



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Michelle Smith

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Heather Selement (Frederickson Hall)

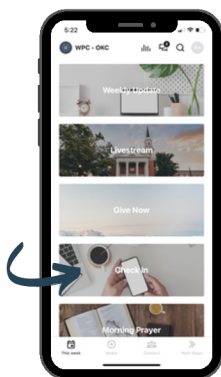
Musicians

Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts
Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence
Lisa Hart, carillon
Fiona Scott, cantor
Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall)
Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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WORSHIP ORDER

August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastorale

Isadore Freed (1900-1960)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit (10:30am)

Deep River

arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949)
Bert Johnson, bass; Jan McDaniel, piano

*Call to Worship

God speaks through those who act with courage,
taking decisive action when passivity is convenient.

Faith holds its ground when injustice draws near.

Scripture honors those who protect what is sacred,
even when the world doesn't see their strength.

Let worship awaken our courage and sharpen our resolve.

God calls us to holy resistance -
to bold action born of love.

Let us answer with faith that does not flinch.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 732)

Rejoice in God's Saints

OLD 104TH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of courage and care,
you know how often we look away
when courage is needed.
We choose comfort over conflict,
timid words over costly truth.**

**We tell ourselves it's not our place,
or not the right time.
We hesitate when love requires risk.
We back away from what protection demands.**

**Forgive our retreat.
Give us a faith that holds steady,
a heart willing to speak,
and the kind of love that stands firm
when something precious is on the line.
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

In the first letter of John we are reminded that God's love meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be - and makes a home in every heart.

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



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

Matthew 2:13-23, p. 1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 82

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Second Reading

Judges 4:10-22, p. 170

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: Jael

*Hymn of Response (No. 339)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from *Confession of Belhar* §10.7

Church of Jesus Christ, where does our God stand?

With the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

The Lord longs to bring justice and true peace among people.

God frees prisoners, opens blind eyes, lifts the bowed down, shelters the stranger, and upholds orphans and widows.

God instructs us to do what is good and to seek the right.

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

As the possession of God, where must we be found?

Where the Lord stands - against injustice and with the wronged.

Whom must we confront?

All powers and privileges that harm others for selfish gain.

Do we believe this?

We believe - by God's mercy, we believe.

Will we follow?

We will - by God's strength, we will.

Then go in faith: do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30am)

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (10:30am)

How Great Thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

Bert Johnson, bass; Jan McDaniel, piano

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the doxology, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.**

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. 269)

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)

*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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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY

Charlotte Ann VanHoose

child of

Carrie and Grant VanHoose

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.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Youth Pool Party

Let's celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year with a pool party at Camden's house on August 16 from 7:00-9:30 PM! We'll swim, play pickleball, snack, and hang out before the school year kicks into gear. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel—snacks and drinks will be provided!



Morning Devotion and Walk

Join us for a morning of devotion and fellowship as we walk and pray together, enjoying God's creation on August 21 at 9am at Martin Nature Park. We'll conclude with breakfast at Press and Plow. Participants will order off the menu, Dutch treat. In the event of rain, we'll gather directly at the restaurant for a time of connection and conversation. Please register on the Events page by August 19.



Kindergarten Transition Sunday

Grownups with Kindergarten children are invited to a special introduction! Join us August 24 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 Summer Party

Club 4/5 will celebrate the end of summer with a party at the Suttons' house on August 24 from 2:00 to 4:30 PM! Wear your swimsuit under your clothes, bring a towel, and come ready for fun. Snacks and drinks provided.



WPC is taking a pilgrimage to Italy!

Join us in Italy, April 9-17, 2026, for a private tour tracing the Apostle Paul's journey. We'll visit Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome, with highlights including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. Contact Stephanie Alarid at salarid@wpcokc.org to learn more.



Deacon's Picnic

Join us for the Annual Deacon's Picnic on Sunday, September 7 at 11:30am on the Manor Lawn! Enjoy BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, a petting zoo, face painting and much more! It's a great time to connect and have some fun.

For details and registration, visit the Weekly Update page of the website.



Visit the Weekly Update page to register for events by scanning the QR code or going to:
wpcokc.org/weekly-update

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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.



WPC Foundation 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.



WPC Missions Feed My Sheep

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!

White Fields: August 23 | Grocery Packing: August 14 & 16



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)



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!














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



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

SUN	M	T	W	TH	F	SAT
10 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall	11 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	12 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality	13 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Worship and The Arts 	14 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am Grocery Packing: WPC 	15	16 8:30am Grocery Packing: WPC 7:00pm Youth Pool Party 
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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOTED IN RED
Sign up to serve at wpcokc.org/weekly-update
 or in the WPC App under the Events tab.