# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists for God's glory, to worship Him and to equip His people to reach Atlanta and the world for Christ.

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Sunday Morning Worship May 11, 2025 8:45 & 11:00 ам Disk 25-18

Please consult an usher if you are in need of an assistive listening device.

The Silent Prayer of Preparation is an opportunity to privately prepare our minds and hearts for worship through silent prayer as the Prelude is being played.

### Welcome & Announcements

# Preparation for Worship Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

> Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Westminster Ringers

arr. D. E. Wagner Trinity Hymnal #38

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

## Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 46:1, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Pastor: Christ Is Risen!

People: He Is Risen Indeed!

Hymn 376Open Now Thy Gates of BeautyBULLETIN P. 4

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

Rev. Joe Suen

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring

ever enter it, no	y and the honor of the nations. But no or anyone who does what is detestable written in the Lamb's book of life.		
Prayer of Confess	sion		
Assurance of Pare	don Psalm 32:5		
	d my sin to you, and I did not cover m transgressions to the Lord," and you j		
Hymn 373	Within Your Temple, Lord	Bulletin p.	5
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dr. Carlton Wynn	E
8:45 Offertory	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Sung Kyung Chang, organ	arr. Diane Bisi	H As we are led in worship by music, let us praise God and meditate on Him in our
11:00 Offertory	<i>We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness, C</i> Chancel Choir Glenn Thomas, tenor	<b>)</b> God William McKi	
	loving kindness, O God: in the midst o Jya, Alleluya, Alleluya.	of Thy temple.	
	g to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto t I is full of righteousness: Alleluya.	he world's end.	
	loving kindness, O God: in the midst o s now prosperity. Amen.	f Thy temple.	
Doxology 733		Thomas Ke	N
praise him, all Praise him abo	whom all blessings flow; creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia ove, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, So ia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!		
Prayer of Interces	ssion		
Glory be to the F As it was in th	Children ages 4-6 can be dismissed for Children's Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy e beginning, is now, and ever shall be end. Amen, amen.	Ghost;	

**Scripture Reading** 

Psalm 48

Pew Bible p. 472

<sup>1</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, <sup>2</sup> beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. <sup>3</sup> Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

<sup>4</sup> For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. <sup>5</sup> As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight.
<sup>6</sup> Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.
<sup>7</sup> By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish. <sup>8</sup> As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever.

<sup>9</sup> We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. <sup>10</sup> As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. <sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

<sup>12</sup> Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, <sup>13</sup> consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation <sup>14</sup> that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

Sermon	The City of the Great King	Rev. Aaron Messner
Hymn 345	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	Bulletin p. 6
Benediction		
Postlude	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	arr. Don Hustad

As the postlude is played, we encourage you to consider the greatness and provision of God through worship and so prepare to enter the world as messengers of the Gospel.

# Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

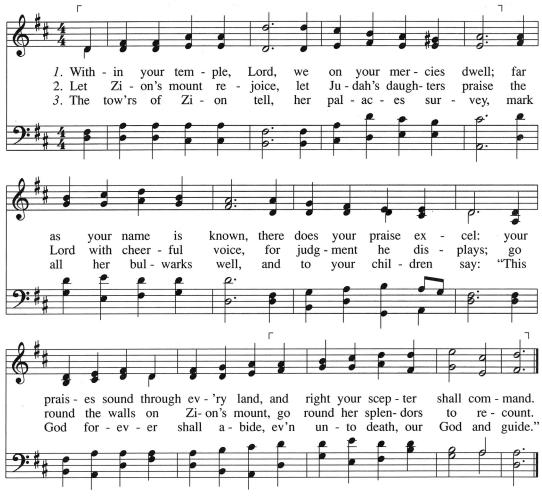
One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4



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# Within Your Temple, Lord

Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Ps. 48:9



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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

### GENERAL

The flowers are provided today by Deborah Mueller in loving memory of her late mother, WC Kwan, and in celebration of her son Maxwell's birthday. Happy Mother's Day to all!

**Officer elections, June 1.** We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 1, following both morning services for the purpose of electing elders and deacons. Bios of the prospective candidates will be provided in the coming weeks.

Join Westminster Young Professionals! Looking for a way to get involved and stay connected with our young



adult community? Scan the QR code to join our Young Professionals Announcement GroupMe for updates, events, and opportunities! This is a great way to stay in the loop!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Calling all women who love to read!** Please join us as we learn more about God's grace and redemption in our broken world through the reading and discussion of a wide selection of texts, some of which are heartwarming and some of which can be difficult and challenging. Next meeting: May 20, 7:30pm, in the church parlor. Next book: *Same Kind of Different as Me*, by Ron Hall. Feel free to call or email Rinda Lieuwen with questions (678-372-9823 or rlieuwen@gmail.com).

#### Baby Shower for Sujin Kim, June 22, 12:30pm.

Ladies, please join us for a shower to celebrate Sujin Kim and her baby boy. We'll meet in Room 303 following the 11:00 service. RSVP to Annie Suen (jjssuen@gmail.com). Scan the QR code here for Sujin's registry.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### VBS 2025 - Upward Bound: A Journey of Faith.



