



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Catherine McDaniel

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection, (Frederickson Hall)

Heather Selement, (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano

Lisa Hart, carillon

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

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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WORSHIP ORDER

October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship

From every nation and language, we gather at this table,

sharing one bread, one cup, one hope in Christ.

Where healing happens, the whole community celebrates,

for when one person is lifted up, all of us rise.

At temple gates and communion tables,

God's generous love meets us with healing and hope.

Come, let us worship the God who lifts up the bowed down

and calls us to share in the work of restoration.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 249)

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God who heals,
we confess that we often walk past
those who you would have us lift up,
too busy with our own concerns
to notice who sits at the gate, waiting.
We feast at tables of abundance
while others hunger for both bread and belonging.
We hold back our gifts
when you call us to radical generosity,
choosing convenience over compassion.
Forgive our failure to see our siblings in need.
Forgive our failure to reach out in love.
Help us share in your work
of healing bodies and communities.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the book of Acts:
"...great grace was upon them all.
There was not a needy person among them."
We are freed not just *from* what we have done wrong,
but freed *for*...
for the healing, building, and giving
that God has prepared for us to do.

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.

Today in Chapel the children are learning about World Communion Sunday.

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. 3)

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Anthem (10:30am)

This Is My Father's World

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney (b. 1954)

Chapel Singers; Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano
Brianna Holt, conductor

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 5: 17-26, p. 48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 146

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Hal - le - lu-jah! Praise the Lord! Hal - le - lu-jah! Praise the Lord!

Anna Rae Coleman, cantor

Second Reading

Acts 3:1–10, p. 91

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

A Healing Witness

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares the labor of healing the enmities which separate humans from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit...

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Moment for Stewardship

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (10:30am)

Donde Hay

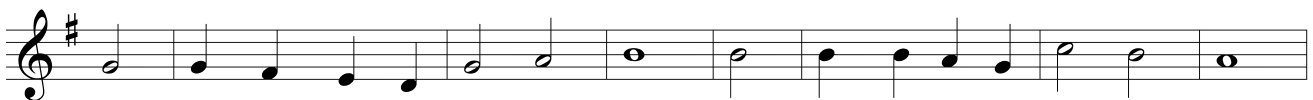
Paul F. Page (b. 1947)

Chancel Choir

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;



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.

Communion Hymn (No. 302)

O WALLY WALLY

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

*Hymn of Sending (No. 526)

LINSTEAD

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

*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 Jeri Austin.



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



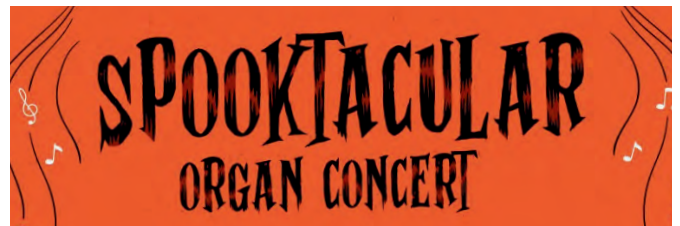
Ladies Night Out is happening at **AR Workshop in Edmond** on **October 7 from 6:00–8:00pm**. This event includes a brief devotion on Christian Hospitality and a hands-on DIY session where you'll create a custom doormat to take home. Cost: \$20 per person (includes all materials). Space is limited.



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**.



Join the Children's Ministry and Music Department for a **Spooktacular Organ Concert** on **October 29 at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary! Enjoy playful and eerie music from the organ and carillon — fun for all ages. After the concert, stop by the Garden Court for cookies, cider, and trick-or-treat bags! Costumes are welcome (nothing too scary.)



This special Christmas Market offers an alternative to big-box store offerings. We will feature a variety of home-made, handmade, and fair-trade items, including gifts for purchase from many local non-profit organizations. This unique shopping opportunity will give you the chance to buy gifts that directly benefit people in our community! The market will be held on **Saturday, November 8, from 9:00am-3:00pm**.



Meals on Wheels provides hot meals to homebound seniors in our community, and we need your help to keep it going. There are several ways to serve — from cooking and delivering to helping behind the scenes. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



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

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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: October 16 & 18
White Fields: October 25



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.



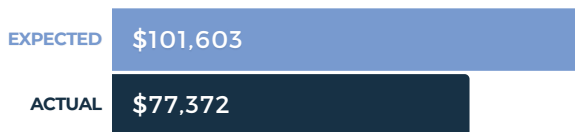
Italy: Tracing the Journey of the Apostle Paul is set for **April 9-17, 2026**, and will feature a private tour through Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome—including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. A minimum of 20 participants is required to confirm the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



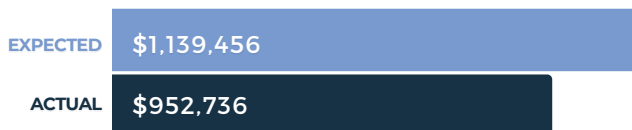
Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!



AUGUST 2025



2025 YEAR-TO-DATE



WPC GIVING UPDATE

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 and faithfulness. 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."
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Divine Echoes:

Art, Music, + the Mystery of Faith

October 8

5:15pm - Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm - Classes

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



Ballet and Embodied Faith - October 18:

Join us for the fourth program in our Midweek Manna series as Tracy and Savana of Tippi Toes® share how dance can be an expression of faith and joy. Motivated by their love for Jesus, they bring encouragement, patience, and positivity to every dancer and family they serve, creating a community where movement and spirituality meet.

Experience how ballet and embodied movement can deepen faith and inspire the spirit.



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.

A Gift for Tomorrow

Donor Highlight: Mike and Barbara Mize

Mike and Barbara Mize embody the warmth and hospitality of Westminster. Mike's laugh is often heard in the halls, while Barbara is quick to greet both friends and newcomers.

After moving to Oklahoma City in 1981, a colleague invited them to Westminster. They joined in 1983 and, over the past 40 years, have shared their skills on nearly every committee: Session, Trustee, Deacon, Personnel, Pastor Nominating, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Club, and Handbell Choir.

When asked why they chose to leave a bequest to the WPC Foundation, they said:

"We are grateful our daughters grew up at Westminster and are strong women of faith today. This community has supported us in countless ways, and we want that support to continue for future generations. Our planned estate gift is our way of saying 'thank you.'"



Pillars of Grace

To learn more about Mike and Barbara, or the
Foundation, visit our website at
wpcfoundation.org.

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.



WPCOKC.ORG/NOMINATIONS-2025

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:15am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Inquirers Class, Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship- Frederickson Hall World Communion Sunday	6 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group Final Day to RSVP for 10/08/25 Midweek Manna	7 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Nominating Committee 6:00pm Support for Infant Loss, Ladies Night Out	8 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Midweek Manna 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00am Men's Group 	10	11 3:00pm Elk Bugling
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26 9:30am Inquirers Class, Christian Education 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary Sensory Worship- Frederickson Hall 11:30am Youth Team Communion Sunday Reformation Sunday	27	28 7:30am Men of Westminster 10:00 Knit N Pearl 11:30am Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Nominating Committee	29 9:00am Wed Morning Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Spooky Concert	30 7:00am Men's Group 9:30am OBI Blood Mobile 	31 	1

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