco

INTROIT "Gentle Shepherd" #102 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 119:1-8)

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed is everyone who follows God's word.

Happy are those who faithfully seek God's justice.

Blessed are all whose hearts are seeking God.

Come, let us praise the Lord our God.

We worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#339 (*Hymnal*)

***Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

PRAYER

(from a prayer by John van de Laar, adapted)

O God, we are here because we want to follow Jesus.

Lead us, we pray, in Jesus' way:

**The way of simplicity and servanthood,
of love and forgiveness, of courage and faith.**

**The way of caring for the neglected,
feeding the hungry, housing the homeless,
protecting the threatened, and challenging the powerful.**

The foolish way of the gospel, that brings us wholeness and joy. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Bless the Lord"

#2013 (*Sing the Faith*)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life (repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-4

ANTHEM

"I Will Do a New Thing"

Heather Sorenson

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-2; 24:1-21

SERMON

"Stewards of the Way"

Pastor Jerry

HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

#302 (*Hymnal*)

***I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.***

Refrain: ***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.*** *Refrain*

***I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.*** *Refrain*

***I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance and I still go on.*** *Refrain*

***They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.*** *Refrain*

"Marking the Path Together"

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN

*SONG "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" #2223 (*Sing*)

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,***

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,*** *Refrain*

***We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,*** *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" verse 4

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.***

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

POSTLUDE

"Covenant Hymn"

arr. Paul A. Tate

