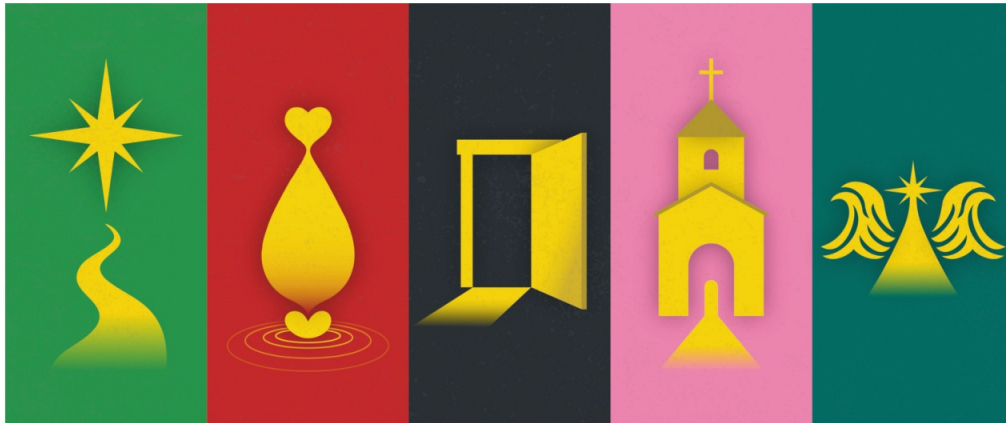




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE

Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Kelly Gentry

Heather Selement, Director of Children's Ministry (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

O Antiphons: i. O Sapientia

Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984)

Chancel Choir; Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ; Angelica Pereira, violin

*Commissioned by the Mary Margaret Heath Choral Music Endowment
for the Chancel Choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City*

*Call to Worship

In a world fractured by brokenness,
we long for the peace that makes us whole.

God's kingdom is breaking in,
**bringing healing where there was hurt,
and hope where there was despair.**

This is the peace of Advent:
**not the absence of trouble,
but the presence of God's restoring grace.**

Come, let us worship the God who heals,
who makes all things new and whole.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 96)

WINCHESTER NEW

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Call to Confession

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem, de-scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and en-ter in, be born in us to-day.

We hear the Christ-mas an-gels the great glad ti-dings tell; O come to us; a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el!

Prayer of Confession

**Healing God,
you bring restoration where we see only ruin,
and peace where we expect only conflict.
We confess that we have grown accustomed
to living with brokenness
in our bodies, in our relationships, and in our world.
We have stopped believing
that healing is possible,**

Prayer of Confession (cont.)

that peace is real,
that you will make things whole again.
Forgive our unbelief.
Teach us to trust that your restoration
has begun even if we cannot yet see it.
Help us heed your call
to be messengers and makers of peace.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Lighting the Candle of Peace

We light this candle of peace,
trusting in the One who offers a peace surpassing human comprehension.

**God's peace is more than the absence of conflict—
it is the presence of healing and wholeness.**

In a world fractured by brokenness,
we light this candle and wait for peace.

Friends, believe the good news:

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 88)

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (refrain)



Sacred Space

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

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

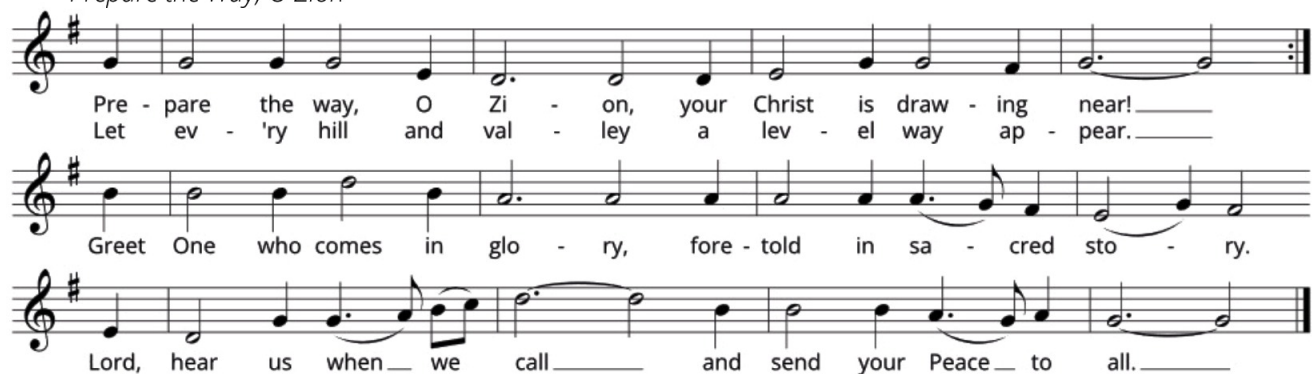
In Chapel the children are learning all about Advent.

Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*Song of Community

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Way, O Zion



Prayer for Illumination

First Reading


2 Kings 5:1–14, p. 262

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-14

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Lord, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

Rebecca Hundley, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 9:36-42, p. 98

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)

Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

GLORIA



Glo - - - ri - a, in ex-cel-sis De - o! 1. in ex-cel-sis De - o! 2.

