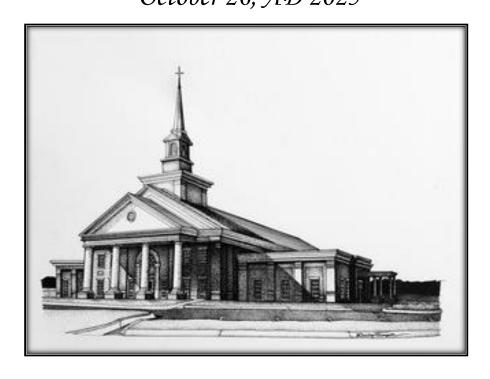
# WESTMINSTER

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH October 26, 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 AM – 4:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

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# Morning Worship

**Prelude** Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another (I John 4:6-8, Dale Grotenhuis)

All Praise to Him Kauflin, Merker)

Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

> One There Is, above All Others Trinity Psalter Hymnal #262 Lyrics: John Newton, 1779

Tune: Godesberg, Music: Heinrich Albert, 1643

One there is, above all others, well deserves the name of Friend; his is love beyond a brother's, costly, free, and knows no end. They who once his kindness prove find it everlasting love.

O for grace our hearts to soften! Teach us, Lord, at length to love; we, alas! forget too often what a Friend we have above: but when home our souls are brought, we will love you as we ought.

# † Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the

mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy

habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth

melts.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations

on the earth.

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow

and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

People: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted in the earth!"

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help

her when morning dawns.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† Hymn of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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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

Romans 1:18, pg. 939

# Silent Confession of Personal Sins

# Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, We confess and acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commandments without end or ceasing. Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended you, and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true

repentance, beseeching your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved to true repentance, and that dying to ourselves, we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and holiness pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From John Calvin, *Form of Prayers and Church Songs*)

**Assurance of Pardon** 

Romans 1:16-17, pg. 939

**Old Testament Reading** 

Deuteronomy 7:6-11, pg. 152

† Psalm

The Tender Love a Father Has

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Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Stephen St. John

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Fly Away

(Albert E. Brumley, arr. Jonathan Reid)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore, fly away, I'll fly away. By and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away, I'll fly away. By and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away, oh glory, fly away, in the morning. By and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away. By and by, hallelujah, when I die, hallelujah by and

by.

By and by, I'll fly away.

# Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Stephen St. John

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

"Let us Love"

1 John 4:7-12

pg. 1023

† Hymn of Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#465

† Benediction

† Doxology

#567

† Postlude

To Our Redeemer's Glorious Praise

(William Wheall)





Based on Psalm 46 Martin Luther, 1529 Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7. Martin Luther, 1529



Partial *The Psalter*, 1912

AVONDALE C.M. Charles H. Gabriel 1856–1932

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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# Evening Worship

**Prelude** Ms. Bertha Dykstra Hallelu, Hallelu Iesus Jesus, Friend of Little Children (Griffith and Bradbury) The Night Song (Buchanan, Robinson, Thompson) Welcome and Announcements † Call to Worship Proverbs 3:19-20 Leader: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew. All: † Hymn of Adoration Come, Christians, Join to Sing #379 † Invocation Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs † Hymn I Will Sing of My Redeemer #498 **Confession of Faith** Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 38, pg. 943 **Prayer of Intercession** Mr. Andy Ball Offertory Sursum Corda (Lift Your Hearts) (Boswell, Papa, Peterson, Shive) Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Duncan Cantrell "The "Other" Vestments" Exodus 31:1-11 pg. 71 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #196, vv. 1-2 † Communion Hymn 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 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #196, vv. 1&3 Benediction † Doxology #567

And Can It Be (Lyrics of hymn #431, D. Forrest)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

† Postlude

# 379 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



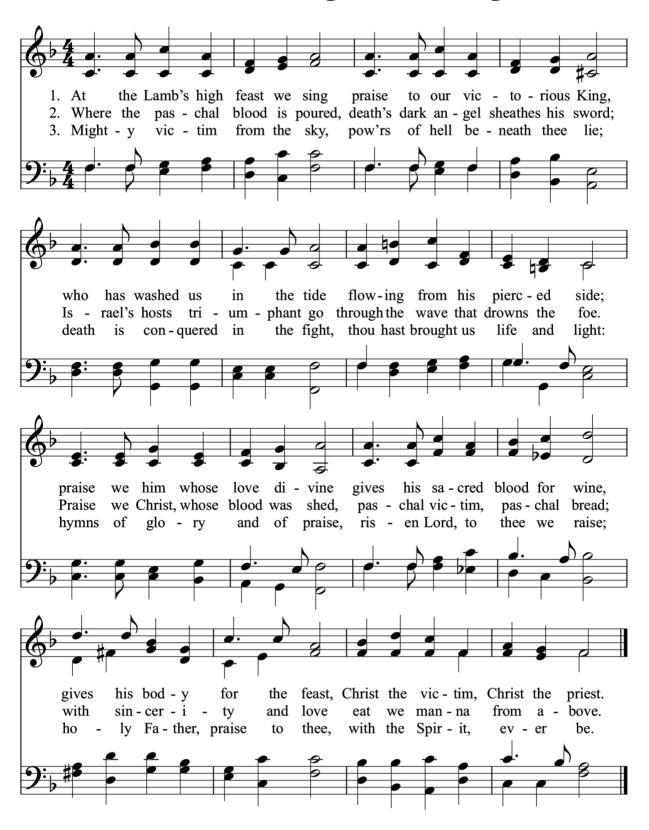
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# I Will Sing of My Redeemer



Philip P. Bliss, 1878

MY REDEEMER 8.7.8.7.ref. James McGranahan, 1840–1907; rev. 1956 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL



Latin hymn, 6th cent. Tr. Robert Campbell, 1849; alt. ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D. George J. Elvey, 1858 <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**

<u>Wednesday Evening Activities</u>: Make plans to join us Wednesday evening, **October 29**, 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.** All meals need to be ordered by Tuesdays 10AM.

