



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREDERICKSON HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2025
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Dick Marshall

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection (Frederickson Hall)

Heather Selement (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

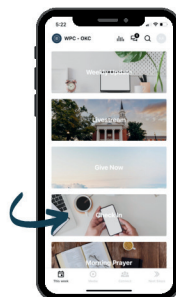
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WORSHIP ORDER

August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude



Chiming the Hour



Preparing for Worship



***Call to Worship**

Come in from the hectic world,
from the meetings that ran long,
from the work you thought only you could do.

We gather with tired hands and full hearts.

We gather to rest, to listen, to learn a better way.

Even Moses needed a voice to say,
“You don’t have to carry this alone.”

We come to remember that

God never meant for us to do this by ourselves.

Let this be a table of wisdom -

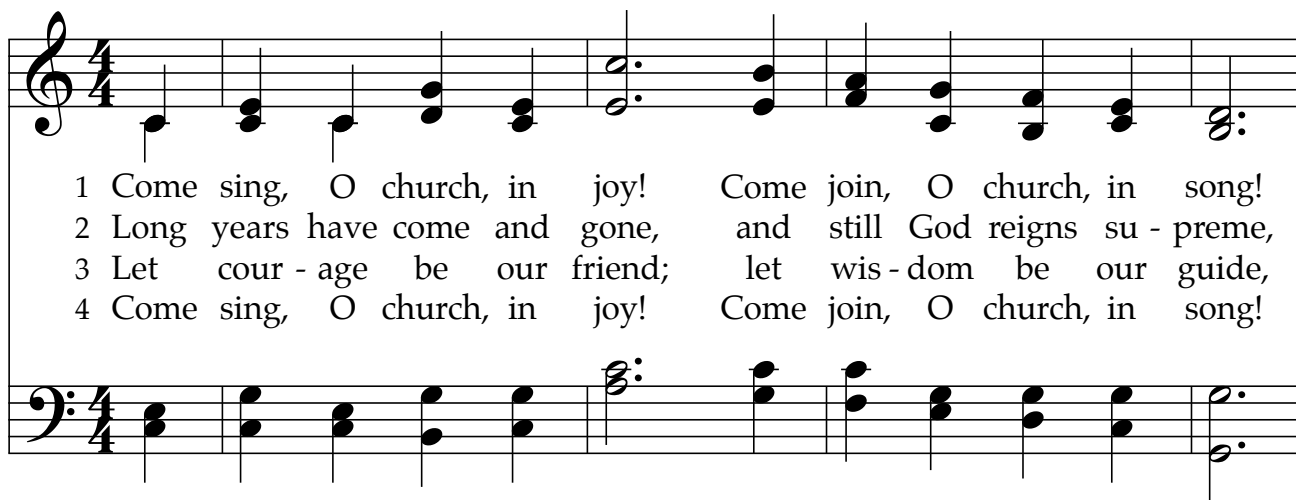
**a quiet place to name what’s ours to hold,
and what burdens we are called to share.**



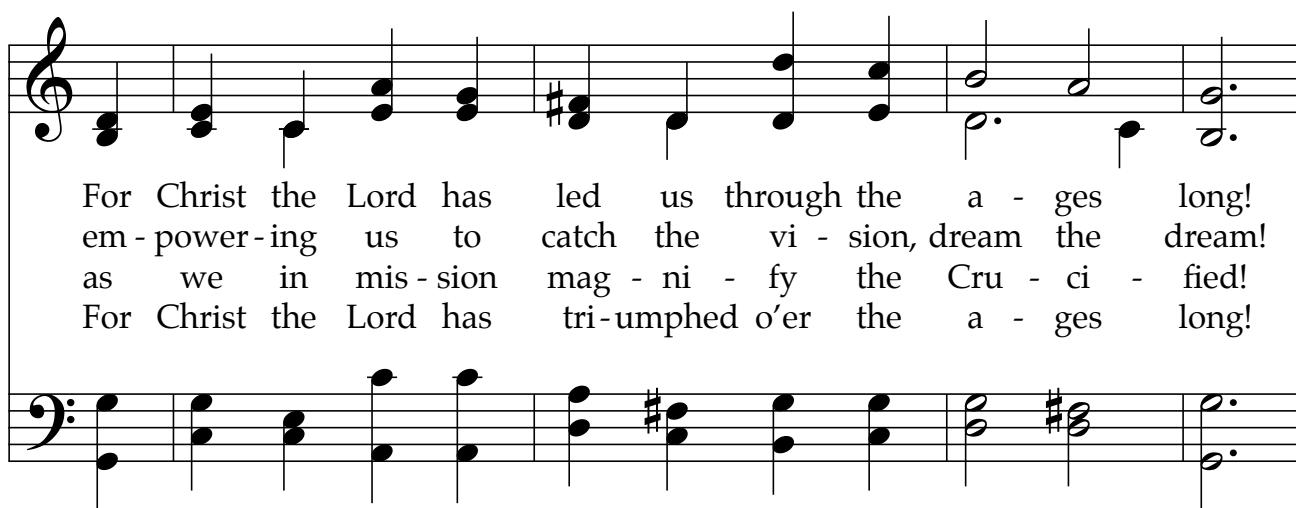
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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

