



The Westminster Abbey Church

To Connect People To Jesus Christ And To Each Other.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It really doesn't seem possible that I have been the pastor at Westminster for almost 19 years now, but I have. Many of the folks who are here now are new to this church and many are still here from the time I started; I am blessed by both.

A lot of things have changed since I started here. One of the biggest is that we now have the Abbey. This 7,000 square foot addition has been such a blessing to our church and to the community. I had no idea how it was going to be used, but I am truly grateful to all who have helped improve it and manage it over the years that has been a part of the Westminster community.

We all know how important it is to keep up with advances in technology. I remember when I started here, we were using an overhead projector with clear slides that had to be changed by hand. Many of you will undoubtedly remember the big projector that hung from middle of the ceiling and the remote screen that when up and down, when we needed it. What an improvement it was when we went to the television monitors and the computer system. I would have never thought that we would be livestreaming on YouTube, with a full-blown website. I again want to give thanks to all who have been a part of making this all happen as well as those who maintain it all.

Over the years our service style has gone from mostly traditional with some contemporary to mostly contemporary with some traditional. While the style has changed, the message of God has still been maintained to the best of our ability. This message is the reason we disaffiliated from our previous denomination and joined with the, newly formed, Global Methodist Church. I am so proud of this church for standing strong on the Word of God through all the transition. While certain things must change for us to stay relevant, the Word of God can never change or we will become irrelevant. If we are not impacting people's lives for Jesus, what good are we to anyone?

We just finished our Allegheny West Annual Conference and it was amazing again this year. No longer do I dread going to Conference, but rather look forward to it so that I can fellowship with friends I have not seen in a while and to be lifted up by all the worship that takes place there. If you ever desire to experience our GMC Annual Conference, please contact me and I will help to make the arrangements.

One last thing; I remember how Ed Davis used to come home from Annual Conference and announce that I would be your pastor for another year. Ed was unable to go to conference this year, so I will assure you that I will be your pastor for another year; and hopefully for some more in the future.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave

*"I want the whole Christ for my Saviour, the whole Bible for my Book,
the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field."— John Wesley*