This summer we're thrilled to invite children ages 2 through the completion of 5th grade to join us for VBS at Westminster, June 16-20! Registration is now open! Scan the QR code here to register today. *Registration deadline is May 15.* 

VBS Volunteers needed. We're gearing up for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School, June 16-20, and we need YOU to help make it a success! We're looking for enthusiastic, caring volunteers to join us in sharing God's love with kids in our church and community. Whether you're great at leading games or a group, helping with crafts, serving snacks, or just being a friendly face, there's a place for everyone to serve! Scan one of the QR codes below to sign up.



Youth



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Prayer Requests:** To submit prayer requests, place a blue card in the offering plate, call the church office, or email your requests to prayerrequests@wmpca.org.

**Pastoral Care:** If you know a member of Westminster who needs pastoral care, please contact the pastoral staff and pastoral care team at pastoralcare@wmpca.org.

**Crisis Resources:** We have recently added a page to our website which features resources for crisis pregnancy, postabortion counseling, and domestic abuse. If you or someone you know is struggling with any of these issues, go to www. wmpca.org/crisis-resources.

**Praise for the birth of Rebecca Kirsten Julian, daughter of Luke & Abby Julian.** Rebecca was born May 1 and, after a brief stay in the NICU, baby and mom are doing well.

Please pray for Valerie Johnson's son, Mark, who suffers from schizophrenia. He recently had an episode while visiting in Atlanta. Please pray that he can get the appropriate treatment for his condition.

**Regina Kreiner has an ongoing health condition that causes issues with sleeping, and recently she has also been experiencing frequent headaches and a loss of energy.** Please pray for guidance for Regina and John and wisdom for her doctors as they determine a cause and course of treatment.

**Bob Schnapper's recent CT scan showed a large nodule on his chest.** Please pray it is not cancerous but simply inflammatory or infectious and that it will resolve itself.

Lori Burgess continues to heal from a broken wrist and tibia. Praise that she is seeing improvements in healing and mobility, and she has begun outpatient hand therapy. Please pray for continued patience and endurance through this long process.

Houston Smith remains in rehab and is showing gradual improvement. We appreciate your continued prayers.

Please pray for Andrea Helm's sister-in-law, Debbie Morken, who recently had surgery for pancreatic cancer. Praise that after 33 days her digestive system has begun to function. Pray that chemo treatment scheduled to begin in early May would be effective against any remaining cancer cells. The entire family give thanks for your prayers.

Sharon Kraemer's brother, Ken Kraemer, will have a procedure to repair a mitral valve tear on May 7. Please pray that this procedure goes well.

**Tony Gonzalez's father, Bob Gonzalez, has recently been diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer.** He had a successful surgery and will soon begin radiation therapy. Please pray for complete healing.

Joyce Burklin has recently been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and fluid on the lungs. She is on oxygen and is waiting to hear from the doctor on additional treatment options. Please pray for her return to good health and for her daughter Alice as she cares for her.

Kacy Chamblee has been undergoing intensive treatment for cancer. Please be in prayer for Kacy, her husband Steve, and their family during this difficult time. **Libbie Logan continues in her recovery from cancer.** Please pray for Libbie and her family during this difficult time.

Sarah Hilscher's father, Bill Roberts, has experienced growth of his brain cancer in three lobes. Please pray for wisdom for his doctors in determining the next season of treatment and that this treatment will be effective and will have minimal impact on his motor and cognitive function.

**Please be in prayer for our expectant mothers. Westminster Members:** Elyse Krawtz (May), Emily Hamrin (Jun), Katie McClendon (Jun), Caroline McGarity (Jun), Sujin Kim (Jul), Laura Grace Edwards (Sep), Hillary Renner (Nov)

**Extended family:** Hally Warkentine, daughter of Terry & Ginny Davidson (Jul); Carsen York, wife of Chris & Janet York's son, Kit (Aug)

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

George Beckermann, Jim Carruthers, Karson Tolbert, Connor Wynne

# LOVE CIRCLE MEMBERS

Dolores Dennis, Audrey Florence, Betty Hope, Regina Hughes, Doris Price, Walter Sandell

# THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

1LT Jake Barnes, Army (Holly Holton) CAPT Andrew Carlson, Navy (Nancy Messner) 1LT Peter Elder, Marines CPT Joseph Hatcher, Army (WPC sponsored chaplain) 1/C Micah Messner, US Coast Guard Academy SPC Jacob Moore, Army PO1 Andrew Naff, Navy PFC Dylan Roberts Army (Sarah Hilscher) MAJ Ben Scott, Army COL Joel Sloan, Air Force (Kate Betsill) 1LT Tim Toll, Army

#### Sunday, May 11

8:45am: First Service 10:00am: Sunday School for all ages 11:00am: Second Service 12:15pm: Northlake COG 5:00pm: Sunday Supper 6:00pm: Evening Service

#### Monday, May 12

7:30pm: Moms' Small Group (b.elder@wmpca.org)

