WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31, AD 2025



"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."

- ISAIAH 40:8 -

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Monday – Thursday, $9:00~\mathrm{AM}-4:00~\mathrm{PM}$; Friday, $9:00~\mathrm{AM}-12:00~\mathrm{PM}$ Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

Guest WIFI Password: matthew633 † *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

I Worship You, Almighty God (Corbett-Wood, arr. Berry)

There is a Higher Throne (Gettys, arr. Coleman)

Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

How Firm a Foundation - #243 TPH, vs. 1,2, 6 Text: John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt Tune: FOUNDATION – Traditional American melody

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause to stand, upheld my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never forsake."

† Call to Worship

Psalm 68:19-20, 34-35

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel - he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

† Hymn of Adoration

Come, Thou Almighty King

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† Invocation 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.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Confession of Faith

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.

*this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

**"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

† Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Call to Repentance

Colossians 3:5-8, pg. 984

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear divine lawgiver, we take shame to ourselves for open violations of your law. We confess our secret faults, our omissions of duty, our unprofitable attendance upon the means of grace. Our iniquities have increased over our heads. We confess and lament our deficiencies and backslidings. We grieve over our numberless failures, our hardness of heart, our lack of profit from your mercy, and our neglect of opportunities for usefulness. Our trespasses are known in the heavens, but we are thankful that Christ has gone into the heavens as our Advocate with the Father, and as the propitiation for our sins. Please recall us to yourself, and enable us to feel our first love again, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14, pg. 983

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7, pg. 573

† Psalm

Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?

#2B

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

To Be With Christ

(Early American Folk Hymn, arr. Paul S. Jones)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

"A Kingdom Not of this World"

John 18:33-38 pg. 904

† Hymn of Response In Christ Alone #265

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Great God of Might and Glory (D. Paxton)

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Come, Thou Almighty King



2B

Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?





Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra In Heavenly Love Abiding (Mendelssohn, arr. T. Smith) All You That Fear Jehovah's Name (Hymn #22B, arr. Grotenhuis) Welcome and Announcements † Call to Worship Psalm 136:1, 23 Leader: Gives thanks to the LORD, for he is good, People: His steadfast love endures forever. It is he who remembered us in our low estate, Leader: All: For his steadfast love endures forever. † Hymn of Adoration Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #239 † Invocation Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs Psalm of the Month To You, O Lord, I Cry #28 vv.1-6 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing † Hymn #429 Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 28, pg. 942 **Confession of Faith Prayer of Intercession** Mr. John A. Davis **Offertory** Now the Day is Over (Prov. 3:24, Barnby, arr. Barrett) Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Roy McDaniel "Fullness of Joy" Psalm 16 pg. 453 Be Thou My Vision † Hymn of Response #446 **†** Benediction † Doxology #567 † Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra Now Blessed Be Jehovah God

(Hymn #564)



- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav en, to his feet your trib-ute bring;
- 2. Praise him for his grace and fa vor to our fa-thers in dis-tress;
- 3. Fa ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee ble frame he knows;
- 4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour ish, blows the wind and it is gone
- 5. An gels, help us to a dore him; you be hold him face to face;





ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing? praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.

• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.





Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.

• Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes. Praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



From Psalm 103 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod. LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7. John Goss, 1869



- 5. ⁵Because they slight the works of God and treat his actions with disdain, in justice he will tear them down and never build them up again.
- 6. ⁶Blest be the LORD, for he has heard the plea for mercy which I made.
 ⁷The LORD God is my strength and shield; I trust in him who sends me aid.
- 7. My heart uplifted leaps for joy; my thanks to him I gladly sing. 8The LORD God is his people's strength, a saving fortress for his king.
- 8. O save your people, your own flock, and bless your heritage, dear LORD. Attend them with a shepherd's care and carry them forevermore.



