



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Tina Ridley

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, (Frederickson Hall)
Heather Selement (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
Fiona Scott, cantor (Frederickson Hall)
Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

wpcokc.org



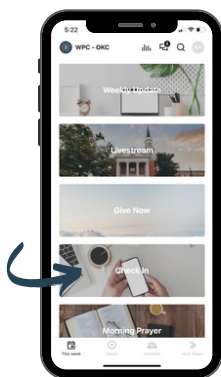
[/wpcokc](https://www.facebook.com/wpcokc)



[@westminsterokc](https://www.instagram.com/westminsterokc)

CHECK IN!

"Check In" in the WPC App and let us know you are worshipping with us today. *Please enter any prayer requests when you check in! We would love to pray with you and for you.*



Download the WPC App
and connect with your
church in a brand new way!

WORSHIP ORDER

August 24, 2025
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Festival Alleluia

arr. Dan Miller (b. 1954)

based on LASST UNS ERFREUEN from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, (Cologne, 1623)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Lasst uns erfreuen Geistliche Kirchengesäng (1623)

arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

Some promises take root before they show.

Some blessings arrive without fanfare -

just a voice, a greeting, a quiet joy shared.

We are here to bless what is growing,

to honor what is beginning,

to speak hope out loud.

Faith doesn't always look like certainty.

Sometimes it sounds like a welcome

or feels like a hand held longer than expected.

Let this hour be a room of joy, a gathering of trust,

a place where the holy is gently named.

Come, let us offer praise to the One

who meets us in promise.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 39)

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,

we struggle to trust what we cannot yet see.

We want clarity before commitment,

proof before praise.

You offer joy through presence,

blessing through welcome,

and hope through relationship.

Forgive our hesitation.

Help us believe in your promises,

and bless what you are growing -

in us and among us.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the Epistle to the Romans:

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's grace is not shaken by our hesitation.

It holds firm even when we waver.

When we resist the hard road or question our role, God's Spirit meets us still -
renewing us for what is next.

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

The children are invited to return to their seats. Worship bags are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

*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

1 Samuel 2:1-10, p. 190

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 113

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Sing - ing, — ev-'ry voice be raised; — sing - ing, — let the Lord be praised. —

Second Reading

Luke 1:39–55, p. 43

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

Supporting Cast: Elizabeth

*Hymn of Response (No. 816)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*, §§9.45–9.46

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

**We believe this reconciliation is the ground of peace,
justice, and freedom among the nations.**

The church lives out this calling when it practices forgiveness
and seeks peace across every line of conflict.

**We believe Christ summons us to risk comfort and security
for the sake of cooperation and understanding.**

Nations may serve God's purposes in history,
but no nation or way of life may claim God as its possession.

**We confess that when the church identifies the cause of God
with the power of the state, it denies the Lordship of Christ.**

God's reconciliation in Christ makes plain:
enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is intolerable.

**Because Jesus identified with the needy and the exploited,
the cause of the poor is the cause of his disciples.**

The church cannot evade responsibility in economic affairs,
nor condone poverty through silence or indifference.

**We believe all gifts and resources are entrusted to us by God—
to sustain families, to build community,
and to advance the common welfare.**

A church indifferent to poverty,
or open to one social class only, mocks God's reconciling love.

**We believe true worship is shown in justice and mercy,
as we follow Christ who casts down the mighty
and lifts up the lowly.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (10:30am)

Be Thou My Vision

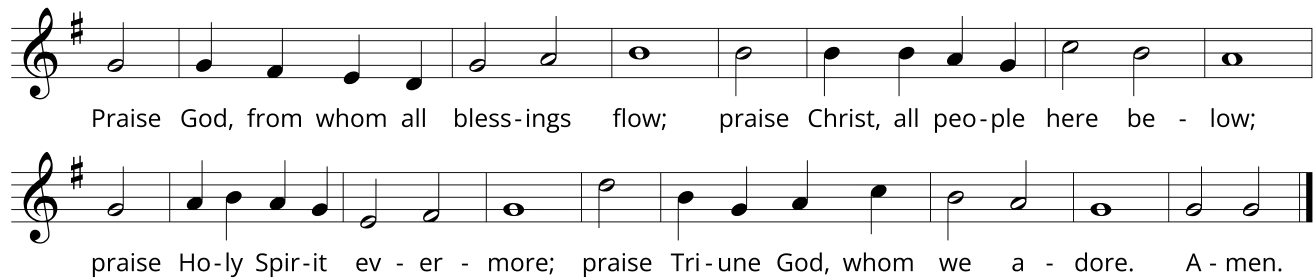
Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Chancel Choir; Jan McDaniel, piano; Steve Thompson, organ

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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. 838)

PROMISES

Standing on the Promises

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on "Hymn to Joy"
based on "Ode to Joy" from *Symphony No. 9*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
arr. Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

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

Hymn and scripture text printed with permission granted by CCLI License #2337964.

Musical scores printed with permission granted by onelicense.net License #A728015. Prayers adapted from various sources.



