

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2026

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is joy in the presence of God when what is lost is found.  
**People: We come seeking the God who searches for us before we ever seek Him.**

Leader: The Father’s arms remain open, His mercy remains abundant, and His invitation remains sure.

**People: We come home again to the God who rejoices over His children.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

**People: We will rejoice in the goodness, mercy, and steadfast love of our God.**

† HYMNS OF PRAISE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#1)  
Who You Say I Am*

† SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father, we confess that we are often more familiar with grumbling than gratitude, more practiced at keeping score than receiving Your grace. Like Your people in the wilderness and like the elder brother in Jesus’ story, we forget that our place in Your family rests not on our striving or deserving, but on Your abundant mercy and love. Forgive us, renew our hearts with gratitude, and teach us to rejoice in the grace You freely give to us and to others; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*(Prayers of silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† DOXOLOGY

JUNIOR CHURCH

LIFE TOGETHER Elder Marty Henegar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

OFFERING

† HYMN OF PREPARATION *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*

† SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32

SERMON Come Join The Party  
Jamie Walters

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE *Amazing Grace (#202)*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Coro from “Water Music”*

*Our Prayer Team will be available to pray with anyone in the Chapel following the service.*

## Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church

*We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today on the friendship pad found at the end of the pew.*

**Elder of the Week is Marty Henegar and Betty Smith**

### Upcoming Events

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Charlotte Knights Game – Join us for America's favorite pastime and fellowship.

August 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – Welcome Home Sunday (formerly known as Rally Day)  
Join us for breakfast and learn more about the many ways to get involved in the life of our church.

### **Summer Schedule through August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
11:30am Fellowship & Coffee

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