Be Thou My Vision



Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905 Vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912 SLANE 10.10.10.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. OPC/URCNA 2016
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Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The WPC session invites all members and friends of WPC to join together in paying off our debt by the end of the 2025 calendar year. We currently have a balance of \$260,000, and paying off the debt will enable us to increase our ministry in a variety of ways. The session and the Strategic Planning Committee have been working on these plans, and they intend to bring a report with recommendations/plans to the January 2026 Congregational Meeting. You may give in the following ways:

To donate via check, please include "Building Fund" in the memo line. If you give online, use our normal online giving portal and select "Gathering / Building". Should you prefer to donate shares of stock from a brokerage account, please contact the church office, and we will provide you with the necessary information.

Wednesday Evening Activities: Make plans to join us Wednesday evening, September 3, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group and catechism classes for our children. The meal will be served in the Narthex beginning at 5:30 PM. The meal this week is Hamburgers & Fixings and the cost is \$6 per person with a \$24 per family cap. Please pay by cash or check on the night of the meal. Please be sure to indicate your meal order on the Blue Sheet on Sunday.

Missions Conference Meal Hosts Needed! Each year during our missions conference we invite WPC members and regular attenders to eat a meal with one of our missionaries. We need people who are willing to host these meals during this year's conference which is being held October 17-19. We need hosts for the meals for both Saturday dinner (October 18) and Sunday lunch (October 19). Host must be able to seat their own family, 1-2 missionaries, and 3-4 others at a minimum. If you are interested in hosting a meal, please sign up on the Blue sheet by September 7.

<u>Mission Conference Meal Participants</u>: If you would like to enjoy a meal with a missionary on either October 18 or October 19 please sign up on the Blue Sheet by September 7.

Fall 2025 WPC Service Day: Please set aside the morning of Saturday September 20, 8AM to join in upkeep of the church. A big workday is being planned with many indoor and outdoor projects. Sign up on the Blue Sheet, *or* with the QR Code.



<u>New Members</u>: New Members will be recognized on September 14 at the end of morning worship. Please email the church office <u>office@wpc-hsv.org</u> to let us know if you will be available that day.

Young Adult Labor Day Luau: You are invited to the Boyd's home at 5pm on Labor Day to celebrate Hawaiian style! Kalua pork and chicken sausage will be provided. Prepare a tropical side or dessert and please sign up online! Let Pastor Duncan know if you have questions.

Wednesday Evening Supper Help Needed: We are in need of people to join in the rotation of both serving and cleaning up after the Wednesday evening meal. Servers need to arrive at 5:15 We also need help between 6:15 and 6:30 cleaning up after the meal. Please sign up on the Blue Sheet or by emailing the church office (office@wpc-hsv.org). Questions? contact Rachel Buhl or Mary Katherine Keel.

Children's Lincoln Village Workday: The Children's Ministry and Outreach Team are holding a morning workday on September 27th, 8:00 AM, at Lincoln Village. This is a great way for our children & families to serve together. We ask that ages 4 years - 4th grade volunteer, but older children may join as well, (please no children under the age of 4) Children must stay with their guardian for the duration of volunteering. Please RSVP using the QR code by Wednesday, September 23rd.

<u>Tiny Toes 5k</u>: Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting their annual Tiny Toes 5k fundraiser on Oct. 4th at 8am. Please consider joining either the 5k or the 1 mile fun run to support one of our local ministry partners! To register please visit: https://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k

<u>Book Table</u>: The Student and Children's Ministry team selects new books every month for parents, students, and all those interested in learning. The book theme for September is New Releases/Favorites. This table is in the narthex near the nursery area. Donations are appreciated for any books selected.