#### Tuesday, May 13

6:00pm: Session/Diaconate Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm: Young Women's Small Group (whitney.book@gmail.com)

#### Wednesday, May 14

5:30pm: Wednesday Supper 6:30pm: Wednesday at Westminster (children, youth, adults) 7:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 15

10:00am: Women's Daytime Prayer (koroos100@gmail.com) 11:00am: Men's Bible Study (johnadams@alumni.emory.edu)

#### Sunday, May 18

8:45am: First Service 10:00am: Sunday School for all ages 11:00am: Second Service 12:15pm: Roswell COG 4:00pm: Missions Committee Meeting 5:00pm: Sunday Supper 6:00pm: Evening Service

#### Tuesday, May 20

7:30pm: Women's Book Club (rlieuwen@gmail.com)

#### Wednesday, May 21

5:30pm: Wednesday Supper 6:30pm: Wednesday at Westminster (children, youth, adults) 7:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 22

10:00am: Women's Daytime Prayer (koroos100@gmail.com) 11:00am: Men's Bible Study (johnadams@alumni.emory.edu) Sunday, May 11, 2025 Nurserv: Greeter/Leader: Barbara Beach 8:45am Service: Babies: Holly Holton, Irene Simoneaux, Angie Mercer Crawlers: Janet Fortenberry, Frank Kiser 2-Year-Olds: Evelyn Kiser, Ruthie Hill 3-Year-Olds: Sonny Anderson, Heather Thomas Floater: Maddox Hopper Children's Church: Annie Suen, Michael Pitts 10:00am Babies: Rinda Lieuwen, Irene Simoneaux 11:00am Service: Babies: Gabi Aldridge, Laura Grace Edwards Toddlers: Cheryl LeBlanc, Catherine Mullins Floater: Annalise LeBlanc Children's Church: Barbara Beach Duty Deacons: 8:45am Service: Lloyd Yancy, Seth Edwards 11:00am Service: Benjamin McGarity, Daniel McClendon Sunday Evening: Josh Mancin Wednesday Evening: Tyler Hardy Soundbooth: Brad Beach Greeters: 8:45am: Welcome Center: Heidi Briley Narthex: Belinda Yancy, Jim Fortenberry Porte Cochere: Kent Kim Side Entry: Ben & Whitley Manrodt 11:00am: Welcome Center: Addie Carlson, Steve Roos Narthex: Alan & Leah Beck Porte Cochere: George Akers Side Entry: Eric & Kim Elder Dinner Check-In: Sunday: Linley Wynne Wednesday: Eleanor Lilly Dinner Kitchen Help: Sunday: Catherine Mullins Wednesday: Mike & Caroline Enis, Nate Yoder

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Nurserv: Greeter/Leader: Julie Osborne 8:45am Service: Babies: Rachel Porch, Julia Lee, Melanie Anderson Crawlers: Alyssa Terry, Annabelle Osborne 2-Year-Olds: Amanda Gingrich, Katie Baldwin 3-Year-Olds: Kristin Rogers, Josh Terry Floater: Elizabeth Elder, Grace Elder Children's Church: Annie Suen, Michael Pitts 10:00am Babies: Emily Laury 11:00am Service: Babies: Belinda Yancy, Janet York Toddlers: Heidi Briley, Julia Kershner Floater: Ally Claire Thigpen, Lina Lieuwen Children's Church: Barbara Beach Duty Deacons: 8:45am Service: Tolu Odulesi, Benjamin McGarity 11:00am Service: Alex Carruthers, Ben Holton Sunday Evening: Rupert Turnbull Wednesday Evening: Dwight Kieser Soundbooth: Brad Beach Greeters: 8:45am: Welcome Center: Lindsay Davis Narthex: James Fox, Sherri Dickens Porte Cochere: Bobby Nibbs Side Entry: Pat Mokhtarian, Hannah Agabi 11:00am: Welcome Center: Ginny Davidson Narthex: Gene & Neile Wheeler Porte Cochere: Terry Davidson Side Entry: Bruce Romanoff, Josh Mancin Dinner Check-In: Sunday: Michelle Dunnavant Wednesday: Eleanor Lilly Dinner Kitchen Help: Sunday: Catherine Mullins Wednesday: Mike & Caroline Enis, Nate Yoder

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exists to:

#### **Glorify God**

worshiping God with joyful reverence that embodies biblical principles

#### - by gathering and perfecting the saints —

seeking to grow in holiness and reach the lost through the Gospel

#### - through the ordinary means of grace —

focusing on the authoritative Word of God in our preaching and teaching

emphasizing prayer throughout the church community and in our ministries

faithfully administering the sacraments of Covenant Baptism and the Lord's Supper

#### — in the context of relational fellowship –

connecting and caring for one another through discipleship and intentional fellowship

#### -unto faith, repentance, and new obedience-

realizing our fallen condition and the unmerited redemption we have in Christ through faith, we therefore endeavor to daily repent of our sins and pursue new heart obedience in Christ as we await our future rest in eternity with our Savior

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