



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



THE GOSPEL MULTIPLIES

Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Liza Cryder

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection (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, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Aria

Brian Solomons (b. 1948)

*Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and salvation,

whom shall we fear?

When opposition rises and adversity surrounds us,

God is our strength.

Not because the struggle disappears,

but because God is with us.

Come, let us worship the God

who gives courage to continue when the way is hard.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 827)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUUCHTET

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light and salvation,

you promise to be our strength in times of struggle.

Yet we confess that when the way grows difficult,

we lose sight of your presence,

believing our weakness disqualifies us,

forgetting that you work

through those who find their hope in you.

Forgive our doubt.

Teach us that your strength is made perfect in our weakness

and when, in weakness, we forget, remind us again.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the Gospel of John:

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

The same God who sent Paul and Barnabas into unknown territory, who redirected their plans and opened unexpected doors sends you.

Not alone, but accompanied by the Spirit.

Not to succeed by worldly measures,

but to proclaim the good news that changes everything.

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

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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 Grace.

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 (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

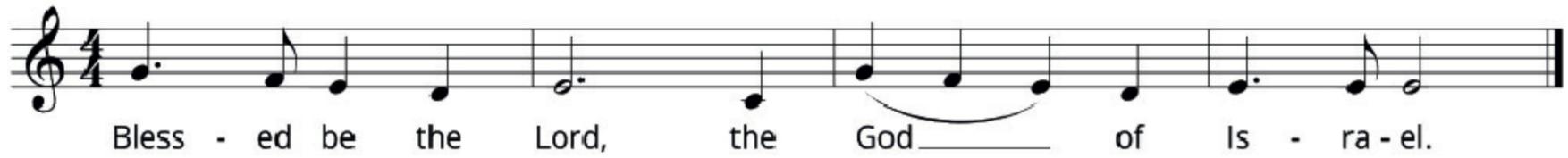
Judges 7:1-22, p. 173

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 40

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933-2025)



Lailah Johnson, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 14:8-28, p. 102

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

The Gospel in the Fire

*Affirmation of Faith

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

Chancel Choir; Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
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. 651)

LEWIS-TOWN

I Waited Patiently for God

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

Robert Lind (b. 1940)

*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.





WPC FOUNDATION

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SPECIAL TAX-SAVING GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FROM YOUR IRA?

If you are age 70½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may be eligible to support your church or another 501(c)(3) nonprofit through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), a simple and tax-efficient way to give.

A QCD allows you to direct funds straight from your IRA to the charity. When done correctly, this gift can satisfy part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without being counted as taxable income.

Important: The gift must be made directly from the IRA to the charity. If you withdraw the funds first and then write a check, the tax benefit is lost. Always consult your financial advisor or tax professional before making a decision.

A Quick Example

- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): \$20,000
- Church Gift: \$5,000

Without a QCD: You pay taxes on the full \$20,000, then write a \$5,000 check to the church.

With a QCD: \$5,000 goes directly from your IRA to the church (not taxed). You withdraw the remaining \$15,000 and pay taxes only on that amount.

Estimated Tax Savings:

- Federal: ~\$1,200 (24% of \$5,000)
- Oklahoma: ~\$215 (4.75% of \$5,000)
- Total Savings: ~\$1,415 (approximately 28.75%)*

**After the \$10,000 state exclusion has been used.*

Thoughtful planning can make your generosity go even further. Always speak to your tax preparer, financial advisor or accountant to confirm appropriate tax advice for your particular situation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annual Congregational Meeting January 18 | Sanctuary

Members are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary immediately after 10:30am worship for this brief but important meeting, held for the purpose of electing officers. *Please plan to be present for this brief, but important meeting.*



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.



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.



OBI Blood Drive February 3 | 8:00am | Parking Lot

We're excited to announce our upcoming Blood Drive with Our Blood Institute! Look for the bloodmobile. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling in advance helps plan for a smooth and successful drive.



Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra Concert February 7 | 7:30pm | Garden Court

The Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra works with local musicians and community members to present concert experiences that educate and enrich audiences through the transformative experience of historically informed performance.



Ask Anything Sundays February 8 | 11:30am | Garden Court



Join the pastors for a pancake brunch provided by the Boy Scouts Troop 4 and an 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.



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Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast/Scout Sunday February 8 | 9:00am-Noon | Garden Court

Join us for the Scouts from Westminster's renowned Troop 4 invite you to their free annual pancake breakfast! This tradition brings together boys in grades 5-11 who are part of Troop 4's distinguished scouting program. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the troop's activities and supplies, which help cultivate leadership, character, and outdoor skills.



Follow us on Socials

Stay connected with what's happening at Westminster throughout the week! Follow us, like, and share to help spread the word about the great things God is doing in our church community.

Instagram: @westminsterokc

Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church



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!



Third Annual Westminster Presbyterian Church Chili Cook-Off & Cinnamon Roll Bake-Off Competition

February 17 | 5:30pm | Garden Court

Calling all cooks, bakers, and lovers of good food! Show off your best chili or cinnamon rolls, or simply come enjoy the feast and fellowship. Those planning to cook or bake, please sign up ahead of time. Come hungry and join the fun!



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)



Burnt Offerings

Is a cookbook with heart, humor, and holy flavor. It's a small step toward the beloved community, served hot. \$25 - Proceeds go to WPC's Feed My Sheep. Scan the QR code to order.



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FEBRUARY 17th | 5:30PM



Cook, bake, or just come enjoy the **FREE feast!**
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JANUARY / FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>18 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Epiphany Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>19 CHURCH CLOSED</p> 	<p>20 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Missions Meeting</p>	<p>21 9:00am Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 10:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	23	24
<p>25 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Confirmation: Youth Room</p> <p>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>26 11:30am Dinah Circle 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group</p>	<p>27 7:30am Men of Westminster 10:00am Knit N Pearl</p>	<p>28 9:00am Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 10:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	30	31
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<p>8 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:00am Pancake Breakfast 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Confirmation: Youth Room 11:30am Ask Anything Sunday</p> <p>5th Sunday after Epiphany Scout Sunday</p>	<p>9 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group</p>	<p>10 7:30am Men of Westminster 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality</p> <p>80th Anniversary of Westminster</p>	<p>11 9:00am Wednesday Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 12:00pm Worship and the Arts Team Meeting</p>	<p>12 10:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	13	14



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