



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREDERICKSON HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2025
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Liturgists

Cynthia Brindley

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

Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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WORSHIP ORDER

August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost



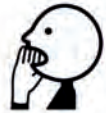
Prelude



Chiming the Hour



Preparing for Worship



*Call to Worship

Some come knocking, again and again.

We hear the sound of faith that will not let go.

Some arrive where doors have been shut.

We see mercy stretch wider than we thought it could.

Here is a place for persistence, for welcome, for joy.

Here we praise the God

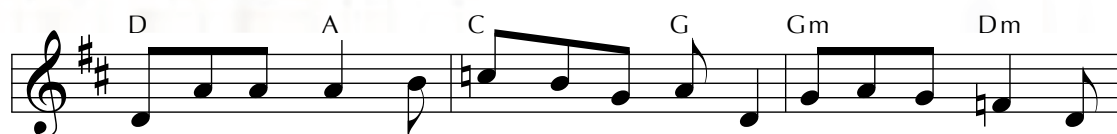
who meets every voice with grace,

and never turns anyone away.



***Hymn of Praise (No. 401)**
Here in This Place (v. 1-2)

GATHER US IN



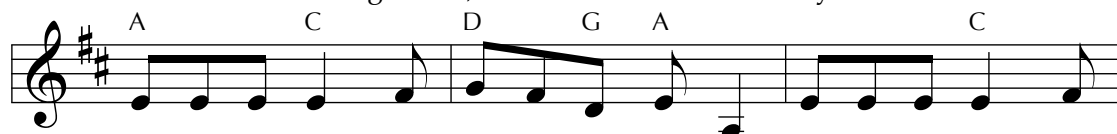
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



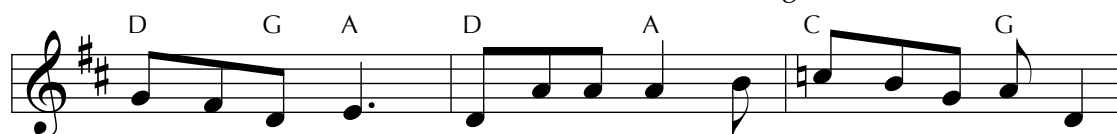
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you show us mercy that does not run dry,
welcome that does not wear thin,
and love that crosses every boundary.

But we draw lines you never asked us to draw,
limit who belongs,
and question whose voice matters,
and guard what you meant to be shared.

Forgive our fears and our smallness of heart.
Teach us to trust in your abundance,
to listen without judgment,
and to welcome as we have been welcomed.
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:

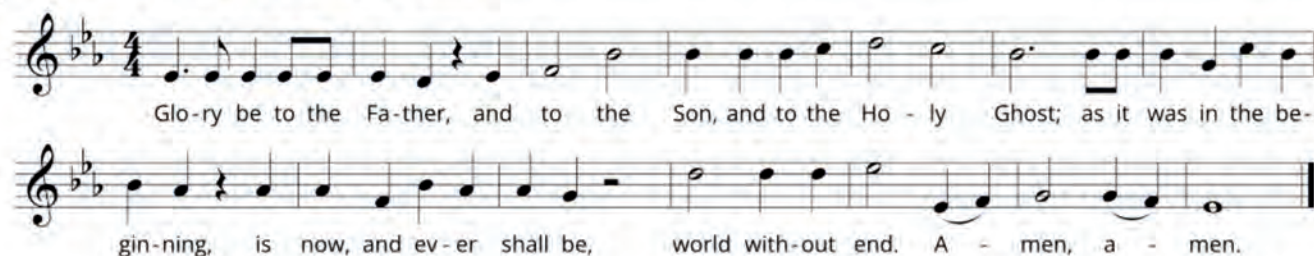
We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!



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

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



***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

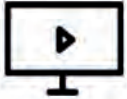
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 2:17-22



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!

Mark 7:24-30



Sermon

Supporting Cast: The Syrophoenician Woman

Elder Kim Mitchell



***Hymn of Response (No. 435)**

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.



***Affirmation of Faith**

From *The Confession* of 1967, §9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became family to all kinds of sinful people.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all humanity stand convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all humanity.



Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

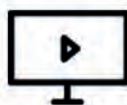


Offertory

Sing Praise to God

arr . Rachel Aarons (b. 1984)

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

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

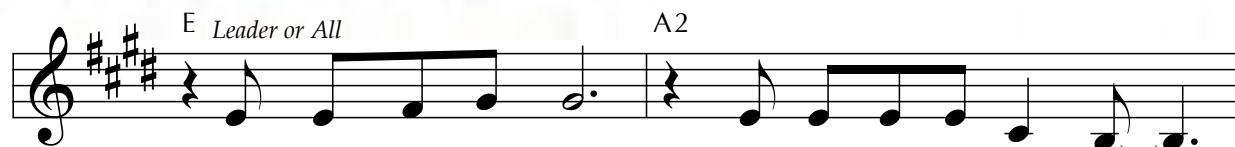
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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



*Hymn of Sending (No. 769)

For Everyone Born (v. 1, 3, 5)

