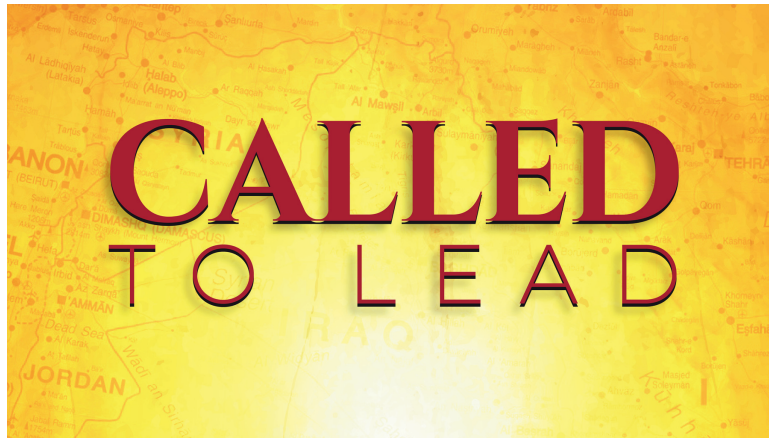




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Chris North

Brian Litteral, (Frederickson Hall)

Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, (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

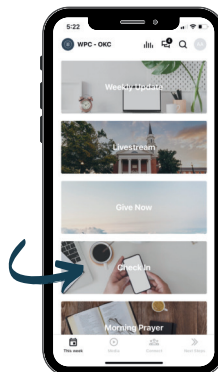
Fiona Scott, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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CHECK IN!

"Check In" in the WPC App and let us know you are worshipping with us today. *Please enter any prayer requests when you check in! We would love to pray with you and for you.*



Download the WPC App
and connect with your
church in a brand new way!

WORSHIP ORDER

September 14, 2025
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

There is a Happy Land

arr. George Shearing (1919-2011)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit (10:30am)

I Will Arise

arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)
and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

Westminster-Maier Choral Scholars

*Call to Worship

Before the Spirit came, the church gathered in prayer,

waiting with one heart for God's direction.

Before choosing leaders, Jesus prayed through the night,

seeking the Father's will above human wisdom.

Before we move forward, we too must wait in prayer,

trusting that God knows every heart and guides every choice.

Come, let us worship the God who speaks in the waiting,

who gives us leaders with hearts shaped for faithful service.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 303)

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

CHURCH UNITED

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

you give us wisdom

and you model patience.

But we are too quick to decide,

too slow to pray,

too eager for the familiar face

and too hesitant to see

the faithful servants you have been preparing

in quiet corners of our common life,

even the person we see in the mirror.

Teach us to join Jesus in prayer,

seeking to see what you see,

seeking to affirm who you have called.

Show us how to wait

with intention,

how to watch

for the ones whose hearts

you have been shaping

for this holy work.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the second letter to the Corinthians:
"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

The same God who called fishermen to lead the church,
who turned a persecutor into an apostle,
who breathed the Spirit into fearful disciples -
this God calls you.

Not because you have proven yourself worthy,
but because grace makes you ready.
Not because you are without weakness,
but because God's grace is made perfect in our weakness.

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.

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.

This month in Chapel the children are learning about the importance of worship and God's gift of community. 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 6:12-16, p. 49

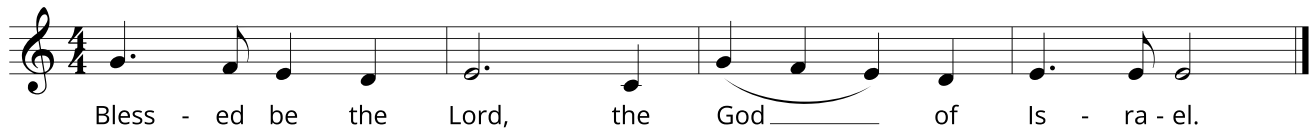
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 40

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Audrey Pottcatter, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 1:12-26, p. 90

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

Faithful in the Waiting

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*, §§9.31, .39-.40

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling people.

We are entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and share in God's work of healing what is broken between us and God, and between one another.

Christ calls the church to this mission and gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

By living in faithful response to that call, we remain connected with the apostles and with all God's people through time.

The church recognizes the Spirit's gifts and calls some to special leadership and service.