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Healing and Hope

Anthem

O Antiphons: ii. O Adonai

Dominick DiOrto (b. 1984)

Chancel Choir; Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ; Angelica Pereira, violin

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*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Moment for Stewardship

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

O Antiphons: iii. O Radix Jesse

Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984)

Westminster-Maier Choral Scholars; Jan McDaniel, conductor;

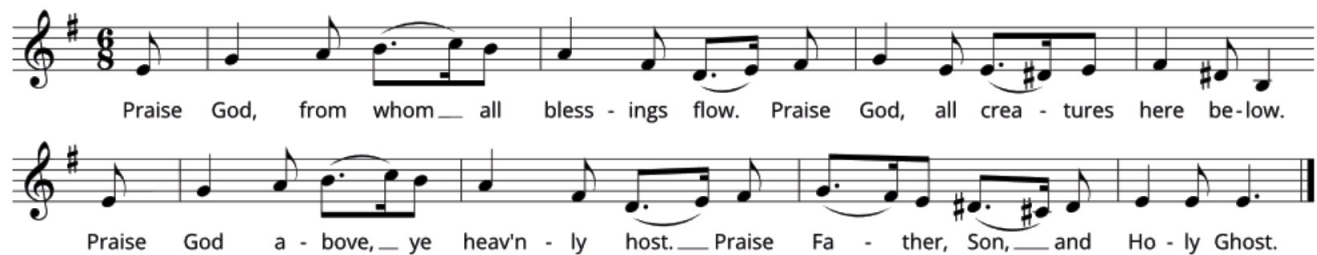
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*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be-low.
Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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. 88)

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 2-4)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

*Hymn of Sending (No. 373)

JERUSALEM

O Day of Peace

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "Veni, Emmanuel"

John Behnke (b. 1953)

*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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Communion loaf of bread dedicated to the glory of God, baked and presented by Youth Ministry.



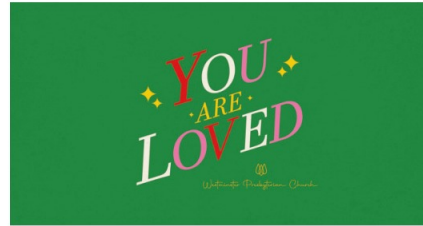
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blue Christmas Service

December 18 | 6:00-7:00pm | Chapel

For those carrying grief or loss, this gentle Service of Wholeness and Remembrance offers space to lament, remember, and hope. The Care Team and pastoral staff invite you to bring a Christmas ornament to place on the memorial tree in honor of your loved one.



You Are Loved Sunday

December 21 | 9:30am-1:00pm

Join us in serving our neighbors! We'll begin with a prayer service in the Sanctuary, then serve either downtown at the Homeless Alliance or at the church, packing meals for Dinner with Love. Various shifts are available throughout the day. All are welcome!



Dinner with Love

December 21 | 9:30am-1:00pm | Garden Court

December 23 | Various Shifts | Garden Court

Prepare and deliver holiday meals for our neighbors. Help cook in the WPC kitchen, assemble, pack boxes, fill snack bags, and write notes of encouragement. Roles are available throughout the day with come-and-go flexibility.



Youth and Club 4/5: Christmas Lunch

December 21 | 12:00pm | Iron Star BBQ

3700 N Shartel Ave, OKC

Youth and Club 4/5: Join Scott, Maggie, and Amber at Iron Star for lunch as we celebrate the holidays together after serving at You Are Loved. Lunch is a Christmas gift to all participants.



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.



Advent Booklets Available

Pick up your Advent devotional booklet today and join our church family in daily reflections this season.

To everyone who wrote a devotional for the Advent book, thank you! What you wrote is inspirational for all of us. Our members look forward to it every year.

Blessings, Dorothy Nan Gray



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ask Anything Sundays

Second Sundays, January–April | 11:30am

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.



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!

**THIS WEEK
I LEARNED**



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!

**ONE SERVICE
SUNDAYS**

One Service Sundays

December 21 | Morning Prayer: 9:00–9:30am

December 28 | 10:30am

During the Christmas season, we will gather for one service on these select Sundays. There will be no Christian Education on these days.



Advent Spotify Playlist

Enjoy a curated mix of seasonal music for all ages. Scan the QR code to listen on Spotify and add a little hope, peace, joy, and love to your week.



Poinsettias

Give a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one this year. Poinsettias are \$30 each and help decorate the sanctuary, then are delivered to our homebound members. Scan the QR code or visit the Welcome Desk to purchase today. Deadline is December 14th to order.

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





Christmas BRUNCH

MAP



Chicken & Waffles, hot syrup,
strawberries, blueberries,
pecans, & whipped cream

Drinks

Information
Desk

NORTH END OF THE GARDEN COURT
(NEAR SANCTUARY)

Sausage & eggs casserole,
cheesy egg casserole,
hash browns, biscuits & gravy,
bacon, sausage, hot fruit,
scrambled eggs and
cinnamon rolls

Garden Court

We will pray together for the brunch at the end of worship.
After the prayer, head to the Garden Court to choose your
table and collect your plate.

