WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 9, 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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (Lyrics of hymn #492, music by C. Bowater)

All Hail the Power Medley (Hymn #'s 374, 375, arr. D. Bolks)

Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

Jehovah is My Light and My Salvation
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #27B, vv. 3, 6
Lyrics: The Psalter, 1912 and Trinity Psalter, 2000
Tune: Millenium, Traditional English, 1826

My one request has been, and still this pray'r I raise, that I may dwell within God's house through all my days, Jehovah's beauty to admire, and in his temple to inquire.

O hear me when I cry, and answer me in grace! You, LORD, to me have said, "Inquire and seek my face." My heart in glad response will speak, "Your face, O LORD, my heart will seek."

† Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-4; Psalm 28:7

Leader: Come and bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

† Hymn of Adoration

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#403

† 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

Isaiah 59:12-13, pg. 619

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are vile, wretched, miserable, and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you; break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Show us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. We have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, yet we daily violate its precepts. Your loving Spirit strives within us, brings us warnings from Scripture, speaks to us in startling providences, yet we choose devices and desires to our own hurt. We often resent, grieve, and provoke the Holy Spirit. All these sins we mourn, lament, and now cry for pardon. Please work in us more profound and abiding repentance. Give us the fullness of godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves. Through tears of repentance, may we see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:19-20 pg. 983

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 21:22-23, pg. 164

† Psalm

What Blessedness Belongs to Him

#32A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth (Folliott Pierpont, arr. John Rutter)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night; hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Prayer for Illumination

† Hymn of Response

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

"John's True Testimony"

John 19:31-37

There Is a Fountain Filled with

Blood

#340

† Benediction

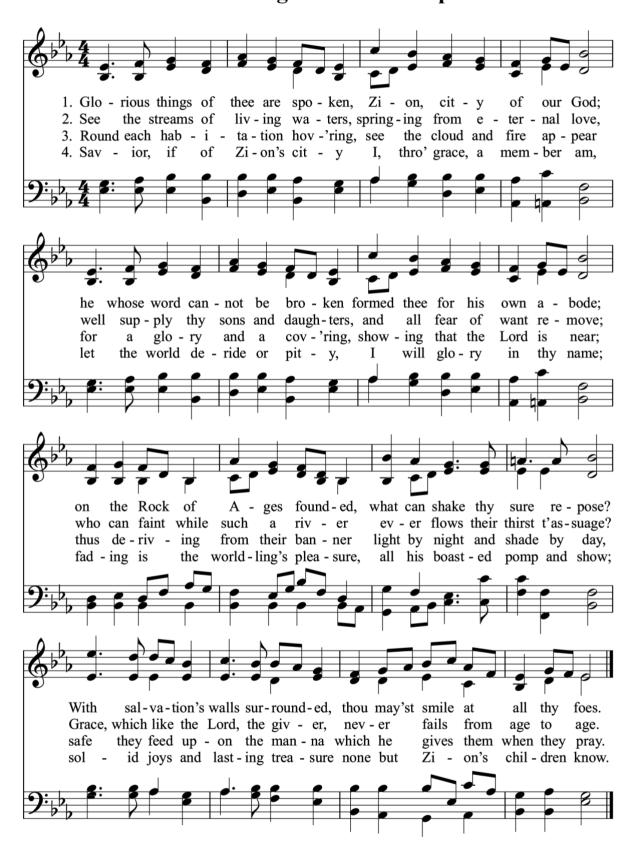
† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

F# Minor (J. Bernards)

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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



32A What Blessedness Belongs to Him



The Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.

RESIGNATION C.M.D. William Walker, *The Southern Harmony,* 1835 Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986 © 1986 Dale Grotenhuis

340 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Fountain Medley (Hymn #'s 429, 340, arr. P. Rodriguez)

And Can it Be?

(Lyrics of hymn #431, Music by D. Forrest)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Psalm 106:1,6,19,23,45,47-48

Leader: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for

his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we

have done wickedness.

Leader: They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image.

People: Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen

one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from

destroying them.

Leader: For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented

according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

People: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that

we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to

everlasting! And let all the people say,

People: "Amen!" Praise the Lord!

