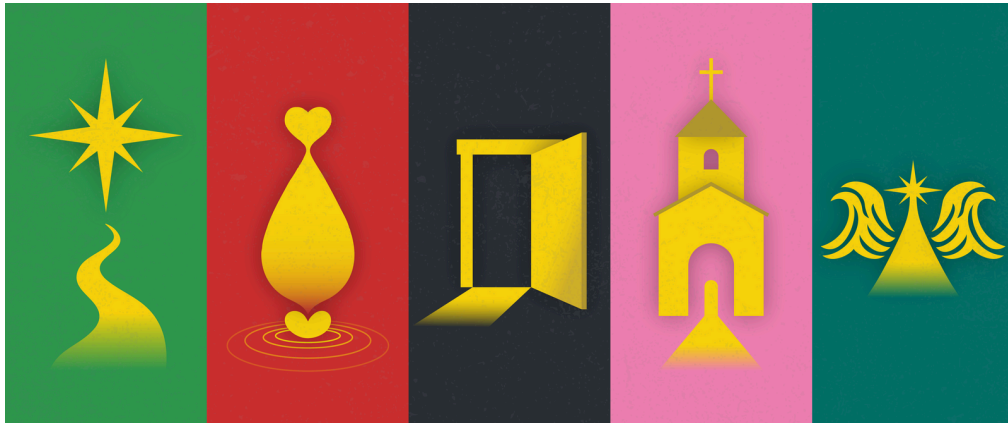




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE

Leading In Worship

Preacher

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Liturgist

Duff Jack

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

WORSHIP ORDER

December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Prelude

A Wreath of Carols

Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Adeste Fideles

attrib. John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

arr. Rebecca te Velde (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

The light we awaited has come into the world,

shining for all God's children.

God delivers us from every darkness,

breaking chains and opening prison doors.

If the Lord had not been on our side,

where would we be?

But Christ has come! The light is here!

Come, let us worship the God who delivers us.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 119)

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Call to Confession

MUELLER

Away in a Manger



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cryi - ng he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en to live with the there.

Prayer of Confession

Rescuing God,
Christ has come as light for all people
but we still live as though darkness has the final word.
We doubt your power to rescue and restore,
forgetting that you have already delivered us.
Forgive us.
Remind us that Christ has come,
that the light shines in the darkness,
and that darkness cannot overcome it. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear this good news from the Gospel of John:
"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it."

God's love is stronger than our resistance,
God's grace more persistent than our fear,
and God's welcome wider than our imagination.
Our God has come into the world again
and will continue to break into the world
with boundless grace for all people.

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

*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 134)

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World (v. 4)

Sacred Space

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

*Song of Community (No. 157)

LORD OF THE DANCE

I Danced in the Morning (refrain)



Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll

lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 14:10-31, p. 47

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 148

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933-2025)



Praise — the Lord! Praise — the Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

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Emily Wilkinson, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 12:12–25, p. 100

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!

*Scriptural Acclamation (No. 113)

GO TELL IT

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Sermon

Elder Kim Mitchell

Joy in a New Church

*Hymn of Response (No. 128)

W ŻŁOBIE ŁEŻY

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***Affirmation of Faith and Reception of New Member**

from the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Tyler W. Stone (b. 1995)

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, piano

***Doxology**

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

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. 134)

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

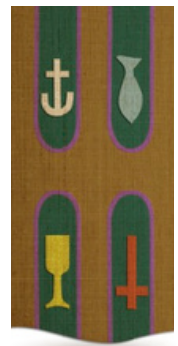
*This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able,
to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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The Apostles' Creed (ca. AD 180-750)

Developed between the second and ninth centuries as a baptismal creed for the new Christians, this is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. Banner: Color Brown: The difficulty and rigor of early Christianity under persecution; Purple Arches: Entrances to caves or catacombs where early Christians met in secret; The Anchor Cross: Security in Christ, as found by the apostles, some of whom were fishermen; The Fish: An ancient symbol for the Christian faith; The Chalice: The Lord's Supper; The Upside-Down Cross: Peter, who in legend is said to have been crucified upside down because he thought himself unworthy of a death like his Master's.





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.



WESTIES
THEGITHER
GROUPS

The Thegither Groups

Registration will be open until December 31



"Thegither" means "to gather," and these groups help our growing community connect. Each group will meet twice before April for a shared meal or gathering of their choice. Come gather, share bread, and build community!

WORSHIP FLOWERS



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)

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.



This icon indicates:
Registration is Required



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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Appreciation is expressed to those who have contributed poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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Autumn and Rob Abernathy
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DECEMBER / JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary No CE	29 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	30	31 CHURCH CLOSED 	1 CHURCH CLOSED 	2	3
4 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall Communion Sunday Epiphany Sunday	5 5:00pm Operations	6 7:30am Men of Westminster	7 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth	8 10:00am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm Session	9	10
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