2026 Faith Promise Giving To Missions: Westminster's missions' program is completely funded by your Faith Promise giving. Faith Promise is trusting God as you give, above and beyond your regular tithes, toward the ministry of our missionaries in furthering the spread of the Gospel across the globe. Faith Promise is sacrificial giving. It is giving through an abundance of joy and wealth of generosity according to your means and beyond your means (II Corinthians 8:2–3). Faith Promise giving will foster a more direct and personal connection between you and our missionaries as you take an integral part in their ministry. To this end, if you are willing to turn in a Faith Promise Pledge card (on the table in the narthex) or pledge online through your Realm account, we would be grateful. While we are thankful for those who give and do not pledge out of conviction, letting us know of your intent helps us make missions budgeting decisions more accurately. Our goal this year is \$200,000.

Church Planting in Madison: The Session invites any who may be interested to attend a meeting on November 9, with pastor Nathan White. Nathan is planting Good Shepherd PCA in the west Madison/east Limestone area (think County Line Road south of Hwy. 72). Good Shepherd is in need of additional maturing saints who could be a vital part of expanding the church. There is, of course, no obligation associated with attending the meeting, but we desire to see this church, and all our churches, thrive and grow. This brief meeting will be held after Sunday School (about 12:10pm) in the Commons (upstairs). Donuts and juice will be provided! Please check out the Good Shepherd website, <a href="https://www.goodshepherdal.org/">https://www.goodshepherdal.org/</a>, for more information about the church.

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. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord might be leading you to specifically bless our faithful pastors and their families.!

Foster Care & Adoption Support Group: The Outreach Ministry Team is conducting a survey to see if there is a need and a desire to host a bi-monthly support group for those currently or looking to foster, for those who have or are looking to adopt, and for those who themselves have been in foster care or adopted. The purpose of the group would include fellowship, support, and formal training from experienced people, counselors and social workers. In order for this group to function we will also need volunteers to support it in a variety of ways: childcare, food, communication, set-

up/clean-up, prayer, etc... If you are interested in either option, please sign up on your Realm account, fill out the blue sheet or contact Pastor Duncan.

<u>Calling all ladies</u>: Join us for a baby sprinkle honoring Francesca Finch, Alex Parker, and Chloe Littlehailes on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons. What's a "Sprinkle"? It's how we celebrate our covenant babies past the first-born since every baby is celebrated & prayed over! Light snacks will be provided, and you can come and go as needed. This is a diapers and wipes event, so please sign up to bring something via the signup in the event on Realm (the signup can also be accessed in the *Westminster Weekly* Thursday email.)

<u>Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast:</u> All ladies college-aged and up are invited to enjoy this time of fellowship, feasting, and festive fun at WPC from 9-11am on December 6! Registration opens November 2, if interested please sign up at the table in the Narthex by November 30. There is a \$5 registration fee and scholarships are available! Please contact Jessica Nuckols with any questions (nuckols.jess@gmail.com).

**Carol Sing**: Come sing carols with us for the residents of Regency Retirement! December 11. Please meet in front of the short building at 4:45pm to start singing at 5. Be prepared that we may be walking through the halls with our music this time! Contact Jacqueline Bryant for any questions and to RSVP.

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 \$200,000, 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**

- November 13: Young Adult Friendsgiving
- November 15: Baby Sprinkle @ WPC
- December 11: Carol Sing @ Regency
- December 15: Family Tinsel Trail Fellowship @ 6 pm
- January 30-February 1: Men's Retreat
- March 27-28, 2026: Parenting Conference

Sunday School for 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
1st 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: 10/26/25	Next Week: 11/2/25
Coffee Fellowship	Team Eno	Amy Hatton
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Andy Ball	Chester Replogle
Head Usher	Rick Holifield	Brian Sprow
	AM: Sarah Catherine	AM: Stephanie Bryant, Ella
	Lauderdale, Mary Lou	Carnes Gunn, Nancy
Nursery	Cantrell, Karen Replogle,	Oberheide, Leanne Brackin,
	Wendy Pearce, Deb	Seth Schmidt, Beth Schmidt
	McFadden, Beverly Parker	SS: Jacob Knowles, Scott
	SS: Mary Sanford, Tracey	Thibault
	Zumbach, Allen Zumbach	PM: Sydney Knight, Angela
	PM: Robin Roberts, Richard	Boyd, LJ Wilson. Pat Corder,
	Burley, Amy Ward, April	Annie Padgett
	Stegman, Hannah Smith	
Sexton Counter	Art McKinney	Paul Galloway
Sound Booth	AM: Jacqueline Bryant	AM: Eric Fulcher
	PM: Michael Patterson	PM: Christopher Thompson

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 Generatio nal	1 and 2 Chronicles, Esther 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





# October 26 - November 2, 2025

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

## Sunday, October 26, 2025

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

# Tuesday, October 28, 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, October 29, 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, October 30, 2025

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

## Friday, October 31, 2025

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

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