† Hymn of Adoration Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#216

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month

#131A

† Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

#234

Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 40, pg. 944

Prayer of Intercession Scott Lynn

Offertory

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

(Words and music by Boswell, Getty, Kauflin, Merker, Papa)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Stephen St. John

"I Have Promised"

Exodus 32:1-4

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#429

pg. 71

Benediction

† Hymn of Response

† Doxology † Postlude #567

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Jesus, With Thy Church Abide (Hymn #406)

216 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



131A

My Heart Is Not Exalted



OPC/URCNA 2016 © 2018 Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN C.M.rep. Nikolaus Herman, 1554 Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, ca. 1738, in Cantata 151



- 5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace. On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
- 6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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

Wednesday Evening Activities: Make plans to join us Wednesday evening, November 12 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 LawLer's BBQ 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. Meals need to be ordered by Tuesdays 10AM.

2026 Faith Promise Giving To Missions: While Westminster's General Fund is used to support missions giving to campus ministry and church planting, the rest of our missions' program is 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). Such "freewill" offerings are mentioned frequently in the Bible. One such place is Psalm 54:6-7. There David writes, "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." 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 and able to give in this. 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 today, 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, https://www.goodshepherdal.org/, for more information about the church.

Final Lincoln Village Workday and Celebration: The Outreach Team is holding its final church wide morning workday for the year at Lincoln Village on November 22 at 8am. This workday will 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. To celebrate our year of work at Lincoln, we will plan on walking over to L'Etoile Patisserie afterwards to have a pastry and enjoy some fellowship. Please RSVP with Christopher Thompson at Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com by Wednesday November 19, and let him know if you have any questions.

Young Adult Friendsgiving: The family is invited to the home of Peter and Grayson Schmidt on November 13 at 5pm for our annual WPC YA Friendsgiving! The Friendsgiving Ham will be provided so bring your favorite Thanksgiving side to share! Sign up with Pastor Duncan or on Realm.

<u>Calling all ladies</u>: Join us for a baby sprinkle honoring Francesca Finch, Alex Parker, and Chloe Littlehailes on Saturday, November 15, at 2:00p.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>College Care Packages</u>: We are collecting items to stuff into care packages for our college students! Gum, hot chocolate, protein bars, oatmeal, mints, etc... If you would like to donate please give the items to Pastor Duncan or Mary Katherine Keel by November 19. **Parents**, if your college student will not be home for Thanksgiving break please make sure we have their mailing address!

<u>Caroling with the Outreach Team on December 4:</u> Come carol with us! We will be driving to the homes of some of our members who are unable to join us regularly. Dress warm, bring flashlights, and meet at the church parking lot at 5pm. Sign up with Pastor Duncan or on Realm.

<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! Contact Jessica Nuckols with any questions (<u>nuckols.jess@gmail.com</u>).

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.

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.

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 \$187,000, 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

2025 Upcoming Events

- November 13: Young Adult Friendsgiving
- November 15: Baby Sprinkle @ WPC
- December 4: Outreach Team Caroling
- December 6: Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast
- 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 th Grade:	WCA 108
4-year-olds:	WCA 105	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA 210
Kindergarten:	WCA 100	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA 211
1st Grade:	WCA 101	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA 207
2 nd Grade:	WCA 102	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA 209
3rd Grade:	WCA 103	9 th – 12 th Grade:	WCA 206

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 11/9/25	Next Week: 11/16/25
Coffee Fellowship	Team Loutzenheizer	Mary S & Joanna P
Evening Prayer	Scott Lynn	Eric Fulcher
Head Usher	Josh Brown	Jordan Bush
	AM: April Stegman, Micah	AM: Jessica Nuckols, Laura
	Keel, Amy Hatton, Caroline	Hall, Lauren Stingily, Jorden
	Floyd, Suzanne Morcomb,	Grady, David Perrin
	Becky McDaniel	SS: Kyle Stingily
Nursery	SS: Tiina Parlas, Stephanie	PM: Barbara Laflin, Richard
	Lares	Burley, Tim & Sarah Laflin,
	PM: Bethany Firth, Francesca	Jennifer Murphree, Laura
	Finch, Nat Causey, Izy Brady,	Patterson
	Tia Lambert	
Sexton Counter	John Kirkwood	Christopher Thompson
Sound Booth	AM: Bradley Davis	AM: Jacqueline Bryant
	PM: Bethany Miller	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 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





November 9 – November 16, 2025

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025

4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Veterans Day - Office Closed

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, November 12, 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

Saturday, November 13, 2025

5:00 PM - Young Adult Friendsgiving @ The Schmidt's

Friday, November 14, 2025

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

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

Saturday, November 15, 2025

2:00 PM - Baby Sprinkle @ WPC

Sunday, November 16, 2025

12:00 PM - Youth - Operation Christmas Child Packing @ WPC

4:30 PM - Missions Ministry Team Meeting

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