A Note About Children In Worship: As our church continues to grow, we will have an increasing number of infants and toddlers in our worship services. Since we are a covenantal church, we greatly value our covenant children and unapologetically seek to assimilate them into corporate worship from the earliest ages. Watching God grow his church through the birth of covenant children is one of our greatest joys as a church! At the same time, an abundance of children does create some challenges for corporate worship. For a congregation like ours, which deeply values the ministry of the Word, it can be challenging for some members to concentrate and receive the Word if children are making excessive noise in the service. Conversely, it can be challenging for parents

of young children to receive the ministry of the Word if they constantly have to step out of the service to quiet their children. Rather than allowing these challenges to breed frustration in the body of Christ, the Session warmly recommends that we view these challenges as an opportunity to express mutual love for one another.

For the members who would prefer the service to be silent as an aid to concentrated worship, we encourage you to express love to families with young children by bearing with some noise from our covenant children. For the members whose children are especially vocal, we encourage you to express love to other members by temporarily removing your child from the service, taking advantage of the narthex or nursery as needed. In both instances, we have an opportunity to heed the command of the Apostle Paul: "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2–3).

2025 Upcoming Events

- September 1: Young Adult Luau at the Boyd's
- September 20: Church Workday
- September 27: Children's Lincoln Village Workday
- October 17–19: Missions Conference

AUGUST 2025 Sunday School Details

THE BELOW WEEKS WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ALL INVITED

08/31/25 Missions Trip Reports (Kenya, Panama, West Virginia) - All ages

Sunday Servants			
	This Week: 8/31/25	Next Week: 9/7/25	
Coffee Fellowship	Team Cochrane	Amy Hatton	
Evening Prayer	John A. Davis	Nat Causey	
Head Usher	Gideon Mbila	Lee Talmadge	
Nursery	AM: April Stegman, Kevin Carl, Amy Hatton, Ava Rutledge, Monica Zylstra SS: Barbara & Keith White PM: Eleanor Thames, Katya Eberle, Donna Knight, Walker Thames, Elizabeth Davis	AM: Stephanie Bryant, Ella Carnes Gunn, Nancy Oberheide, Leanne Brackin, Seth & Beth Schmidt SS: Jacob Knowles, Adrienne, Noelle, TaNaysha, Laura Diaz PM: Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, LJ Wilson, Pat Corder, Annie Padgett	
Sexton Counter	Nate Van Kirk	Josh Brown	
Sound Booth	AM: Eric Fulcher PM: Michael Patterson	AM: James Pearce PM: Michael Patterson	

New Fall Sunday School Classes

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are designed to provide opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and teaching. Classes are organized in age groupings with the goal of encouraging relational connections among people who are experiencing similar life circumstances. There is a host and teacher for each class to help facilitate growing together in Christian community. The following classes begin on September 7:

- <u>College Age</u>: Respectable Sins. Have we become so focused on "major" sins that we've grown
 apathetic about our subtle sins? This class, based on Jerry Bridges' book, guides us into a deep look
 at the corrosive patterns of behavior that we often accept as normal. We will address specific
 "acceptable" sins we tend to tolerate in ourselves, such as, jealousy, anger, judgmentalism, selfishness,
 and pride. Pastor Roberts will be the main teacher in WCA Room 110.
- 20s and 30s; As for Me and My House: Biblical Foundations for Parenting. This class explores
 what the Bible teaches about family, parenting, and raising the next generation in the Lord. Each
 session will focus on a specific topic—from discipline and discipleship to media, chores, and parenting
 through special challenges—grounded in Scripture and full of real-life application. While we may not all
 parent the same way, we'll seek unity around God's truth and grace for one another. Our aim is not
 perfection, but faithful, thoughtful parenting shaped by God's Word. Pastor St. John will be the main
 teacher in WCA Room 104.
- 40s and 50s: Being God's Steward: Rethinking Money, Possessions & Eternity. We live in a
 material world where money and possessions are part of everyday life. We make money, spend it, and
 need it to provide for ourselves and our families. Is money bad? We can feel enslaved to it is there
 freedom? How about debt, savings, giving, investing, or retirement and how do these relate to eternity?
 God's Word contains more verses addressing money and possessions than faith and prayer. Let's
 study what God says and see that stewardship is about a lot more than just giving to the church. Stacy
 Murphree will be the main teacher in the WPC Library.
- 60 and up: Respectable Sins. Have we become so focused on "major" sins that we've grown apathetic
 about our subtle sins? This class, based on Jerry Bridges' book, guides us into a deep look at the
 corrosive patterns of behavior that we often accept as normal. We will address specific "acceptable"
 sins we tend to tolerate in ourselves, such as, jealousy, anger, judgmentalism, selfishness, and pride.
 Eric Fulcher will be the main teacher in WPC Classroom 1.

