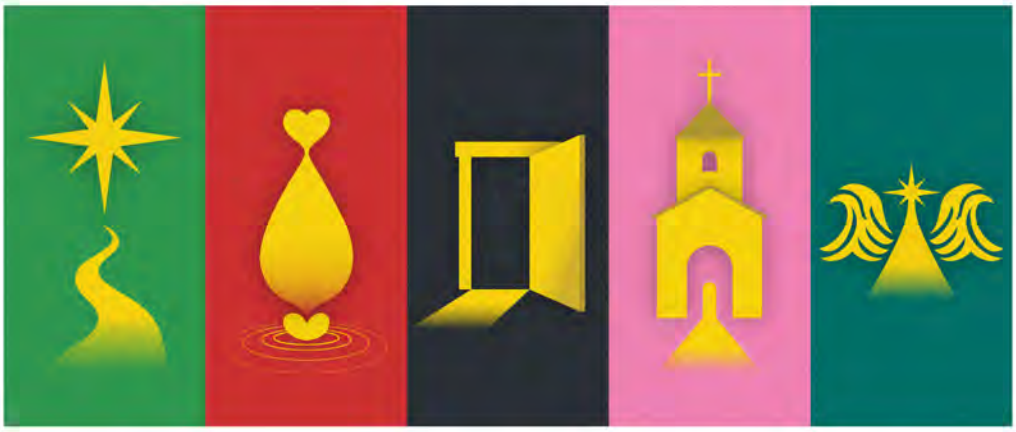
WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE

Leading In Worship

Preacher
Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists
Mike Ford
Brian Litteral (Frederickson Hall)
Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (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
Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Sleeper's Awake from *Chorale Prelude: Wachet auf! BWV 645* — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel — 15th century French processional, arr. Rebecca Te Velde (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
A light that transforms everything it touches.
God breaks into our lives when we least expect it,
calling us from familiar paths to unknown roads.
This is the hope of Advent:
that God's grace can change even us.
Come, let us worship the God of transforming light,
who meets us in our darkness and calls us into hope.

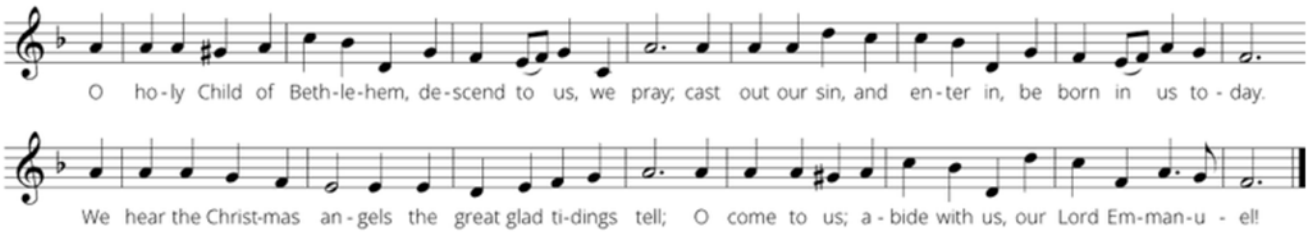
*Hymn of Praise (No. 102)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the Nations, Come

Call to Confession

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer of Confession

Transforming God,
you meet us in unexpected moments
and call us to lives we never imagined.
Your brilliance has shone all around us
in the beauty of our siblings
and the marvel of creation,
but we continue to shield our eyes,
clinging to a darkness of our own making
even as you are making all things new.

Prayer of Confession (cont.)

Open our eyes to your light.
Help us to experience and share your boundless grace:
inclusive of the neighbors we already embrace,
inclusive of the neighbors we need to embrace,
and inclusive of us, even in our darkest moments.
Amen.

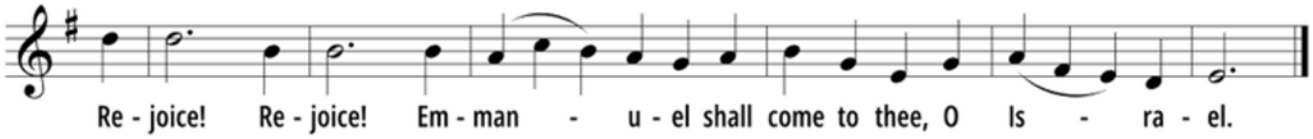
Assurance of Grace and Lighting the Candle of Hope

We light this candle of hope,
remembering the promise of Isaiah:
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."
God's light is breaking into our world,
transforming everything it touches
and remaking us into instruments of hope.
In a world that waits for healing
we wait with hope.

