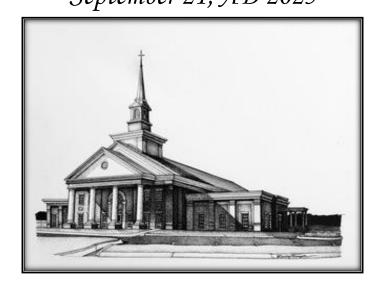
# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 21, AD 2025



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

- ISAIAH 40:8 -

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#### Office Hours:

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

Christ, the Life of All the Living (From the Das Grosse Cantionale)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Hymn #222, arr. L. Larson)

# Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

Rise Up, O Men of God!

Text: William P. Merrill, 1911 Tune: FESTAL SONG – William H. Walter 1894

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; As brothers of the Son of man, Rise up, O men of God!

† Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1; Deuteronomy 4:36-39

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Leader: Extol your God and King, and bless his name forever and ever.

All: I will proclaim the name of the LORD, and ascribe greatness to our God!

† Hymn of Adoration All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name!

† 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

Revelation 3:17-19, pg. 1030

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

# Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, we are ashamed and we blush to lift up our faces before you. Our sins increase over our head, and our trespasses rise up to the heavens. To us belong shame and confusion, because we have sinned against you. When our eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts, we have reason to cry out, "Woe to us, for we are undone!" If we try to justify ourselves, our own mouths will condemn us. You, who are greater than our hearts, know all things. Father, we know that we have sinned against heaven and against you, and are not worthy to be called your children. But we thank you that there is forgiveness, mercy, and redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for the promise that those who confess and forsake their sins will find mercy. Amen. (Adapted from the prayers of Matthew Henry)

**Assurance of Pardon** 

1 Peter 2:24-25, pg. 1015

**Old Testament Reading** 

Isaiah 53:1-7, pg. 613

† Psalm

The Lord Said to My Lord

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Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** 

Be Still and Know (Adapted from Ps. 46, Ruth E Schram)

# Prayer for Illumination

# Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Joe Steele

"The King's Calmness"

John 19:6-12 pg. 905

† Hymn of Response My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness In Bulletin

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (Mt. 22:37, G. Lomas)

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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# The Lord Said to My Lord



- 6. <sup>6</sup>The nations he will judge; the dead in heaps will lie.
  The mighty chiefs of all the earth he'll shatter and destroy.
- 7. <sup>7</sup>A brook beside the way his thirst will satisfy; and, thus refreshed, by water he will lift his head on high.

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# My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



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# Evening Worship

Ms. Bertha Dykstra Prelude Give to Our God Immortal Praise (Lyrics from hymn #215, music by F. Duckworth) Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God (Lyrics of hymn #534, tune: St. Flavian, arr. G. Parker) Welcome and Announcements † Call to Worship Psalm 27:4 Leader: One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. All: † Hymn of Adoration Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #224 **†** Invocation Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs † Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor #325 **Confession of Faith** Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 31, pg. 943 **Prayer of Intercession** Mr. Joe Crowhurst **Offertory** Listen to the Word of the Lord (Words and music by Fowler, Gettys, Kauflin, Shive) Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Roy McDaniel "A Food Offering to the LORD" Exodus 29:38-46 pg. 69 † Communion Hymn Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder #286, vv. 1-3 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper The purple cups contain wine and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together. † Communion Hymn Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder #286, vv. 4-5 **Benediction** † Doxology #567

> Benediction (May the Peace of God) (Getty and Townend)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

† Postlude

# 224 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 Tr. John. Mason Neale, 1854

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D. Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615



<u>Welcome guests!</u> 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**

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).

<u>Wednesday Evening Activities</u>: Make plans to join us Wednesday evening, **September 24**, 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 **Chick-fil-A** 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.** 

Interested in serving as a friendly door greeter on Sunday morning? This is a simple but important opportunity to encourage your church family as they come for worship and especially to help new visitors feel welcome. A four to six week rotation is being developed. Please use the Blue Sheet to indicate your interest.

<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 today.

<u>Missions Conference</u>: Please join us October 17-19 for our 2025 Missions Conference. More information about the conference will be provided soon. In the meantime, if you know you will need nursery services, would like for your children to participate in the Children's Conference, or would like to volunteer to help with the Children's Conference or Nursery during the conference, please sign up on the Blue Sheet.

Alabama A&M Bulldog Pantry: The Outreach Team invites you to contribute to the Bulldog Pantry in support of RUF Alabama A&M! This has been a remarkable resource in helping RUF grow on campus and to meet the basic needs of many students. Items needed are: shelf-stable snacks & drinks, pens/pencils, hygiene products (all kinds), laundry pods, etc... If you have any questions please let Pastor Duncan know. For more information, pick up a flyer on the foyer table.

Children's Lincoln Village Workday: The Children's Ministry and Outreach Team are holding a morning workday on September 27, 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 own parent/guardian for the duration of volunteering. Please RSVP using the QR code by Wednesday, September 23rd.

Women's "Let's Talk" Event: Ministering to Singles with RUF UAH Campus Staff Kelley Murphree. Sept. 30th, 7:00 p.m. at WPC. Is singleness a stage or a calling? What's it like being single in the church? How do I relate when someone else's life looks different than mine? If you've ever asked questions like these, whether you're single or married, let's talk about it! Come hear from Kelley, one of our own covenant children, as we seek to better love our sisters in Christ.

