



# WESTMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREDERICKSON HALL  
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

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January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



## Prelude



## Chiming the Hour



## Preparing for Worship



## \*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

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

RESTORATION



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

Let us pray.

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 called Paul and Barnabas into unknown territory also calls 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*



## \*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. 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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



## **Sacred Space**



## **Transition**

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



## Second Reading

Acts 13:44–52

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. 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

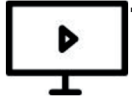


## Offertory

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ



## Transition

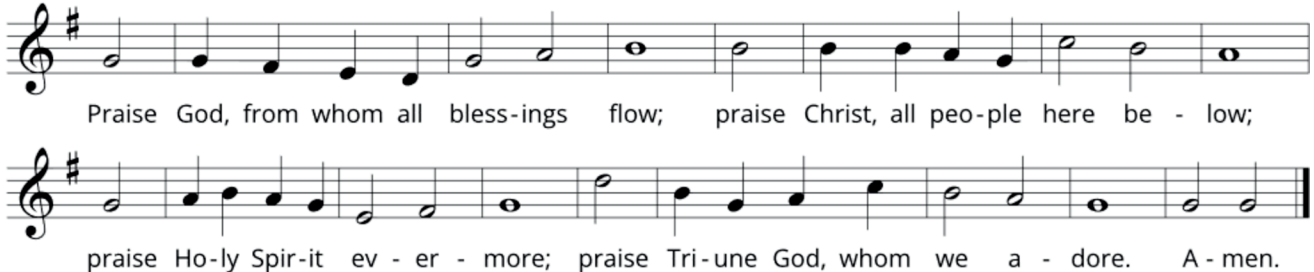
*At this point, we will be transitioning back to a live service.  
We have about 5-10 minutes remaining.  
Please begin to finish your work.*



## \*Doxology (No. 607)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



## 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**




# \*Hymn of Sending (No. 688)

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*




1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.





## **\*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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### **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



## 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

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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[wpcokc.org/events](http://wpcokc.org/events)



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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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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# JANUARY / FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>11</b> <b>8:15am</b> Worship - Chapel <b>9:30am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> Worship - Sanctuary <b>10:30am</b> Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall <b>11:30am</b> Ask Anything Sunday Luncheon  <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Caregivers Support Group	<b>13</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men of Westminster <b>6:00pm</b> Membership and Hospitality	<b>14</b> <b>9:00am</b> Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group: Parlor <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>10:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>11:30am</b> Mary's Circle <b>6:00pm</b> Deacons Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Priscilla Circle	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>8:15am</b> Worship - Chapel <b>9:30am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> Worship - Sanctuary <b>10:30am</b> Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  Epiphany  Annual Congregational  Meeting</b>	<b>19</b> <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>  	<b>20</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men of Westminster <b>11:30am</b> Missions Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>9:00am</b> Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group: Parlor <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>10:00am</b> Men's Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>8:15am</b> Worship - Chapel <b>9:30am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> Worship - Sanctuary <b>10:30am</b> Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall <b>11:30am</b> Confirmation: Youth Room  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after  Epiphany</b>	<b>26</b> <b>11:30am</b> Dinah Circle <b>1:00pm</b> Caregivers Support Group	<b>27</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men of Westminster <b>10:00am</b> Knit N Pearl: Parlor	<b>28</b> <b>9:00am</b> Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group: Parlor <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>10:00am</b> Men's Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> <b>8:15am</b> Worship - Chapel <b>9:30am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> Worship - Sanctuary <b>10:30am</b> Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall <b>11:30am</b> Confirmation: Youth Room  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  Epiphany  Communion Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>11:30am</b> Dinah Circle	<b>3</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men of Westminster <b>8:00am</b> Blood Drive <b>6:00pm</b> SIL	<b>4</b> <b>9:00am</b> Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group: Parlor <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:00pm</b> Youth	<b>5</b> <b>10:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> Session	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra - Payne Garden Court



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