Proceed to the brunch station of your choice.
To cut down on congestion, please feel free to use the
Administration Hallway!

Drinks

Please use the Administration Hallway! →

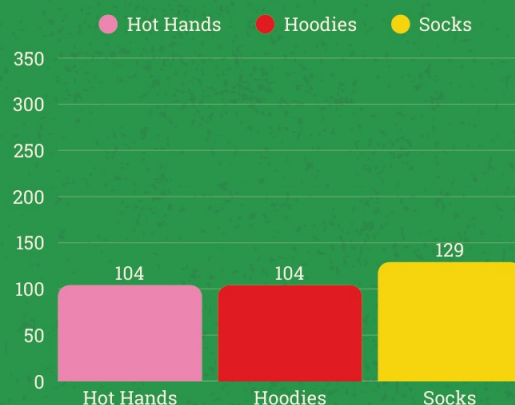
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SOUTH END OF THE GARDEN COURT

YOU ARE LOVED


Westminster Presbyterian Church

GIVING UPDATE



You Are Loved is Westminster's annual effort to care for our neighbors during the holidays. We provide meals, gifts, and essentials for families in need and the Homeless Alliance. You can get involved by cooking, packing, donating, delivering, or shopping for children's stockings—help us remind our community that they are loved.



SERVE

There are many ways to get involved with You Are Loved! Help in advance by cooking and prepping meals in the WPC kitchen, serving our neighbors at the Homeless Alliance, or packing meals for Dinner with Love. Learn more and signup online, in the WPC App, or at the You Are Loved table..



STOCKINGS

This Christmas, share a little joy with a child in our Feed My Sheep family. Choose a child from the online list, pick a few thoughtful stocking stuffers, and bring them in a bag labeled with the child's name to Room 105 by December 15. Thank you for helping a neighbor feel loved.



GIVE

As part of the You Are Loved initiative, we're providing gifts of warmth to our friends at the Homeless Alliance. Our goal is to give 350 people a hoodie, socks, and HotHands this season. You can help by purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List or making a monetary donation to support this effort.



LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code or visit wpcokc.org/you-are-loved to easily find all details, signups, and donation opportunities.



CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER

DECEMBER

21

YOU ARE LOVED SUNDAY

9:00-9:30am | MORNING PRAYER | *ONE SERVICE ONLY*
NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

24

FAMILY SERVICE

4:00pm | MAIN SANCTUARY

SENSORY-FRIENDLY SERVICE

4:00pm | FREDERICKSON HALL

LESSONS & CAROLS

8:00pm | MAIN SANCTUARY

28

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30am | MAIN SANCTUARY | *ONE SERVICE ONLY*
SPECIAL WORSHIP BAGS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN
NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



THE WORK WE SHARE

STEWARDSHIP 2025

A PERSONAL WORD OF THANKS TO OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

I want to share my heartfelt appreciation for each of you on the Stewardship Committee. Your energy, creativity, and generous commitment of time have been truly inspiring. It's clear how deeply you care about Westminster, and I'm grateful for the spirit and dedication you brought to this much needed work and mission.

Thank you for offering a thoughtful and faithful vision for both our current needs and our future hopes. Your courage to set strong goals and high standards strengthens our ministry and helps ensure that Westminster continues to be a place of welcome, purpose, and hope. I'm deeply thankful for all you do for our church.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to WPC Sr. Pastor, Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Business Administrator, Allen Christ and Director of Communications, Alex Katsion for their tireless support during The Work We Share campaign.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Dick Thompson
WPC Stewardship Committee Chair

2025 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Engelke



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Susan
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Alex
Katsion



Allen
Christ



Landon
Whitsitt



Dick
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64%

PLEDGE TOTAL: \$1,277,960 GOAL: 2 MILLION

SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO MAKE
YOUR
PLEDGE.



DECEMBER / JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 9:30am Youth and Club 4/5: Christmas Morning 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Christmas Brunch Communion Sunday Hoodie Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 4:00pm Foundation	9 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Membership and Hospitality 12:00pm Personnel	10 9:00am Wed. Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Trustees 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00am Men's Group 	12	13
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21 9:00am-1:00pm You Are Loved: Serve Opportunities 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:30am Care Team Meeting 12:00pm Youth and Club 4/5: Christmas Lunch You Are Loved Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent	22	23 8:00am-5:00pm Dinner with Love - Serve 10:00am Knit N Pearl 12:00pm Personnel	24 9:00am Wed. Morning Spiritual Formation Group 4:00pm Family Service: Sanctuary 4:00pm Sensory-Friendly Service: Frederickson Hall 8:00pm Lessons & Carols Service: Sanctuary  Christmas Eve	25 CHURCH CLOSED 	26 CHURCH CLOSED	27
28 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 5th Sunday of Advent	29 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	30	31 CHURCH CLOSED 	1 CHURCH CLOSED 	2	3



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