FOR EVERYONE BORN



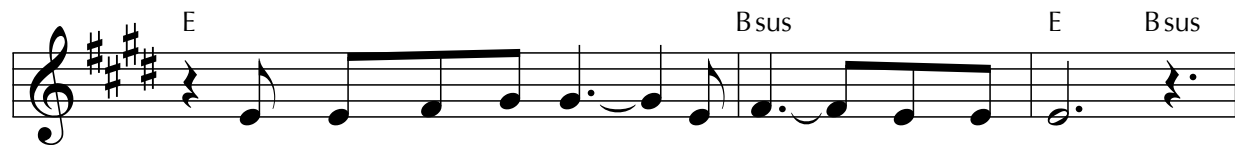
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for just and un - just, a new way to live,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



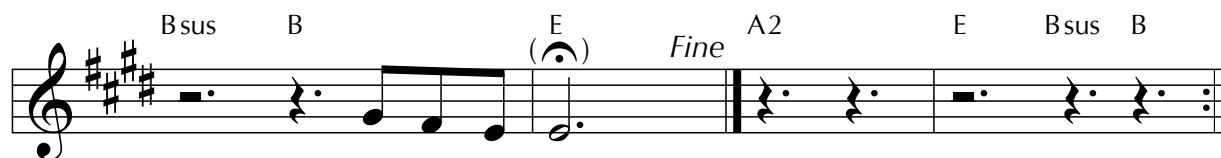
and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!



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



The **Annual Deacon's Picnic** will be 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 the Events page to secure your spot!



Club 4/5 is heading to **Andretti** on Saturday, **September 21 from 4:00-6:30pm** for an action-packed afternoon of go-karting, arcade games, and bowling! There are only 10 spots available, so make sure to sign up soon on the Events page! Cost is \$20.



The 1903 Henry and Anna **Overholser Mansion Tour** is set for **September 25 at 10:00am**. After the tour, the group will head to Picasso Café for lunch (self-pay). Space is limited,



Hang out with your friends at the **Youth Lock-in** on **September 27 at 7:30pm**! 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 9:00am!



Ladies Night Out is happening at **AR Workshop in Edmond** on **October 7 from 6:00-8:00pm**. This event includes a brief devotion on Christian Hospitality and a hands-on DIY session where you'll create a custom doormat to take home. Cost: \$20 per person (includes all materials). Space is limited.



Italy: Tracing the Journey of the Apostle Paul is set for **April 9-17, 2026**, and will feature a private tour through Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome—including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. A minimum of 20 participants is required to confirm the trip, and the **deadline to register is November 14, 2025**. For more details, contact salarid@wpcokc.org.



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

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Fall Volunteers Needed for Nursery & Children's Ministry — Whether you can serve weekly or just a few times this semester, we're looking for caring volunteers to help as nursery helpers, greeters, sensory room attendants, and Godly Play leaders. Help create a space where kids feel safe and loved. Sign up online or email heather@wpcokc.org to get involved.



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



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.



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. Contact Jacquelin Garcia at jgarcia@wpcokc.org to sign up.



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)

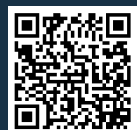


Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!



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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Launch 2025



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Join us as we launch our fall season of Adult Spiritual Formation with engaging studies, meaningful conversations, and a place to grow in faith together. **Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 am** marks the start of our fall programming—choose from these inspiring options:

Sunday Focus Class – Conference Room

Dive into thought-provoking book studies and conversations on spiritual growth, biblical insights, Christian social issues, and connecting faith to modern life. Questions? Contact Gil Mitchell at gilsclothing1@gmail.com or (405) 820-5150. This fall's lineup includes:

- **Wisdom Keepers:** A PBS series with spiritual leaders, mystics, and scientists exploring identity, meaning, and hope.
- **The Time is Now by Joan Chittister:** A call to courage and conscience in challenging times.
- **The Tears of Things by Richard Rohr:** Prophetic wisdom for navigating pain and injustice.
- **Miracles and Wonders by Elaine Pagels:** Exploring Jesus's legacy through history and early followers.

Adventurers Class – Room 103

A warm, welcoming space with hymn singing, Bible study, and fellowship. This fall we'll cover:

- **Sept–Oct:** The Beatitudes
- **Nov 2 & 16:** AI and the Church with John Kenney
- **Nov 23:** Gratitude & note writing to friends, family, and church members
- **Dec:** Advent study and reflection

S.A.L.T. – Frederickson Hall

A pastor-led Bible study digging into the week's scripture readings before Sunday worship. Gain deeper context and practical insights for living out your faith.

Kids + Youth Options

- **Children/Nursery:** Upstairs
- **Youth & Club 4/5:** Downstairs

Annual Deacon's Picnic

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



BBQ Sandwiches · Petting Zoo · Face Painting

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
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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:



**Jazz and the Spirit
of Improvisation**
9/17



**Pipe Dreams: Hidden
Images in Music**
9/24



**Musical Theater
and Spirituality**
10/1



**Ballet and
Embodied Faith**
10/8

For Families:

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

Dinner (Optional)

- \$10 Adults | \$5 Children | \$30 Family cap
- 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.



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AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

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<p>31</p> <p>8:15am Worship - Chapel</p> <p>10:30am Worship -Sanctuary</p> <p>10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall</p> <p>No Children's Ministry</p> <p>No Christian Education</p>	<p>1</p> <p></p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am Men of Westminster</p> <p>11:30am Stewardship Committee</p> <p>6:00pm Support for Infant Loss</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00pm Youth</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group</p> <p>5:00pm Hannah Circle</p> <p></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
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