



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Liturgists

Shawn Witcher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor (Frederickson Hall)

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

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

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

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

November 9, 2025
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Prelude

There is a Balm in Gilead

African American Folk Melody (19th Century)
arr. Robert Hebble (1934-2020)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Hyfrydol

R.H. Pritchard (1811-1887)
arr. Rebecca te Velde (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

Even amongst the flames of opposition,
the gospel truth burns brighter.

**We gather with the faith of those
who met oppression with faithfulness.**

Even in the hour of suffering,
Christ's love prevails.

**We follow in the footsteps of Jesus,
who forgave from the cross.**

Come, let us worship the God who transforms
even our darkest moments
into seeds of hope for the world.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 686)

God of Our Life

SANDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of redemption,
you bring hope from ashes,
life from death,
and growth from persecution.**

**But we remain reluctant
to follow where faithful witness leads,
avoiding the cost of discipleship.**

**Transform our fear into faith,
our silence into bold witness,
that even our struggles might serve
your mission to spread Grace, Peace, Love, and Justice.
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Where we see only failure,
God sees opportunities for grace.
Even in our brokenness,
God's song over us remains the same:
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are included in God's expanding kingdom of grace.

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

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

In Chapel the children are learning all about gratitude.

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

Luke 23:33-49, p. 68

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 31

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Second Reading

Acts 7:48-60, p. 96

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

Elder Kim Mitchell

The Gospel in the Fire

*Affirmation of Faith

From *The Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age.

The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

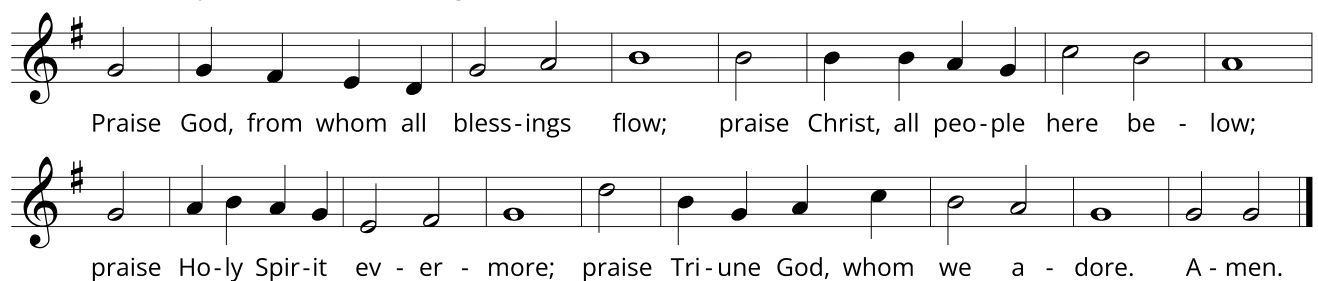
David Blackwell (b. 1957)
arr. Richard Shepard (1949-2021)

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. 840)

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*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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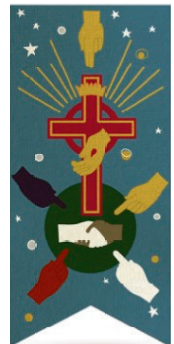
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Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of our dear friend Carolyn Howell "Happy Birthday" by Emily, Mary, Rindy, Sydney, and Carol.

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



Guy's Night Out at Uncle Julio's **November 11 | 6:00pm | Uncle Julio's** **1344 W Memorial OKC, OK 73114**



Men, enjoy good food and fellowship with others from the church. Appetizers provided by the church; purchase your own meal and beverage. Space is limited. Register soon to reserve your spot.



Faith & Grief **November 13 + 14 | 5:30–8:00pm** **November 15 | 8:30am–1:00pm** **Frederickson Hall**

Faith & Grief workshops are a space to share your story, explore your faith, and find comfort in community. Join us for a time of connection and support by scanning the QR code.



Pop-up Game Night: Mahjong **November 18 | 5:30-7:30pm | Room 103**



Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition! Whether you're a beginner or already know how to play, all are welcome. Register online and indicate your experience level so we can plan game tables accordingly.



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.



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, contact Amber at aray@wpcokc.org or 214.636.7923 to participate.



Christmas Brunch **December 7 | 11:30am | Garden Court**



Join us for our annual Christmas Brunch! After the 11:30 am worship to kick off the Christmas season! Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 for children with a family cap of \$30.



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



WPC Sweatshirts - LAST DAY TO ORDER 11/9
To order visit the Welcome center, scan the QR code or contact Amber at aray@wpcokc.org
Sweatshirts are \$30 each. Please make checks out to WPC and place your payment (check or cash) in the safe. Don't forget to include your size with your order!