Other WPC Adult Discipleship Classes include a cross generational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

- <u>Cross Generational:</u> Bible Study. "All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." Join our cross generational class for an in depth study of a selected book of the Bible. The particular book is still to be determined, but the class will be designed to increase your knowledge of the Bible, grow your faith in Christ, and equip you to serve the Lord. Robert Benton will be the main teacher in WPC Classroom 2.
- The Basic Institute: Systematic Theology 102. This class is a seminary-lite class that focuses on three doctrines: Doctrine of God, Doctrine of Man, and Doctrine of Christ. The Doctrine of God will include the knowability of God, the proper names of God, the glory of God, his incommutable and commutable attributes, the Trinity, and the works of God (creation and providence). The Doctrine of Man will encompass man created in God's image, the nature of man, sin, the covenant of works (prefall) and the Adamic covenant of grace (post-fall). The Doctrine of Christ will consist of the person of Christ (names and two natures), the states of Christ (humiliation and exaltation), and the offices of Christ (prophet, priest and king). The teacher will be Cliff Smith, and powerpoint presentations will be utilized that include short videos of leading reformed theologians such as R.C. Sproul, John Piper, James White, and others. This class meets in the WPC Commons.



Outreach Team

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Lincoln Village

Downtown Rescue Mission

WPC Children's Work Day - 9/27 - 8am

Annual Celebration - 10/16 @ 6:30pm

Huntsville Assistance Program

50th Anniversary Celebration - Sept. 16th

Misc Volunteer needs - 7 days a week

HSV Pregnancy Resource Center

Volunteers needed for:

- 1) Food sorting and shelving
- 2) Disinfecting storage rooms
- 3) Grocery bagging
- 4) Financial Assistance Hotline

Tiny Toes 5k - 10/4/25

Volunteers needed for:

- 1) Baby Boutique Upkeep
- 2) Male and Female client advocates

6 Child Evangelism Fellowship

- 3) Provide meals
- 4) Knit/crochet infant hats/clothes

Good News Club

1) Madison Street Festival

meets on Mondays during the school 2) One time Party clubs year at 2:15pm. Volunteers to work with kids and teach Bible lessons are always

needed!

3) Miscellaneous other opportunities

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Questions?

Jeremiah 29:7

If you would like to learn more please contact Pastor Duncan or a member of our Outreach Ministry Team.

We have an elementary school team that

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

HTTPS://WPC-HSV.ORG/OUTREACH



August 31 – September 7, 2025

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM Sunday School: 11:10 AM Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 31, 2025

12:00 PM - Youth Fellowship Lunch @ WPC

Monday, September 1, 2025

Labor Day - Office Closed

5:00 PM - Young Adult Luau at the Boyd's

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

7:00 AM - Men's 'Holiness' Book Study @ WPC

7:00 AM - Men's 'The Reason for God' Book Study @ Blue Plate Cafe

9:15 AM - Women's Prayer Time @ WPC

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

12:00 PM - Men's Abraham Book study @ WPC

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

10:00 AM - Crown Club Luau @ WPC

11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

7:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, September 4, 2025

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

6:30 PM - Men's 'Themes from Hebrews' Book Study @ WPC

Friday, September 5, 2025

6:30 AM - Men's Hebrews Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Sunday, September 7, 2025

4:00 PM - Discipleship Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)