WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREDERICKSON HALL SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2025 7^{TH} SUNDAY OF EASTER



Leading In Worship

Preacher Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Liturgists Catherine McDaniel Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation (Frederickson Hall) Heather Selement, Director of Children's Ministry (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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"Check In" using 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.





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WORSHIP ORDER

June 1, 2025 7th Sunday of Easter





Chiming the Hour



Preparing for Worship



*Call to Worship

The risen Christ ascended not to leave us behind, but to reign in mercy and peace. We gather to worship the One who speaks with wisdom, who calls us to the better path. Scripture shows what it means to take up the mantle of faith not with power, but with peace; not to conquer, but to calm. We come seeking the courage to speak with grace and act with care. Let us enter this hour not with haste or anger, but with hearts open to the One who reigns in love. We worship the ascended Christ whose throne is gentleness, whose power is peace.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 372) O for a World



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Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have shown us a better way a way of patience, a path of peace.

But we continue to rush to judgment, raise our voices before we listen, and guard our pride when you call us to offer compassion.

You have lifted Christ above all powers, yet we cling to control. You have given us examples of wise restraint, but we often choose pride over understanding.

Forgive us. Teach us the strength of gentleness and caring. Give us the courage to meet hostility with calm and mercy. And help us to walk in the peace of your risen Son. Amen.



Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the letter to the Colossians: "God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son."

God's grace doesn't wait until we get it right. It finds us in the middle of our mistakes, lifts us out of conflict and pride, and reminds us that we are not defined by what we have done, but by the One who laws us still

but by the One who loves us still.

Friends, believe the good news: We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!





May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

*Song of Community (No. 301) 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



The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 15 (selected verses)





Transition

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





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!





Elder Kim Mitchell



Affirmation of Faith

From The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;



Offertory Bread of the World

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ





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



HYFRYDOL





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 your work.



Blessings, Charge, and Benediction



*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 Belhar (1982) Adopted by the PC(USA) in 2016

Belhar came from South Africa and took shape in the early 1980s, during the era when apartheid was the official policy of the white controlled government and of the white, Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. The Confession of Belhar offered a theological challenge to apartheid from Christians of color in the Dutch Reformed Mission Church. Approved by that denomination in 1986, Belhar named division based on race as sin, and called Christians and the Church to ministries of reconciliation and justice.

Belhar has three central points: Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice. It is structured like the Theological Declaration of Barmen. There is a biblical affirmation followed by a rejection of false teaching. The Presbyterian Church USA adopted this Confession at the 222nd General Assembly in 2016.



M ANNOUNCEMENTS





Celebrating The Foundation

We are proud to honor the incredible work of the Westminster Foundation. Through their faithful support and vision, the Foundation helps ensure the long-term vitality of our church's mission, ministries, and outreach. Their generosity makes it possible to dream big, serve boldly, and grow together as a community of faith.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training

Training starts today, June 1, after the 10:30 AM service.



Camp Shiloh Volunteers

We are excited to be helping Camp Shiloh, an organization that provides the experience of summer camp to inner city kids, by cooking and transporting meals! We will need cooks, servers, and drivers to help on June 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Sign up via our website or through the events tab on the WPC app.



Faith & Grief Workshop

June 19th - 21st, we are hosting another Faith and Grief workshop this summer. This workshop gives participants the space to share their story and their faith, and to find the comfort in fellowship and the presence and connection of community. Participant Fee is \$99. Register online or through the WPC App.



Ansel Adams Exhibit @ OKCMOA

Thursday, June 26 at 10:00 AM - Join us at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art for a private viewing of the Ansel Adams exhibit. Afterward, we'll head to Patrono for lunch. Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP soon to reserve your seat at the table!



We are so glad you've joined us for worship today! Please scan the QR code, enter your information, and our hospitality team would love to connect with you! wpcokc.org/visitor



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All announcements and signups are available on the Weekly Update page, the Events tab of the WPC App, and the Welcome Center

Burnt Offerings: Westminster's Cookbook

We called this book Burnt Offerings because a) it sounds hilarious and b) that's the way the Bible talks of our sacrifices of praise to God. God has built us for community. We are not meant to be alone. We hope this cookbook helps us get one step closer to the beloved community we've been called to be. Cookbooks are \$25, and all proceeds go to WPC's Feed My Sheep program.

WPC Missions

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!

Grocery Packing Days: June 19th and June 21st Serve at White Fields: June 28th

Worship Flowers

MARCH 2025

\$58,949

2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

\$157.327

\$578,867

\$562.642

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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)



Due to strong pledging in January and February, our Year-To-Date giving is tracking very close to our budgeted projections. However, March receipts were significantly short. Please take a moment to review your contributions so we can ensure our staff and program budgets are on solid footing as we head into the Summer vacation season.

