



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Dick Marshall

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection (Frederickson Hall)

Heather Selement (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

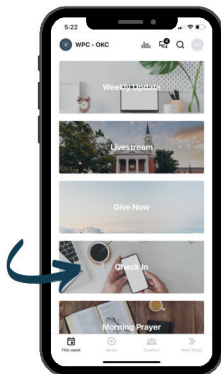
Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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WORSHIP ORDER

August 3, 2025
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Chromhorne sur la Taille

François Couperin (1668-1733)

*Call to Worship

Come in from the hectic world,
from the meetings that ran long,
from the work you thought only you could do.

We gather with tired hands and full hearts.

We gather to rest, to listen, to learn a better way.

Even Moses needed a voice to say,
"You don't have to carry this alone."

We come to remember that

God never meant for us to do this by ourselves.

Let this be a table of wisdom -

**a quiet place to name what's ours to hold,
and what burdens we are called to share.**

*Hymn of Praise (No. 305)

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom,
you created us for community,
but try to do too much on our own.
We mistake control for faithfulness,
and pride for responsibility.
You send companions and counselors,
but we ignore their wisdom.
You bless us with partners in ministry,
but we cling to work you meant us to share.
Forgive us.
Teach us the holiness of shared work,
the grace of letting go,
and the joy of trusting others.
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. 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

First Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16, p. 149

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 78

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Second Reading

Exodus 18:13-27, p. 50

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: Jethro

*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love, God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image—
male and female, of every race and people—
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all the families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home—
God is faithful still.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Firm A Foundation

Early American
arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of 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.**

Communion Hymn (No. 510)

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (v. 1, 3)

COME, SHARE THE LORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

*Hymn of Sending (No. 320)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Fantasy on Darwall's 148th

John Darwall (1731-1789)
arr. Richard Unfreid

*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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A Brief Statement of Faith - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (1983)

After the two largest streams of Presbyterianism in the United States reunited to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1983, a committee was appointed to draft a confession that would briefly summarize our faith. Like the earliest creeds it is liturgical in style and suitable for use in worship. Banner: Cross: a rainbow of colors representing the celebration of unity with the diversity of cultures and races; Blue Background: The Universe as the light of the word of God bringing us together; Secure Hands of God: He who holds our world together will unite us in the grace of Jesus Christ; Symbol of the PC(USA).





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Back to School Trivia Night - Postponed

Our Back to School Trivia Night originally scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5** has been postponed. We'll share the new date soon, so stay tuned!



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 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.



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.



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!



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!
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VISITORS

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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



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 online by August 19.



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)











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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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AUGUST

SUN	M	T	W	TH	F	SAT
<p>3</p> <p>8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship -Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship - Frederickson Hall</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00pm Operations</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Men's Group</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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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.