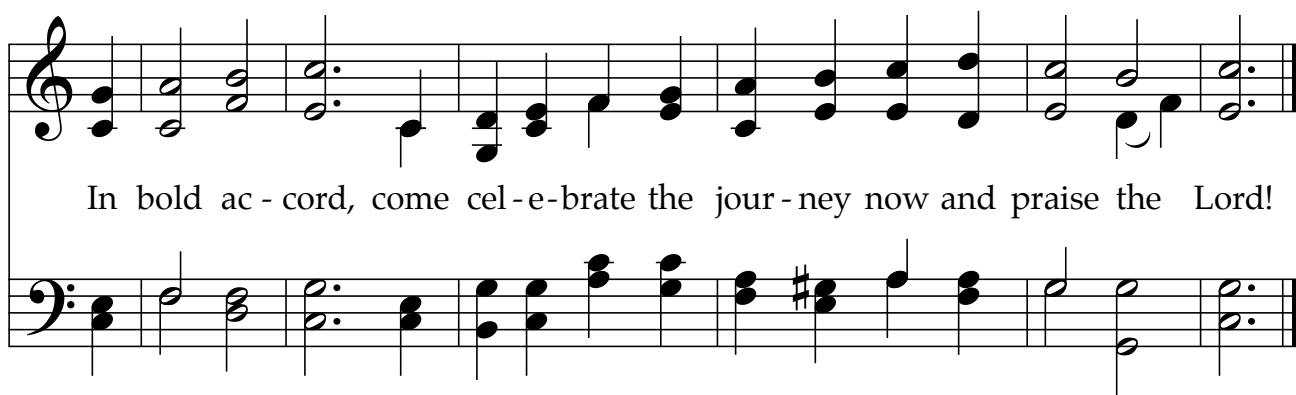
DARWALL'S 148TH



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!



Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom,
you created us for community,
but try to do too much on our own.
We mistake control for faithfulness,
and pride for responsibility.
You send companions and counselors,
but we ignore their wisdom.
You bless us with partners in ministry,
but we cling to work you meant us to share.
Forgive us.
Teach us the holiness of shared work,
the grace of letting go,
and the joy of trusting others.
Amen.



Assurance of Grace

In the first letter of John we are reminded that God's love meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be - and makes a home in every heart.

Friends, believe the good news:

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!



***Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 581)**

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



***Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



***Song of Community (No. 301)**

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House (v. 3)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.



Prayer for Illumination



First Reading

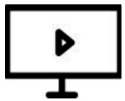
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 4:11-16



Sacred Space



Transition

At this point, we will be transitioning to a live stream of worship in the Sanctuary.



Second Reading

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

Thanks be to God!

Exodus 18:13-27



Sermon

Supporting Cast: Jethro

Rev. Landon Whitsitt



***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image—
male and female, of every race and people—
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all the families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of
bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home—

God is faithful still.



Announcements and Invitation to the Offering



Offertory

Steve Thompson, organ



*Doxology (No. 607)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.



Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

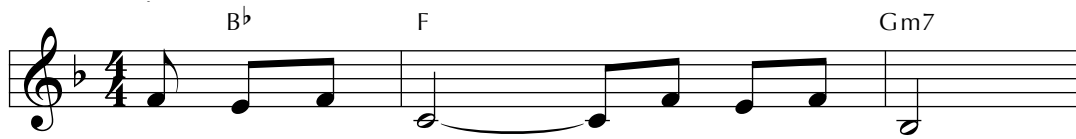
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and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



Communion Hymn (No. 510)

COME, SHARE THE LORD

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (v. 1, 3)



1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;



his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;



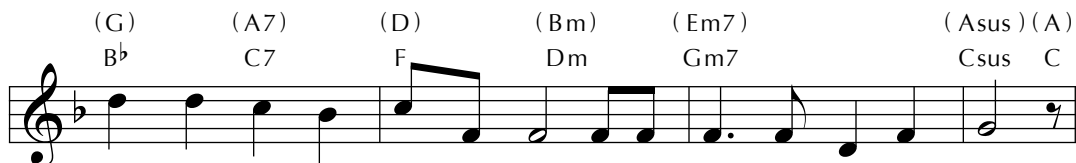
for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:



come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.



(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

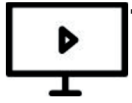


Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.