<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 visit: <a href="https://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k">https://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k</a> For additional information, pick up a flyer on the foyer table.

**Book Table:** 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.

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.



# i5 Men's Ministry

# SUMMIT



Guys • Grills • Games

September 27, 2025 • 1:30-6:00 pm



The Men and future men (ages 6-90) are invited to join us for a time of fellowship around some food and fun at the Floyd/Nelson farm in Prospect, TN. (Originally this was to be a G4 Summit, but because we decided to invite younger children, we are postponing the gun portion to a future date in a more controlled setting).

What we are doing? There will be games of various types and for all levels of skill. Among them will be Fling Ball (a combo of corn hole and yard "darts"), corn hole, archery, axe throwing, and a chipping contest. Feel free to

bring other games of your choice. There will be contests that you can sign up for upon arrival as well with some great prizes! Please bring camp chairs to sit in.

What will we be eating? Hotdogs, Swamp stew, chips, boiled peanuts, cookies, water & sodas.

What's the cost? The cost of the event is \$5 per person. This will help cover food and prizes for the games. Cash only and payable upon arrival.

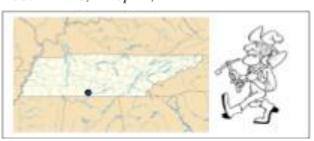


What's the schedule? Games and Fellowship from 1:30-5:00pm. Dinner at 6pm.

Where is it located? 1506 Fiducia Road, Prospect, TN.



HOW TO RSVP! RSVP by emailing the church office at office@wpc-hsv.org or by signing up on the Blue Sheet by September 24.



Questions? Contact Josh Brown at 205-242-9707.

# **2025 Upcoming Events**

- September 27: Children's Lincoln Village Workday
- September 27: Men's i5 G3 Fellowship @ Floyd/Nelson Farm
- September 30: Women's Let's Talk Event
- October 17–19: Missions Conference
- March 27-28, 2026: Parenting Conference

# **Sunday School**

## College Age:

College – Respectable Sins: Jim Roberts – WCA 110 Cross Generational: Robert Benton – WPC Classroom 2

20s & 30s – As for Me and My House: Stephen St. John – WCA 104 40s & 50s – Being God's Steward: Stacy Murphree – WPC Library 60 & up – Respectable Sins: Eric Fulcher – WPC Classroom 1

BASIC BL 102 - Introduction to Systematic Theology: Cliff Smith - WPC

Commons

#### Youth And Children:

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	WCA 108
4-year-olds:	WCA 105	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:	WCA 210
Kindergarten:	WCA 100	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:	WCA 211
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade:	WCA 101	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:	WCA 207
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	WCA 102	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:	WCA 209
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	WCA 103	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	WCA 206

# **Sunday Servants**

	This Week: 9/21/25	Next Week: 9/28/25
Coffee Fellowship	Team Loutzenheizer	Paul D & Taylor B
Evening Prayer	Joe Crowhurst	Bill Emrich
Head Usher	David Knight	Logan Bryant
	AM: Francesca Finch, Laura Hall,	AM: Cameron Baird, Bethany Miller,
	Lauren Stingily, Jorden Grady,	Ema McFadden, Joelle Benton, Michelle
	David Perrin	Benton
Nursery	SS: Kyle Stingily	SS: Abigail Newell, Mary Sanford
	PM: Barbara Laflin, Richard Burley,	PM: Anna Bosma, Amelia & Penelope
	Tim & Sarah Laflin, Jennifer	Bosma, Katya Eberle, Amena Fox,
	Murphree, Titus Hupp	Emily Jordan
Sexton Counter	Monday Mbila	Josh Buhl
Sound Booth	AM: Eric Fulcher	AM: James Pearce
	PM: Christopher Thompson	PM: Michael Patterson

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are organized in age groupings to encourage relational connections among people experiencing similar life circumstances.

College Age	Respectable Sins This class, based on Jerry Bridges' book, helps us battle common sins	Jim Roberts Meets in WCA 110 School Building
20s and 30s	Biblical Parenting This class explores what the Bible teaches about marriage, family, and parenting	Stephen St John Meets in WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	Being God's Steward A study of what God's Word says about money and possessions	Stacy Murphree Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	Respectable Sins This class, based on Jerry Bridges' book, helps us battle common sins	Eric Fulcher Meets in WPC Room 1 Upstairs in the Church Building

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.

Cross Generational	1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra This is an in-depth study of these Old Testament history books.	Robert Benton Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	Systematic Theology 102 This is a seminary-lite class that focuses on the Doctrine of God, Man, and Christ.	Cliff Smith Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building



# **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



# September 21 – September 28, 2025

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

## Sunday, September 21, 2025

4:00 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

4:00 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

# Tuesday, September 23, 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 24, 2025

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 25, 2025

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

# Friday, September 26, 2025

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

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

# Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00 AM - Lincoln Village Children's Workday

1:30 PM - i5 Men's Kickoff Fellowship @ Floyd/Nelson farm

# Sunday, September 28, 2025

4:00 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

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