Through ordination and commissioning, we entrust them with ministries of guidance and care.

The church orders its life with structures, officers, and resources.

These are not ends in themselves but tools for God's mission.

In every age, the church must remain open to reformation.

We reform our life and order so that we may more faithfully serve the mission of God's reconciliation in the world.

Moment for Nominations

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (10:30am)

With a Voice of Singing

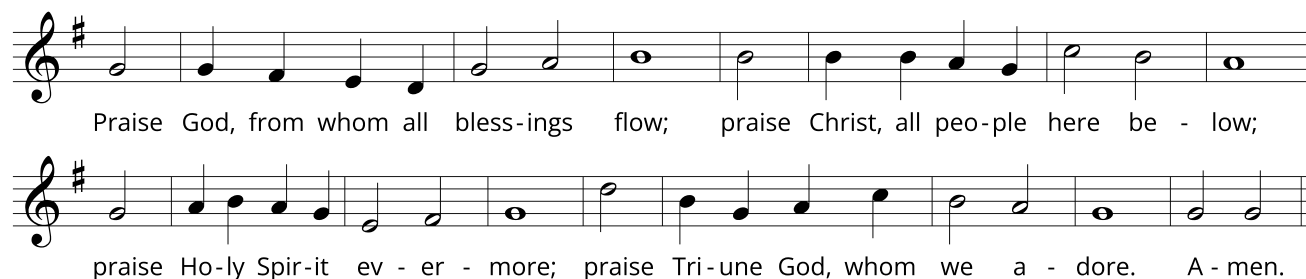
Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

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. 719)

ORA LABORA

Come, Labor On

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon from "Idoménée"

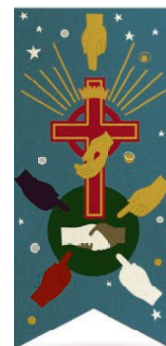
André Campra (1660-1744)
arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

*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



Club 4/5 is heading to **Andretti** on Saturday, **September 21 from 4:00-6:30pm** for an action-packed afternoon of go-karting, arcade games, and bowling! There is only 1 spot available, so make sure to sign up soon on the Events page! Cost is \$20.



The 1903 Henry and Anna **Overholser Mansion Tour** is set for **September 25 at 10:00am**. After the tour, the group will head to Picasso Café for lunch (self-pay). Space is limited—reserve your spot today by signing up through our app or online.



6th-12th graders, hang out with your friends at the **Youth Lock-in** on **September 27 at 7:30pm**! Don't forget your pillows, blankets, and clothes for church the next morning.



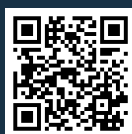
Ladies Night Out is happening at **AR Workshop in Edmond** on **October 7 from 6:00-8:00pm**. This event includes a brief devotion on Christian Hospitality and a hands-on DIY session where you'll create a custom doormat to take home. Cost: \$20 per person (includes all materials). Space is limited.



The **Elk Bugling Hike** is happening on **October 11 at 3:30pm**! This is a family-friendly outing. Please meet at WPC to convoy to the Sunset Picnic Area trailhead in the Wichita Mountains. We'll listen for elk bugling, explore the trails, and wrap up before 7:00pm, with an optional group dinner at Riverside Café in Medicine Park. Visit the events page for more details.



Club 4/5, come join the youth on **October 15 for our 3rd Annual Color Games**! Wear old clothes, shoes you can run in (and that can get dirty), and bring a towel and water bottle. Parents, remember they will be dirty when you pick them up, so be sure to have towels in the car! Meet Scott and Amber on the **Manor Lawn at 6:00pm**.



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

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We'd love for you to join our Pew Crew! This group helps keep our chapel and sanctuary welcoming by straightening Bibles and hymnals, dusting, updating pew pockets, polishing offering plates, and replacing pens. The Pew Crew meets on the **last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm**. Contact Jacquelin Garcia at jgarcia@wpcokc.org to sign up.



Pillars of Grace—Thank you for considering a legacy gift! Already included Westminster in your plans? Thank you—we'd love to celebrate with you! Look out for details about our **donor appreciation event on September 30, 2025**. Questions? Contact a trustee or visit wpcfoundation.org.



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)



Feed My Sheep delivers monthly groceries to families in need, and we're looking for volunteers to help pack and deliver at WPC or serve at the new Hope House location at White Fields. Sign up if you're able to help!