Transition

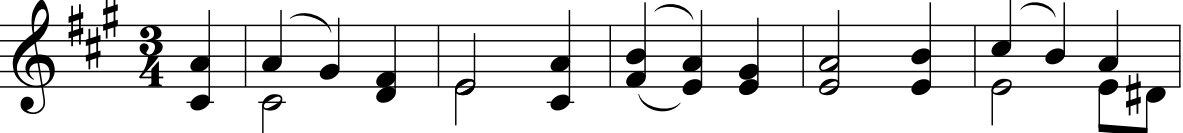
At this point, we will be transitioning back to a live service. We have about 5-10 minutes remaining. Please begin to finish work.



*Hymn of Sending (No. 320)

WAREHAM


The Church of Christ in Every Age (v. 1-3)



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.



Blessings, Charge, and Benediction



Postlude

***This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.**

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A Brief Statement of Faith - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (1983)

After the two largest streams of Presbyterianism in the United States reunited to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1983, a committee was appointed to draft a confession that would briefly summarize our faith. Like the earliest creeds it is liturgical in style and suitable for use in worship. Banner: Cross: a rainbow of colors representing the celebration of unity with the diversity of cultures and races; Blue Background: The Universe as the light of the word of God bringing us together; Secure Hands of God: He who holds our world together will unite us in the grace of Jesus Christ; Symbol of the PC(USA).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Back to School Trivia Night - Postponed

Our Back to School Trivia Night originally scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5** has been postponed. We'll share the new date soon, so stay tuned!



Volunteers Needed

Our nursery and children's ministry need caring volunteers this fall—whether weekly or just a few times a semester. Roles include nursery helpers, greeters, sensory room attendants, and Godly Play volunteers. Help create a space where kids feel safe and loved. Sign up online or email heather@wpcokc.org.



WPC is taking a pilgrimage to Italy!

Join us in Italy, April 9–17, 2026, for a private tour tracing the Apostle Paul's journey. We'll visit Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome, with highlights including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. Contact Stephanie Alarid at salarid@wpcokc.org to learn more.



Club 4/5 Summer Party

Club 4/5 will celebrate the end of summer with a party at the Suttons' house on August 24 from 2:00 to 4:30 PM! Wear your swimsuit under your clothes, bring a towel, and come ready for fun. Snacks and drinks provided.



Youth Pool Party

Let's celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year with a pool party at Camden's house on August 16 from 7:00–9:30 PM! We'll swim, play pickleball, snack, and hang out before the school year kicks into gear. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel—snacks and drinks will be provided!

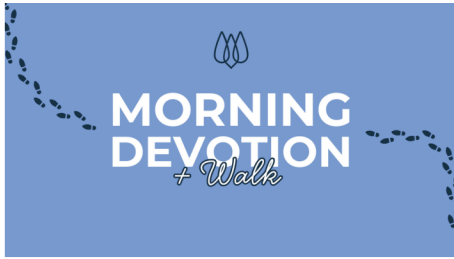


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VISITORS

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Morning Devotion and Walk

Join us for a morning of devotion and fellowship as we walk and pray together, enjoying God's creation on August 21 at 9am at Martin Nature Park. We'll conclude with breakfast at Press and Plow. Participants will order off the menu, Dutch treat. In the event of rain, we'll gather directly at the restaurant for a time of connection and conversation. Please register online by August 19.



WPC Foundation

Pillars of Grace

Thank you for considering a legacy gift! Already included Westminster in your plans? Thank you—we'd love to celebrate with you! Look out for details about our donor appreciation event on September 30, 2025. Questions? Contact a trustee or visit wpcfoundation.org.



WPC Missions

Feed My Sheep

Feed My Sheep is a program that delivers monthly groceries to families in need. We are currently in need of volunteers to pack and deliver groceries at WPC, as well as serve at the new Hope House location at White Fields, so please sign up if you are able to serve!

White Fields: August 23 | Grocery Packing: August 14 & 16



Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion, and your dedication will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up to purchase and dedicate your flowers either on the Weekly Update page or at the front desk. (There are 2 vases each week at a cost of \$60 each)

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GIVE

"The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live."
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HAPPY *Birthday!*

The following Westminster members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Please remember them in your prayers so that they may experience God's grace in the coming year.

August 3rd

R. Kent Carlin; John Kenney;
Phil Montgomery; Kelly Offutt

August 4th

Abby Lawrence; Larry Logan;
Carol McPheeters; Angela Powell;
Heather Selement

August 5th

Glenn Dunn

August 6th

Rebecca Ford; Randy Von Netzer

August 7th

Sonny Burkhart; Janie Comstock;
Larry Sharp

August 8th

Stacy Dykstra;
Alex Powell; Gabe Powell











August 9th

Linda Garrett



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AUGUST

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<p>3</p> <p>8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00pm Operations</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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