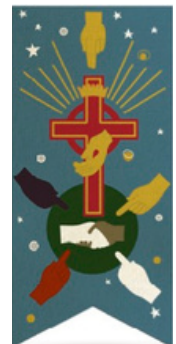
Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Rex and Bella Reynolds heavenly 65th anniversary and their heavenly 84th birthdays given by their family Angi, Jim, Andrew, and Alex Shaffer, and Anna Tawwater.



Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of Tylar Gregg Grant on the occasion of her ordination by Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Grownups with Kindergarten children are invited to a special introduction! Join us Today at 9:30am upstairs in the Wonder and Play Center in the Children's Ministry Area to experience a shortened version of a Godly Play session and an overview of our Children's Chapel programs. We are excited to welcome your Kindergarten children to our grade school ministry!



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



Join us for the Annual Deacon's Picnic on Sunday, September 7 at 11:30am on the Manor Lawn! Enjoy a BBQ lunch, a petting zoo, face painting and foam party. Don't forget to bring your towel! It's a great time to connect and have some fun.

Sign up on the WPC app or on the Events page to secure your spot!



Join us for a tour of the 1903 Henry and Anna Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City on September 25 at 10am. After the tour we'll head over to Picasso Cafe (self-pay) to have lunch. Space is limited. Sign up on the WPC app or on the Events page to secure your spot!



Club 4/5, Join Scott and Amber at Andretti for go-karting, arcade games, and bowling! We only have 10 spots, so make sure to sign up soon on the Events page! Cost is \$20



Come hang out with your friends on September 27 at 7:30pm and tell us all about your first month of the new school year! Don't forget your pillows, blankets, and clothes for church the next morning. If you don't want to stay for church, please plan for a parent to pick you up by 9am!



Visit the Events page to register for events by scanning the QR code or going to:
wpcokc.org/events

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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.



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)



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!

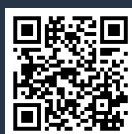
WPC Grocery Packing: September 18 & 20
White Fields: September 27



We'd love for you to join our Pew Crew! This group helps keep our chapel and sanctuary welcoming by straightening Bibles and hymnals, dusting, updating pew pockets, polishing offering plates, and replacing pens. The Pew Crew meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm—all helping hands are welcome! Contact Jacquelin Garcia at jgarcia@wpcokc.org to sign up.



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!



Visit the Events page to register for events by scanning the QR code or going to:
wpcokc.org/events

Launch 2025

**Sunday, Sept. 7th at 9:30am
Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Join us as we launch our fall season of Spiritual Formation with engaging studies, meaningful conversations, and a place to grow in faith together.



Annual Deacon's Picnic

**Sunday, Sept. 7th
11:30am · Manor Lawn**

BBQ Lunch
Petting Zoo
Face Painting
Foam Party





Divine Echoes:

Art, Music, + the Mystery of Faith

September 17 + 24 | October 1 + 8
5:15pm - Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm - Classes

Join us for a 4-week Wednesday evening series this fall exploring creative expression through music, dance, storytelling, and faith formation. Each week offers a unique presentation, designed to be engaging and accessible for all ages:



Ballet and Embodied Faith



Musical Theater and Spirituality



Pipe Dreams: Hidden Images in Music



Jazz and the Spirit of Improvisation

For Families:

- Themed craft table for kids & adults
- Nursery available upstairs for infants–4 years old after dinner

Dinner (Optional)

- \$10 Adults | \$5 Children
- Served at 5:15 PM
- Register for dinner by Monday each week on the Weekly Update page or in the WPC app

Reserve Your Seat

Sign up on the WPC app or on the Weekly Update page to secure your spot for this inspiring midweek experience!

INQUIRERS



Sundays | September 7th - October 5th | 9:30-10:30 AM
Room 105





Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Curious about what membership at Westminster Presbyterian means? If so, you're invited to attend the Inquirer's Class! This Five-week class will explore what it means to be Presbyterian and how we live out our faith here at Westminster. Scan the QR code or visit our Events page to register.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The image shows a dark blue header at the top with the word "NOTES" in white, uppercase letters. Below the header is a large white area containing 25 horizontal lines for writing, spaced evenly apart. The lines are thin and dark blue, matching the header's color.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

SUN	M	T	W	TH	F	SAT
24 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall 11:30am Kindergarten Transition 2:00pm Club 4/5 Swim Party	25 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	26	27 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study	28 7:00am Men's Group 	29 10:00am Knit N Pearl	30
31 8:15am Worship - Chapel 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall No Children Ministry No Christan Education	1  Church Offices Closed	2 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Committee 6:00pm Support for Infant Loss	3 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth	4 7:00am Men's Group 5:00pm Hannah Circle 	5	6
7 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Inquirers Class 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall 11:30am Deacons Picnic Communion	8 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	9 7:30am Men of Westminster 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality	10 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00am Men's Group 	12	13
14 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Inquirers Class 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team 11:30am Childrens Team	15 11:30am Dinah Circle	16 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Missions Team 11:30am Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Nominating Committee	17 9:00am- Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Midweek Manna 5:15pm Trustees 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Grocery Packing: WPC 11:30am Mary Circle 6:00pm Deacons	19	20 8:30am Grocery Packing: WPC 

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOTED IN RED
Sign up to serve at wpcokc.org/weekly-update
 or in the WPC App under the Events tab.