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

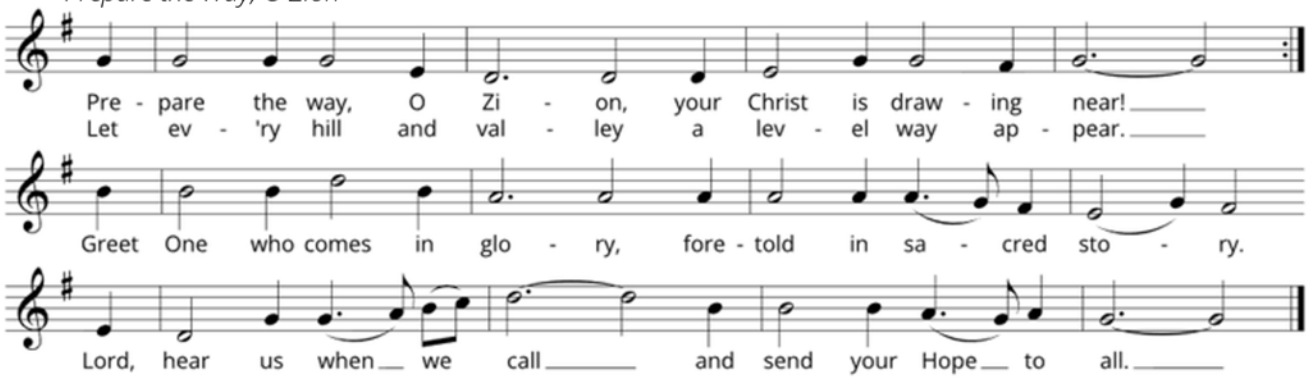
The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*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

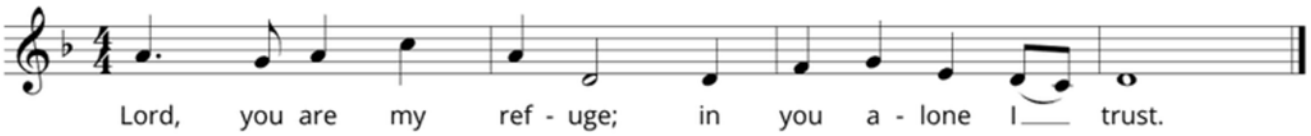
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7, p. 494

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

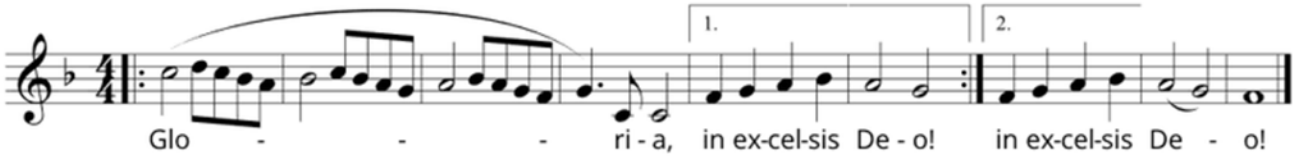
Psalter

Psalm 31 Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Anna Rae Coleman, cantor

Second Reading Acts 9:1–31, p. 97

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

Sermon Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Conversion and Calling

***Affirmation of Faith** From *The Confession of 1967*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which all people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

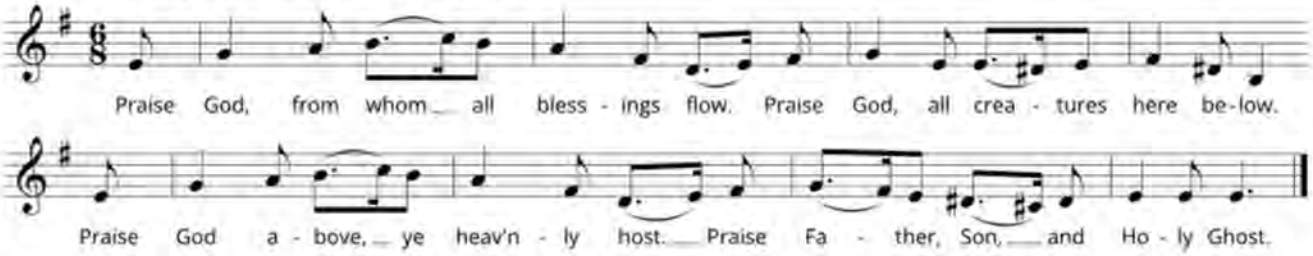
Offertory

No. 4 Chorale ('Zion hört die Wächter singen') J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
from *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140*

