

W C C UPDATE

OCTOBER 2026

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To my Church Family,

One of my professors at Colorado Christian University used to say that we Christians stand on the shoulders of giants. By that, she meant that you and I are the inheritors of the wisdom and work of the saints who came before us, which allows us to begin where they left off and, hopefully, see a little farther because of it.

Among those who came before us were the men and women of the Protestant Reformation. More than five hundred years have passed since the Reformation began, but the questions they asked and the convictions they recovered continue to shape the Church today. When we talk about salvation by grace through faith, insist that Jesus Christ is sufficient for our salvation, open the Scriptures together, or gather to worship God, we're participating in a Christian tradition that was profoundly shaped by what happened during those turbulent years.

Our current sermon series on the Five *Solas* of the Protestant Reformation gives us an opportunity to learn more about that history and why it still matters. Along with John Wycliffe, we'll learn a little bit more about some of the so-called "giants" who helped shape the Reformation, figures such as Martin Luther, Philipp Melanchthon, Menno Simons, and John Calvin. None of these individuals were perfect, and none of them should be treated as if they were. But their lives take us into some of the most important questions of the Reformation and help us understand why those questions mattered then and why they continue to matter now.

In 1518, Martin Luther wrote, "Grace says, 'believe in this,' and everything is already done." That conviction captures something at the heart of the Reformation and, more importantly, at the heart of the gospel itself. Our hope doesn't rest in what we can accomplish for God, but in what God has already accomplished for us in Jesus Christ.

My hope, then, is that learning this history will do more than help us recognize a few names and dates. I hope it will deepen our gratitude for the faith we have received, sharpen our understanding of what we believe, and help us follow Jesus more faithfully in our own time. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, but ultimately, our eyes remain fixed on Christ!

In His Name Alone,

Matt Stiveson

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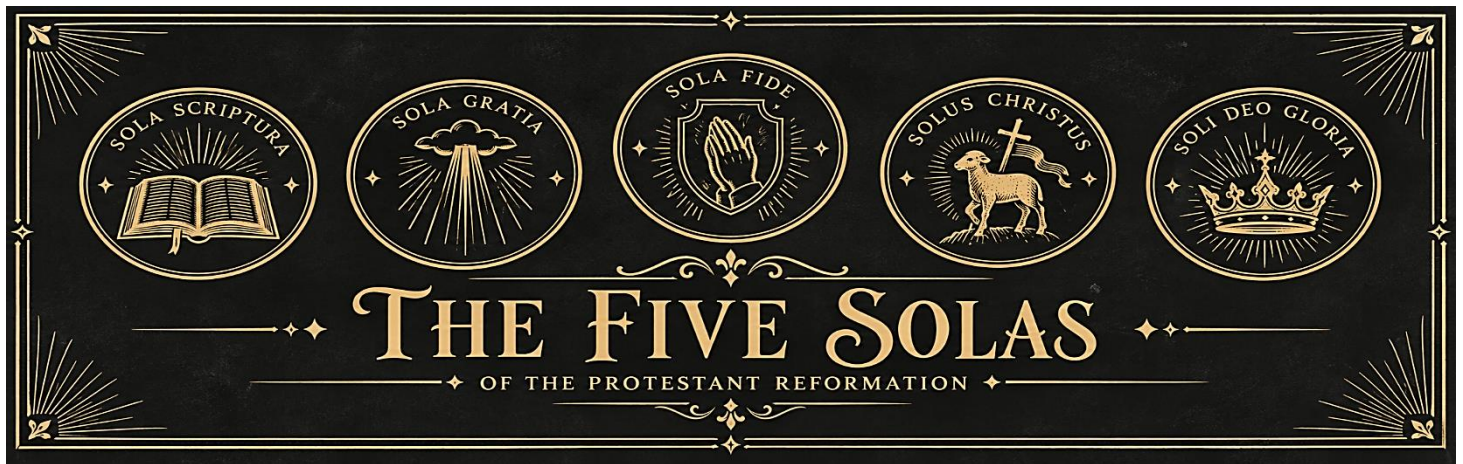
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MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Hi Church Family!

Time always flies so fast, and I feel like I write the same things every year. I can't believe it's October already! The adult and children's choirs are off to a beautiful start, but I would absolutely love to have more singers in both choirs! We are already working on the Christmas cantata, and I hope it will be a great blessing to you during the upcoming season. The kids will be singing very soon in church!