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." wpcokc.org/give





MISSIONS



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

One Generation Caring for Another by Honoring the Past, Sustaining the Present, and Nurturing the Future

Our Generation, with a heart for the Next, is committed to honoring the Past, sustaining the Present, and nurturing the Future through the Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation. As a church community, all of us are part of these missions, and your involvement is crucial.

Foundation Month is a time when the Westminster Presbyterian Foundation highlights its missions. WPC Foundation exists solely for the benefit of the church and its ministries. Up to five percent of its funds are distributed to the church annually while preserving and growing the principal. The Foundation's funds are invested at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF), which has over 1.5 billion in assets under its management.

The WPC Foundation is governed by its Board of Trustees, all of whom are members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. They are Michelle Tompkins (Chair), Katrina Wollenberg (Vice Chair), Hal Brown (Treasurer), Gary Young (Vice Treasurer), Liza Cryder (Secretary), Matt Felty, Blake Belanger, Jim Waldo, John Kenney, Mark Carlin (Trustee Representative), and Kay Floyd (Session Representative).

FUND	<u>As of 3/31/2025</u>
Good Steward Fund	\$2,651,485
Education Fund	\$36,439
Ethelyn Maier Music Scholarship	\$50,357
Mission Fund	\$36,561
SPARK Fund	\$35,637
Campbell Trust Fund	\$216,840
Carillon Fund	\$34,406
Youth Ministries Fund	\$125,205
Cash balance	\$67,879
Total Assets	\$3,306,340.29

There are also 2 funds invested at the OKC Community Foundation for the benefit of WPC:

Hudson Family 2020 Westminster Organ Fund \$699,836.57 Mary Margaret Heath Choral Music Fund \$120.066.64



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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FUNDS

Our Passion Our Funds

Good Steward Fund

The Good Steward Fund is our largest fund and the cornerstone of the WPC Foundation. Through its annual grants to the WPC Session, the Good Steward Fund directly addresses the routine and unexpected needs of the church. It provides critical support for repairs and upgrades, including heating and air systems, plumbing, painting, carpeting, accessibility for individuals with disabilities, security, parking, furniture, and window replacement.

Youth Ministry Fund

The Youth Ministry Fund was established in 2010. It specifically supports the hiring of youth ministry summer interns and scholarships for youth mission trips.

The Birthday Club

The Birthday Club Fund, established in 2019, is a fund designed to foster new ministries at WPC. Donations to the fund are made in honor of the birthdays of members of the congregation and their loved ones. Donation cards are conveniently available in the pew racks and outside the sanctuary.

Mission Fund

The Mission Fund ensures the funding of our church's mission activities, including the Urban Mission, Infant Crisis Services, Dwight Mission, Habitat for Humanity, the "You Are Loved" Homeless Alliance ministry, Mobile Meals, and other outreach initiatives.

SPARK Fund

The Special Program Art Reading for Kids (SPARK) Fund is the WPC Foundation's newest fund. It was created in November 2022 to establish a future program to provide support in art and reading for children who are in the church, surrounding neighborhoods, and nearby elementary schools.

G. Raymond Campbell Fund

Investment income from the G. Raymond Campbell Fund is evenly split. Half supports the Deacons in their assistance to the needy; the other half supports church members who are studying for the ministry.

Carillon Fund

The Carillon Fund provides support for the music ministry and upkeep of our unique 63-year-old carillon.

Education Fund

The Education Fund was established to support a multitude of educational activities at WPC. Recently, this included piloting a children's immersive Biblical experience, which was so successful that additional programs for all our children, including those with neurodiversity, have been instituted.

Ethelyn Maier Music Scholarship Fund

The Ethelyn Maier Music Scholarship Fund was transferred to the WPC Foundation by Central Presbyterian Church in 2021. This fund provides academic scholarships for one or more promising music students who share their time and talent with the WPC congregation.

The Senior Leadership Worship Fund

The Senior Leadership Worship Fund (NEW) provides a sustainable income source to attract and retain top-tier leaders for our Senior Pastor and Director of Worship. By generating consistent funding, this fund ensures our ability to remain competitive in securing exceptional leadership and fostering long-term church growth.

What kind of gifts can I make to the WPC Foundation?

The WPC Foundation can accept gifts of cash, marketable securities (stocks and bonds), qualified charitable donations from an individual retirement account (IRA), real estate holdings, and deferred gift annuities. A bequest in your will is a simple way to plan a future gift to the Foundation. A simple document called a codicil, added to a will, is the typical manner of making such a donation. In your will, you can name the Foundation as a beneficiary of anything of value, including a life insurance policy.