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!

WPC MISSIONS

Feed My Sheep: WPC Grocery Packing
November 13 | 9:00am | WPC
November 15 | 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
November 22 | 8:30am | White Fields

Serve at the Hope House to deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to help.

WPC GIVING UPDATE

AUGUST 2025

EXPECTED

\$101,603

ACTUAL

\$77,372

2025 YEAR-TO-DATE

EXPECTED

\$1,139,456

ACTUAL

\$952,736

As summer winds down, pledged giving totaled \$77,372 this month, compared to a budget of \$101,603. Year-to-date, we've received \$952,736 in pledged gifts, against a budget of \$1,139,456. This dip is common for this season, and there's still time to close the gap as we move into fall.

Thank you for your generosity. Your steady support sustains the life and ministry we share.

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





THANKSGIVING *Meals*



This Thanksgiving, we invite our community to come together and support families in need through our Feed My Sheep initiative. Your generosity helps provide home-cooked holiday meals to our unhoused neighbors and Feed My Sheep families, sharing the warmth and joy of the season.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:



DONATE:

Add an extra \$50 to your next gift to provide a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need.



VOLUNTEER:

Help cook, prepare, pack, or deliver meals—an opportunity to serve alongside your family, friends, or small group and make a meaningful difference this holiday season.



SIGN UP:

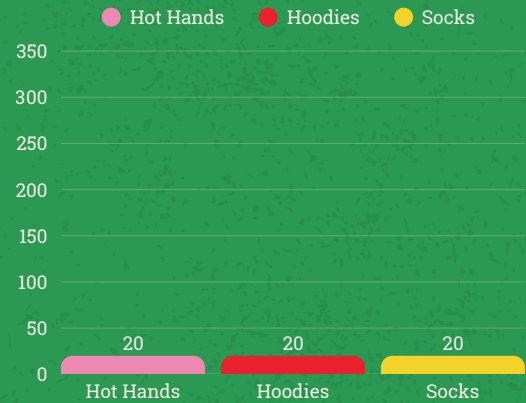
Scan the QR code to visit our website and choose how you'd like to get involved. Whether you donate, volunteer, or do both, your participation helps bring joy and hope to others this Thanksgiving.

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

We're getting ready to provide Christmas stockings for children in Feed My Sheep. Sign-ups to shop for them are **COMING SOON**.

Your participation will help make their holiday brighter.



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 sanctuary and given to our homebound members. Scan the QR code or visit the welcome desk to purchase today.





Faith & GriefSM

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 13-15

\$49 PER PERSON

REGISTER ONLINE (SCAN QR CODE BELOW)

FAITH & GRIEF WORKSHOPS ARE A SPACE TO SHARE YOUR STORY, EXPLORE YOUR FAITH, AND FIND COMFORT IN COMMUNITY. JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CONNECTION AND SUPPORT.



“It gave me a place to share, learn, and help others. It was a safe place to cry, laugh, make a joke, or silently sit without fear of judgment. I learned very quickly that if I was going to survive this journey, not of my choosing, I needed to accept all the help God put in front of me.”

– Retreat participant

“I cannot put my finger on it, but it helped me SO much. I feel like my burden of grief has been lifted and lessened. It was grueling and wonderful. It was actually kind of miraculous!”

– Retreat participant

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:00am Under the Christmas Tree 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship-Frederickson Hall	10 4:00pm Foundation	11 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Committee 12:00pm Personnel 6:00pm Support For Infant Loss, Guy's Night , Membership and Hospitality Veterans Day	12 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 12:00pm Worship and the Arts 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00am Men's Group 5:30pm Faith & Grief Workshop 	14 5:30pm Faith & Grief Workshop	15 8:30am Faith & Grief Workshop 3:00pm Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
16 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship-Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team	17 11:30am Dinah Circle 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	18 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Missions 11:30am Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Mahjong Game Night	19 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation	20 7:00am Men's Group 11:30am Mary Circle 6:00pm Deacons 7:00pm Priscilla Circle 	21	22
23 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary Sensory Worship-Frederickson Hall 11:30am Youth Team Communion Sunday Christ the King Sunday	24	25 7:30am Men of Westminster 10:00am Knit N Pearl	26 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group	27  Church Closed	28 Church Closed	29
Serving Opportunities					Church Closed	
30 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship-Frederickson Hall 1st Sunday of Advent	1 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 5:00pm Hannah Circle 5:30pm Session 	5	6 9:00am Candy Cane Hunt 
Preparing for Advent in Central Europe						



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SERVING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILIBE FOR NOVEMBER 23RD-27TH
Sign up to serve at <https://www.wpcokc.org/events> or in the WPC App under the Events tab.