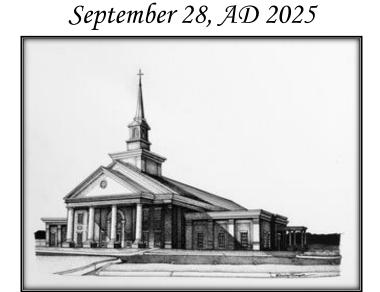
# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## "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

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (Vulpius, arr. J. Walther)

Adore and Be Still (Gounod, arr. L. Smith)

## Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me (Trinity Psalter Hymnal #22A, vv. 10, 11)

All ends of earth will turn to him, remembering the LORD, All fam'lies of the earth shall come and worship and adore. Dominion to the Lord belongs; he rules the nations well. The proud of all the earth will bow before him where he dwells.

All those whose souls descend to dust will fall before his throne; They cannot keep themselves alive, they rest on him alone. A seed shall serve him; future sons will hear about the Lord. His righteousness they will declare to people yet unborn

## † Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 139:14

Leader: The Lord is your God; exalt him; praise his name, for he has done wonderful things.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

† Hymn of Adoration

Father, Long before Creation

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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 #572

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

Deuteronomy 6:5-6, pg. 151

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

## **Corporate Confession of Sin**

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong, and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. Listen to the prayers of your servants and to our pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon us. We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear us and forgive us. Amen. (Adapted from Daniel 9:4-5, 17-19)

**Assurance of Pardon** 

Isaiah 1:18, pg. 566

**Old Testament Reading** 

Isaiah 53:8-12, pg. 613

**Recognition of Communicants** 

Davis Griffin William Palmer

† Psalm

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

#22D

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Majety and Glory of Your Name (Lyrics; LL Johnson, based on Psalm 8 Music; T. Fettke)

## Prayer for Illumination

## Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

"The Crucifixion"

John 19:13-22 pg. 905

† Hymn of Response When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #338

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Not I, But Christ (Holck, arr. Fettke)

## Father, Long before Creation



Chinese, ca. 1952 Tr. Francis P. Jones, 1953; alt. CORONAE 8.7.8.7.4.7. William H. Monk, 1871

#### The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear



## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M. Gregorian chant Arr. Lowell Mason, 1824

## Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra Time With God (G. Parker) God, Hear My Prayer O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly (Hymn #'s 61A and 63B) Welcome and Announcements † Call to Worship Psalm 141:1-2 Leader: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! All: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! **† Hymn of Adoration** All Creatures of Our God and King #248 † Invocation Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs Psalm of the Month As Thirsts the Hart for Water Brooks #42C † Hymn Blessed Jesus, at Your Word #271 **Confession of Faith** Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 32, pg. 943 **Prayer of Intercession** Mr. Bill Emrich **Offertory** Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly (T. Ken and J. Pasquet) Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Stephen St. John "Where I Will Meet With You" Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38; 37:25-29 pg. 70 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun † Hymn of Response #417 **Benediction** † Doxology #567 † Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

> Our God Will Go Before Us (Words and music by Boswell, Getty, and Papa)



#### As Thirsts the Hart for Water Brooks

#### **42C**



Partial *The Psalter*; 1912

BACA L.M.rep. William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



St. 1–3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; st. 4, anon., 1707 St. 1–3, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; st. 4, tr. anon. Alt. 1990; mod. LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8. Johann R. Ahle, 1664

## Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



<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, **October 1**, 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 **Marco's Pizza** 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.** 

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: As members of WPC, let's take the opportunity to honor and build up our faithful pastors and their wives with life-giving words of encouragement, prayers, and tangible acts of love. Be on the lookout for a Take-Them-A-Meal sign up from the Women's Ministry Team for each pastors' family, and stop by the table in the narthex for books & brochures related to supporting, honoring, and praying for our pastors as well as blank notecards for letters of encouragement. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord might be leading you to specifically bless our faithful pastors and their families during the month of October!

Mission Conference Meal Participants: 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.

<u>Lincoln Village Workday:</u> The Outreach Team is holding a church wide morning workday at Lincoln Village on <u>October 28 (date has been changed from the 11<sup>th</sup>)</u> at 8am to support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees will need to be prepared to do anything along the lines of cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. Please RSVP with Christopher Thompson at <u>Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday October 22, and let him know if you have any questions.

<u>Women's "Let's Talk" Event</u>: 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. If running isn't your thing and you still want to support HPRC they have numerous volunteer needs listed on their website <a href="https://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k">https://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k</a>.

**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.

## **2025 Upcoming Events**

- September 30: Women's Let's Talk Event
- 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: 9/28/25	Next Week: 10/5/25
Coffee Fellowship	Paul D & Taylor B	Mary S & Joanna P
Evening Prayer	Bill Emrich	Scott Lynn
Head Usher	Logan Bryant	Logan Bryant
	AM: Cameron Baird, Bethany	AM: Francesca Finch, Diana Perrin,
	Miller, Ema McFadden, Joelle	Angie Johnson, John McFadden, Raley
	Benton, Michelle Benton	Robey
Nursery	SS: Abigail Newell, Mary Sanford	SS: Monica Zylstra, Anna Diaz
	PM: Anna Bosma, Amelia &	PM: Kaitlyn Carl, Rachel & Sarah Buhl,
	Penelope Bosma, Katya Eberle,	Jim Roberts
	Amena Fox, Emily Jordan	
Sexton Counter	Josh Buhl	Craig Bosma
Sound Booth	AM: James Pearce	AM: Bradley Davis
	PM: Michael Patterson	PM: Bethany Miller

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



documentary is even better. Come hang with us, you won't want to miss this year's annual celebration!

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## <u>September 28 – October 5, 2025</u>

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

#### Sunday, September 28, 2025

4:00 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 30, 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 Women's Bible Study Lunch @ WPC
- 12:00 PM Men's Abraham Book study @ WPC
- 7:00 PM Women's "Let's Talk" Event @ WPC

#### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 10:00 AM Crown Club @ 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, October 2, 2025

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

#### Friday, October 3, 2025

- 6:30 AM Men's Hebrews Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study @ WPC

#### Sunday, October 5, 2025

- 4:30 PM Women's Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:30 PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting

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