# WESTMINSTER

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 16, 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn #157, arr. Berry)

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn #456)

Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth
#249 Trinity Psalter, vs. 1,4,5
Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864 alt.

Tune: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, Arr. William H. Monk, 1861

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful 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 hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

#### † Call to Worship

Psalm 5:2; 16:1-2

Leader: Lift up your voice and cry out to your King and your God, and to him offer your prayers.

All: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord."

† Hymn of Adoration Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

#238

† 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

Hosea 14:1-2, pg. 759

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

### Corporate Confession of Sin

O LORD, we confess that we have often kept silent about our sin, causing our bones to waste away through groaning all day long. Our silence regarding sin has caused your hand to be heavy upon us, and our strength to be dried up as by the heat of summer. Please grant us grace to acknowledge our sin to you, and not to cover our iniquity. Help us to confess our transgressions to you, knowing that in Christ, you forgive the iniquity of our sin. We boldly claim your promise: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Amen. (Adapted from Psalm 32)

Assurance of Pardon
Old Testament Reading
The Sacrament of Baptism

Romans 3:23-24, pg. 941 Isaiah 53:7-9 pg. 614

Mr. Joe Steele

Audrey Mae Robey
Covenant Child of Richard and Raley Robey

Elijah Karl Zurmuehlen Covenant Child of Kyle and Faith Zurmuehlen

Maria Josephine Wilson Covenant Child of Zane and Laura Jean Wilson

## Noah Patrick Pizzari Covenant Child of Mike and Ashely Pizzari

Oliver Richard Littlehailes

Chloe Ann Littlehailes

Samson Keller Littlehailes

Covenant Child of Oliver and Chloe Littlehailes

† Psalm Prais

Praise God, O Servants of the Lord #113B

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

(T. Dorsey)

Children of the Heavenly Father

(Hymn #257, arr. A. L. Page)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

pg. 906

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"From Concealment to Courage"

John 19:38-42

† Hymn of Response What Wondrous Love Is This #343

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*D Major* (Ch. H. Rinck)

### 238 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee



### 113B Praise God, O Servants of the Lord



The Psalter, 1912; alt.

ANDRE 8.8.8.8. William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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#### What Wondrous Love Is This



## Evening Worship

**Prelude** Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Am I a Solder of the Cross Jesus, Master, Whose I Am (Hymn #'s 539, 537)

Soldiers of Christ, Arise (Hymn #540, arr. Tornquist)

#### Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Hosea 2:14,16 & Song of Songs 2:4

Leader: Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the

wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

People: And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and

no longer will you call me 'My Baal.'

All: He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was

love.

**† Psalm of Adoration** Come, Bless the Lord with One Accord #134

† Invocation

#### Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

† Hymn And Can It Be That I Should Gain #431

**Confession of Faith** 

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 41, pg. 944

**Prayer of Intercession** 

Eric Fulcher

**Offertory** 

Will You Come and Follow Me

(Traditional Scottish tune, arr. C. E. Walz)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

"A Shattered Covenant"

Exodus 32:15-35

#198, vv. 1-2

pg. 72

† Communion Hymn

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

#### 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 Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

#198, vv. 3-4

Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O Praise the Lord, for He is Good (Lyrics from hymn #106B, tune: St. Flavian, J. Clark)

Notes

## Come, Bless the LORD with One Accord 134



Lambertus J. Lamberts, 1928; alt.

GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M. Genevan Psalter, 1551

#### 431 And Can It Be That I Should Gain







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**

Thanksgiving Service & Meal: We will have a Season of Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 19 from 5:30 – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Following the service, we will serve a soup meal in the Narthex for our final Wednesday Night Meal of 2025. There will be dairy-free and gluten-free options. The cost of the meal is \$6 per person with a \$24 family cap. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Blue Sheet today (no late sign-ups). We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship as we approach the holidays.

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. 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.

**PCA CDM Women's Love Gift**: Each year the PCA's Committee on Discipleship Ministries collects a special offering from churches that goes towards supporting the wives of elders by providing counseling, training, and encouragement so that they can be equipped as they care for their church and their spouse. Westminster will be collecting this offering during the evening service on Nov. 30. Please prayerfully consider giving to this Love Gift and pray that these gifts would be used to encourage our elders' wives and, ultimately, to glorify the Lord. For more information, flyers can be found at the welcome table in the narthex.

<u>International Student Ministry Opportunity</u>: Each year, InFOCUS, a ministry whose purpose is to show the love of Christ to students who have different cultural and religious backgrounds, works to connect international students from UAH with families for Thanksgiving. If you are interested in hosting one or more international students this Thanksgiving, please send an e-mail to Harold Bryer at <a href="mailto:sheprest@hotmail.com">sheprest@hotmail.com</a>! If you would like more information, you can contact Seth Waldecker at <a href="mailto:seth@paradigms.net">seth@paradigms.net</a>.

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 plan on walking over to L'Etoile Patisserie afterwards to have a pastry and enjoy some fellowship. Please RSVP to Christopher Thompson at <a href="mailto:Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com">Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com</a> by Wednesday November 19, and let him know if you have any questions.

<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.

Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast: 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 is open. 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 (nuckols.jess@gmail.com).

40's & 50's Pot Providence: Join us in the WCA Cafeteria after Sunday School on Sunday, December 7, for a time of lunch and fellowship together! Bring a dish to share and enjoy connecting with others in this wonderful season of life. Use the QR code to sign up: For more information, please contact Pastor St. John.



**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.

**ROOTS**: Students- It's time for ROOTS RETREAT! Providence Presbytery's annual winter youth retreat will take place at Camp ToKnowHim in Pisgah, Alabama from January 23-25, 2026! Cost is \$145/person. Scholarships are available. Scan the QR code to sign up. Talk to Mark or Mary Katherine for more information.



**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 November is Staff 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 \$112,000, 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**

- December 4: Outreach Team Caroling
- December 6: Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast
- December 11: Carol Sing @ Regency
- December 12: Young Adult Christmas Party @ 6pm
- December 15: Family Tinsel Trail Fellowship @ 6 pm
- December 17: College & Career Christmas Party @ 6pm
- December 21: Lessons & Carols
- 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: 11/16/25	Next Week: 11/23/25
Coffee Fellowship	Mary S & Joanna P	Team Cochrane
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Eric Fulcher	Allen Zumbach
Head Usher	Jordan Bush	Walker Thames
Nursery	AM: Jessica Nuckols, Laura Hall, Lauren Stingily, Jorden Grady, David Perrin SS: Kyle Stingily PM: Barbara Laflin, Richard Burley, Tim & Sarah Laflin, Jennifer Murphree, Laura Patterson	AM: Cameron Baird, Bethany Miller, Emma McFadden, Joelle Benton, Michelle Benton SS: Abigail Newell, Mary Sanford PM: Anna Bosma, Amelia & Penelope Bosma, Katya Eberle, Amena Fox, Emily
Sexton Counter	Christopher Thompson	Jordan Paul Galloway
Sound Booth	AM: Jacqueline Bryant	AM: James Pearce
	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 Generational	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 16 – November 23, 2025

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

#### Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

4:30 PM - Missions Ministry Team Meeting

#### Tuesday, November 18, 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, November 19, 2025

10:00 AM - Crown Club @ WPC

5:30 PM - Thanksgiving Service & Meal @ WPC

#### Friday, November 21, 2025

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

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

#### Saturday, November 22, 2025

8:00 AM - Lincoln Village Workday & Celebration

#### Sunday, November 23, 2025

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

7:00 PM - Christmas Decorating

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#### **Ruling Elders:**

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