Make contributions payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation, 4400 North Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73118. For more information, contact the WPC Business Office or any of the Foundation Trustees or visit wpcfoundation.org.

PILLARS OF GRACE

Honoring Legacy Gifts to Westminster

We are pleased to share that the new Pillars of Grace mural has been installed just inside the church, near the 44th Street entrance. This beautiful display is a lasting expression of gratitude to those individuals and families who have included a gift to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation in their estate plans (of any amount) or have made a living gift of \$10,000 or more.

If you have made such a legacy gift, we would be honored to include your name on this mural as a tribute to the grace you have shared beyond your lifetime.

When the church receives an estate gift, the donor is no longer present to thank. That is why we want to acknowledge your generosity now, with a nameplate on the mural and an invitation to a special evening of gratitude this Fall for all Pillars of Grace members.

Professional lighting will soon be installed to enhance the display, and the initial list of names will be sent to the printer on June 2, 2025. To be included in this first printing, please return your completed Pillars of Grace Commitment Form by that date. Nameplates will be added twice a year after the initial installation.

If you have any questions, please contact WPCF Chair Michelle Tompkins at michelletomp@gmail.com or (405) 812-5131, or Katrina Wollenberg, Pillars of Grace Chair, at specialkmw@aol.com or (972) 523-0399.

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HUDSON FAMILY 2020 WESTMINSTER ORGAN FUND

Preserving the Music of Worship

In 2020, Cliff and Leslie Hudson established the Hudson Family 2020 Westminster Organ Fund, providing for the continued maintenance of Westminster's organs and carillon. In a time where churches around the country are allowing their organs to become unusable after years of deferred maintenance create situations where the costs become untenable, Westminster continues to be led in worship by these marvelous (and increasingly rare) instruments. They also allow us to engage with a community of artists that we would otherwise not be in relationship with.

Our sanctuary organ, chapel organ, choir room organ, and carillon (the only mechanical-action carillon in the state of Oklahoma) are a gift to this worshipping community but also a gift to our larger community and there are not words to express our gratitude to the Hudsons for the gift they have given to ensure that Westminster continues to be a house of meaningful worship and meaningful music in perpetuity.





VBS Volunteers

Training starts today, June 1, after the 10:30 AM service.



We are excited to be helping Camp Shiloh, an organization that provides the life-shaping experience of summer camp to inner city kids, by cooking and transporting meals! We will need cooks, servers, and drivers to help on June 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20.



ANSEL ADAMS EXHIBIT

PRIVATE VIEWING EVENT JUNE 26 - 10 AM OKC MUSEUM OF ART

JOIN US AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART FOR A PRIVATE VIEWING OF THE ANSEL ADAMS EXHIBIT. AFTERWARD, WE'LL HEAD TO PATRONO FOR LUNCH. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO BE SURE TO RSVP SOON TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE!





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Tuesday, June 17th @ 6:05PM

WHAT YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

Ticket to see the OKC Comets on June 17th OKC Comets Hat \$2 Drink Tuesday (select beverages)

QUESTIONS? Contact Sue MacHugh at (405) 524-0990 or info@okinp.org for assistance!







OKLAHOMA CITY COMETS | CHICKASAW BRICKTOWN BALLPARK 2 S. MICKEY MANTLE DRIVE | OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104 | 405.218.1000

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JUNE 19-21 \$99 PER PERSON REGISTER ONLINE (SCAN QR CODE BELOW)

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> THURSDAY EVENING FROM 5:30 – 8:00 PM FRIDAY EVENING FROM 5:30 – 8:00 PM SATURDAY MORNING FROM 8:30 AM – 1 PM



"It gave me a place to share, learn, and help others. It was a safe place to cry, laugh, make a joke, or silently sit without fear of judgment. I learned very quickly that if I was going to survive this journey, not of my choosing, I needed to accept all the help God put in front of me." – Retreat participant

"I cannot put my finger on it, but it helped me SO much. I feel like my burden of grief has been lifted and lessened. It was grueling and wonderful. It was actually kind of miraculous!" – Retreat participant

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JOIN US FOR A SWEET SUMMER CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, JULY 13 AT 11:30 AM IN GARDEN COURT! WE'LL HAVE A DELICIOUS LUNCH FOLLOWED BY COOL, CREAMY ICE CREAM—PERFECT FOR A SUNNY JULY DAY! BRING YOUR APPETITE AND YOUR FRIENDS, AND LET'S ENJOY SOME FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER. RSVP BY JULY 10 SO WE CAN SAVE YOU A SCOOP (OR TWO)!

JULY 13 @ 11:30 AM GARDEN COURT





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