I want to thank all of the volunteers in the choir. Each person is so special to me, and we've built a wonderful, uplifting, loving family who supports each other through the good times and the bad. Thank you for all your hard work.

May God bless you all!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

JOIN US FOR COSTUMES AND CANDY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25!



In lieu of our traditional Trunk-or-Treat this year, we are going to be hosting a new event called Costumes and Candy during church on Sunday, October 25. Kids are invited to wear their costumes to church (costumes should be appropriate for the setting—please avoid anything that is overly scary, graphic, or suggestive), and adults are invited to bring some candy to hand out in between worship and Bible study!

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

God kept His promise and brought His people into their own land. To show how much He loved His people, God raised up leaders called judges. He also raised up prophets who gave the people messages from God and helped to remind them that He was in charge. But God's people looked around, saw other nations, and wanted to be like them. So, God allowed His people to have kings to rule over them, and in return God asked those kings to follow Him.



In our next Bible study series, kids will discover what it means for God to be the only true God and how He invites them to follow and respond to Him. Through the stories of kings and prophets, they will see how God is in charge and that He is the one who is always with us.

2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL, "PROMISED FROM ETERNAL YEARS"

This year our advent devotional will trace God's promises throughout the Old Testament and see how they find their fulfillment in Jesus. Together, these devotions will help us see the faithfulness of the God who keeps His promises and gives us hope as we wait for the promises still to come.

Each person who signed up will write two connected devotions: one on Old Testament promise and one on its New Testament fulfillment. Families are welcome to work on the two sections together.

Submissions are due to the church office by Sunday, November 1.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Westminster Christian Church is a congregational church, meaning that our Elders and Deacons are nominated to our board by the members of the church. Each year, we go through a three-month process of vetting potential candidates. **This process begins on Sunday, October 4. Board nominees are received through the end of October** and will be accepted for anyone who has been a member of WCC for at least a year.

All members of WCC who are 16 or older have the right to make nominations and give their approval of the final slate of nominees. If you don't know whether you're a member, reach out to the office this week. If you would like to become a member of the church, let's chat. Keep your eyes open for the nomination page in the bulletin.

A LITURGY FOR FINDING MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

O Christ be my Shepherd,
O Christ be my King,
O Christ be the Vine
in whom I abide.

I would draw all my meaning,
my purpose, my identity,
always and only from you, O God.

For how much anxiety springs
from the poisoned soil of the lie
that I was meant to define myself,
wielding power to make, and remake,
to shape, and reshape, my identity into
images of my own imagining—as if
my being and body were but empty
avatars on which to play out
endless whims and variations?

It is a mesmerizing delusion, O Lord.
And one that leads to a jittery self-
consciousness, and a fret-filled life.
For who am I, if who I am can be
so easily redefined?

No. I am your creature, created by you,
for your good purposes. Let me rest
in that. Let me be rooted in that.

My vocation is to follow you, Jesus,
daily dying to myself and my own
desires—and so to become more
Christ-like—not to live a life of self-
preoccupation, endlessly parsing
the minutiae of my own feelings,
paralyzed by hypersensitivity to
how others might perceive me.

Fixated upon myself,
I will surely implode.

You alone, O Lord, can rightly
define and order my being,
and command my destiny.
For you are the Creator who
has invested all Creation with
meaning and intention, granting
a deep givenness to all created things,
each in their ordered place, according
to your designs and decrees.

Let me rest in mine, O Lord,
as you have defined it.



Tuesday Mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share) Adult and Youth Bible Studies Choir Rehearsal NOTE: No Choir on October 21.
Thursday Afternoons	12:00 –2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Saturday, October 3	10:00 am-12:00 noon	“Living as a Christian in Today’s World” Book and Discussion Group — <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> , Finishing Letter 8 and moving on to Letters 9 and 10. See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.
Sunday, October 4 Nominations for Church Officers accepted during October	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month, and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 a,	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	General Board Meeting
Sunday, October 11	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, October 17	12:00 noon	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, October 18	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages Costumes//Candy --Kids are invited to wear their costumes to church (costumes should be appropriate for the setting—please avoid anything that is overly scary, graphic, or suggestive), and adults are invited to bring some candy to hand out in between worship and Bible study!
Tuesday, October 27	9:30 am	Church Women United —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.