WPC Grocery Packing: September 18 & 20
White Fields: September 27



Italy: Tracing the Journey of the Apostle Paul is set for **April 9-17, 2026**, and will feature a private tour through Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome—including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. A minimum of 20 participants is required to confirm the trip, and the **deadline to register is November 14, 2025**. For more details, contact salarid@wpcokc.org.



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!



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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Divine Echoes:

Art, Music, + the Mystery of Faith

September 17 + 24 | October 1 + 8
5:15pm - Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm - Classes

Join us for a 4-week Wednesday evening series this fall, exploring music, dance, storytelling, and faith. Each week features a unique, engaging program for all ages.



Jazz and the Spirit of Improvisation - September 17:

Join us as **Jan and Catherine McDaniel** open our Midweek Manna series. Jan, a professor at OCU, is a pianist, conductor, and church musician who has directed productions across the U.S. and abroad. Catherine, a mezzo-soprano and OCU voice faculty member, has performed leading roles in Europe and the U.S. and sung with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Canterbury Choral Society, and Painted Sky Opera.



Come experience an evening where jazz, faith, and improvisation meet.

Upcoming Events:

- Pipe Dreams: Hidden Images in Music - 9/24
- Musical Theater and Spirituality - 10/1
- Ballet and Embodied Faith - 10/8

For Families:

- Themed craft table for kids & adults
- Nursery available upstairs for infants-4 years old after dinner

Dinner (Optional) - Served at 5:15 PM

- \$10 Adults | \$5 Children | \$30 Family cap
- Register by Monday each week on the Events page or in the WPC app

Reserve Your Seat

Sign up on the WPC app or on the Events page to secure your spot for this inspiring midweek experience!

Fall Programming 2025



Join us as we launch our fall season of Adult Spiritual Formation with engaging studies, meaningful conversations, and a place to grow in faith together. Choose from these inspiring options:

Sunday Focus Class – Conference Room

Dive into thought-provoking book studies and conversations on spiritual growth, biblical insights, Christian social issues, and connecting faith to modern life. Questions? Contact Gil Mitchell at gilsclothing1@gmail.com or (405) 820-5150. This fall's lineup includes:

- **Wisdom Keepers:** A PBS series with spiritual leaders, mystics, and scientists exploring identity, meaning, and hope.
- **"The Time is Now" by Joan Chittister:** A call to courage and conscience in challenging times.
- **"The Tears of Things" by Richard Rohr:** Prophetic wisdom for navigating pain and injustice.
- **"Miracles and Wonders" by Elaine Pagels:** Exploring Jesus' legacy through history and early followers.

Adventurers Class – Room 103

A warm, welcoming space with hymn singing, Bible study, and fellowship. This fall we'll cover:

- **Sept-Oct:** The Beatitudes
- **Nov 2 & 16:** AI and the Church with John Kenney
- **Nov 23:** Gratitude & note writing to friends, family, and church members
- **Dec:** Advent study and reflection

S.A.L.T. – Frederickson Hall

A pastor-led Bible study digging into the week's scripture readings before Sunday worship. Gain deeper context and practical insights for living out your faith.

Children's + Youth Options

- **Children/Nursery:** Upstairs
- **Youth & Club 4/5:** Downstairs

Inquirer's Class

Sundays | September 7th - October 5th | 9:30-10:30 AM | Room 105

Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Curious about what membership at Westminster Presbyterian means? If so, you're invited to attend the Inquirer's Class! This five-week class will explore what it means to be Presbyterian and how we live out our faith here at Westminster.

NOMINATION

2025

Nominating Process

The process of electing new leaders begins with the entire membership. You are each invited to fill out a confidential nomination form (available in your pew and online), from which the Committee will carefully prepare the proposed slate of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees. Before presenting the slate to the congregation, the committee will confirm that each nominee is willing and able to serve.

Ruling Elder

Ruling Elders exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of WPC. They serve faithfully as members of the session. Ruling Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgement. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and the world. Ruling Elders serve three-year terms.

Deacons

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgement should be considered. Deacons serve three-year terms.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for management of the building, grounds, and other real property of the church. The board also manages all special permanent special funds of WPC. Trustees serve three-year terms.



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

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Sign up to serve at wpcokc.org/weekly-update or
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