



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Bill Hickman

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

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1813)
arr. Clay Christiansen (b. 1949)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Variation on Nettleton

arr. Al L.Travis (b. 1940)

*Call to Worship

In the waters of baptism, Christ claims us
and sends us to proclaim his name.

The light we carry illuminates what is hidden,
revealing the scandalous truth of God's expansive Grace.

This is the work we were baptized to do:
to shine Christ's light and let God change hearts and minds.

Come, let us worship the God who calls us beloved
and empowers us to bear the Good News.

*Hymn of Praise

RESTORATION

Crashing Waters at Creation



Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age, chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of water and Spirit,
you sent your son to be our light in the darkness
and you send us to share his transformational gospel.
Yet we confess we prefer a gentler message,
one that soothes rather than challenges,
one that asks nothing and offends no one.
We mistake quiet for peace,
compliance for unity,
niceness for the costly work of love.
We whitewash the bold colors of your Grace,
allowing confirmation bias to taint our reading of your Word.
Restore in us the boldness of our baptism:
courage to open our minds to your truth
and faith to shine your light faithfully.
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the Gospel of John:
"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
The same God who sent Paul and Barnabas into unknown territory,
who redirected their plans and opened unexpected doors sends you.
Not alone, but accompanied by the Spirit.
Not to succeed by worldly measures,
but to proclaim the good news that changes everything.

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



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Sacred Space

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

In Chapel the children are learning all about Baptism of the Lord.

Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*Song of Community (No. 301)

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House (v. 1)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 12:49-53, p. 57

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 29

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933-2025)



"Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Sing for - ev - er "Glo - ry to God!"

Emily and Kevin Wilkinson, cantors

Second Reading

Acts 13:44-52, p. 101

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!

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

A Message That Divides

*Affirmation of Faith

from the *Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

***Affirmation of Faith (cont.)**from the *Confession of 1967*

Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering**Offertory***The Baptism of Our Lord*

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ

***Doxology (No. 607)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit 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.****The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)***Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.****Hymn of Sending (No. 688)**

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart****Blessings, Charge, and Benediction****Postlude***Variation on Nettleton*

arr. Al L.Travis (b. 1940)

*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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The Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church

This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.





**WPC
FOUNDATION**

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SPECIAL TAX-SAVING GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FROM YOUR IRA?

If you are age 70½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may be eligible to support your church or another 501(c)(3) nonprofit through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), a simple and tax-efficient way to give.

A QCD allows you to direct funds straight from your IRA to the charity. When done correctly, this gift can satisfy part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without being counted as taxable income.

Important: The gift must be made directly from the IRA to the charity. If you withdraw the funds first and then write a check, the tax benefit is lost. Always consult your financial advisor or tax professional before making a decision.

A Quick Example

- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): \$20,000
- Church Gift: \$5,000

Without a QCD: You pay taxes on the full \$20,000, then write a \$5,000 check to the church.

With a QCD: \$5,000 goes directly from your IRA to the church (not taxed). You withdraw the remaining \$15,000 and pay taxes only on that amount.

Estimated Tax Savings:

- Federal: ~\$1,200 (24% of \$5,000)
- Oklahoma: ~\$215 (4.75% of \$5,000)
- Total Savings: ~\$1,415 (approximately 28.75%)*

**After the \$10,000 state exclusion has been used.*

Thoughtful planning can make your generosity go even further. Always speak to your tax preparer, financial advisor or accountant to confirm appropriate tax advice for your particular situation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ask Anything Sundays

January 11 | 11:30am | Garden Court

Join the pastors for lunch and honest conversation shaped by your anonymous questions about faith, scripture, and life. All ages are welcome; submit a question online or bring one with you. Please register for lunch.



Confirmation Class

January 25-March 8 | 11:30am-1:00pm

Youth Room

Grades 6-12, meet weekly with mentors to study and write faith statements. Lunch provided. Confirmands are received on April 5 during the 10:30am service.



Third Annual Westminster Presbyterian Church Chili Cook-Off & Cinnamon Roll Bake-Off Competition

February 17 | 5:30 p.m. | Garden Court

Calling all cooks, bakers, and lovers of good food! Show off your best chili or cinnamon rolls, or simply come enjoy the feast and fellowship. Those planning to cook or bake, please sign up ahead of time. Come hungry and join the fun!



BLUE CHRISTMAS

Ornament Pick Up

Blue Christmas Ornament Pick Up

Please pick up your ornaments from Blue Christmas at the Welcome Desk this week at your convenience!

WPC MISSIONS

Feed My Sheep: WPC Grocery Packing

January 15 | 9:00am | WPC

January 17 | 8:30am | WPC

Help pack and deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to serve.

Feed My Sheep: Hope House at White Fields

January 24 | 8:30am | White Fields

Serve at the Hope House to deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to help.



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This Week I Learned

Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!

Burnt Offerings

Is a cookbook with heart, humor, and holy flavor. It's a small step toward the beloved community, served hot. \$25 - Proceeds go to WPC's Feed My Sheep. Scan the QR code to order.



Follow us on Socials

Stay connected with what's happening at Westminster throughout the week! Follow us, like, and share to help spread the word about the great things God is doing in our church community.

Instagram: @westminsterokc

Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church

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)



Annual Congregational Meeting

Immediately after 10:30am worship January 18th members are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary. For the purpose of electing officers. *Please plan to be present for this brief, but important meeting.*



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FEBRUARY 17th | 5:30PM



Cook, bake, or just come enjoy the **FREE** feast!
Scan the QR code to sign up.



NOTES

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Ask Anything Sunday Luncheon Baptism of the Lord	12 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	13 7:30am Men of Westminster 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality	14 9:00am Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group: Parlor 10:00am Women's Bible Study	15 10:00am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Mary's Circle 6:00pm Deacons Meeting 7:00pm Priscilla Circle	16	17
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