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ

*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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. 97)

ABERYSTWYTH

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata: Aberystwyth

based on a melody by Joseph Parry (1841-1903)
arr. David Bednall (b. 1979)

*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 Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church

This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candy Cane Hunt
December 6 | 10:00am
44th St Playground and Garden Court
Join us for a morning of fun and faith! Start in the Garden Court with interactive Advent stations for kids to create and explore the Christmas story, then head to the playground for a Candy Cane Hunt with a color-match hunt sheet for each child.

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.

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 & Club 4/5 Christmas Morning
December 7 | 9:30am | Youth Room
Join us for breakfast, games, and Christmas cheer during the Sunday School hour! Wear your Christmas PJs and bring your Secret Santa gift. We'll draw names for the exchange on November 30. If you can't be there, please contact Amber Ray at aray@wpcokc.org or 214.636.7923 to participate.

You Are Loved Sunday
December 21 | 9:00am-2:30pm
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!

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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
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
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.

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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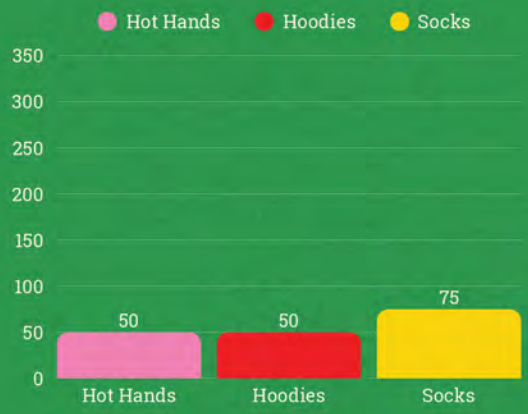
YOU ARE LOVED

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.

Poinsettias

Give a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one this year.

Poinsettias are $30 each. They are used to decorate the church and are delivered to members by the Care Team and Deacons. Scan the QR code or visit the welcome desk to purchase today. The final day to purchase is December 14.

HOODIE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7
DURING WORSHIP

WEAR A HOODIE. DONATE A HOODIE.
ALL DONATIONS GO TO YOU ARE LOVED.

Christmas BRUNCH

DECEMBER 7 | 11:30AM
GARDEN COURT

TICKETS
$10 Adult | $5 Child | $30 Family cap

All proceeds go to You Are Loved.

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

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 **8:15am** Worship - Chapel **9:30am** Christian Education **10:30am** Worship - Sanctuary **10:30am** Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall **1st Sunday of Advent**	**1** **1:00pm** Caregivers Support Group **5:00pm** Operations	**2** **7:30am** Men of Westminster **6:00pm** Support for Infant Loss	**3** **9:00am** Wed. Morning Spiritual Formation Group **10:00am** Women's Bible Study **6:00pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal **6:00pm** Youth Night	**4** **7:00am** Men's Group **6:00pm** Hannah Circle **5:30pm** Session	**5**	**6** **10:00am** Candy Cane Hunt
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**
14 **8:15am** Worship - Chapel **9:30am** Christian Education **10:30am** Worship - Sanctuary **10:30am** Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall **3rd Sunday of Advent**	**15** **11:30am** Dinah Circle **1:00pm** Caregivers Support Group	**16** **7:30am** Men of Westminster **11:30am** Missions	**17** **9:00am** Wed. Morning Spiritual Formation Group **10:00am** Women's Bible Study **11:00am-2:00pm** You Are Loved: Cook **6:00pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal	**18** **7:00am** Men's Group **11:00am-2:00pm** You Are Loved: Cook **11:30am** Mary Circle **6:00pm** Blue Christmas **7:00pm** Priscilla Circle	**19** **7:00am** Dinner with Love **9:00am-12:00pm** You Are Loved: Cook	**20**
21 **8:00am-2:30pm** You Are Loved: Serve Opportunities **9:00am** Morning Prayer **11:30am** Care Team Meeting **12:00pm** Youth and Club 4/5: Christmas Lunch **Annual Service 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**

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