WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 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.

Guest WIFI Password: matthew633 † *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Advent Prayer (Giamanco)

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People (Hymn #298, arr. Shackley)

Welcome and Announcements Preparation for Worship

> Now Thank We All Our God #181 Trinity Psalter, v1 & 3 Text: Martin Rinkart, 1636 Tune: NUN DANKET, Johann Crüger, 1647

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

† Call to Worship

Matthew 2:6; 1 Timothy 3:16

Leader: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

All: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

† Hymn of Adoration Angels, fr † Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#313

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

Psalm 139:23-24, pg. 522

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4, pg. 518

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7, pg. 573

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Joe Steele

Pierce Aaron Finch

Covenant Child of Aaron and Francesca Finch

† Psalm

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

#127A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Thanks Be to Thee (S. Ochs)

Prayer for Illumination
Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

"The Benedictus"

Luke 1:67-75 pg. 856

† Hymn of Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor #324

Response

† Benediction

† Doxology #567

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes (Haweis, rev. Webbe, Jr.)

Notes



James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1867

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

127A



324 Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor



Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra Tell Me the Story of Jesus (Sweney) Consider Well (Hymn #290) I Will Extol You, O My God (Psalm 145C, arr. Birchwood) Welcome and Announcements † Call to Worship Psalm 103:1,8-12,2 Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! People: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Leader: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; People: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, † Hymn of Adoration #236 To God Be the Glory † Invocation Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs Hymn of Advent All My Heart This Night rejoices #307 † Hymn #314 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 43, pg. 944 **Prayer of Intercession** Mr. Aaron Finch **Offertory** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Hymn #292, arr. S. L. Blaker) Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Jim Roberts "Advent and John 3:16 – The Danger of Perishing"

† Hymn of Response Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #300

John 3:16; Luke 16:19-31

pg. 888

† Doxology † Postlude #567 Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Now Blessed Be Jehovah God (Hymn #564)

Notes



307 All My Heart This Night Rejoices



- Come, then, banish all your sadness, one and all, great and small; come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing; hail the star, near and far light and joy bestowing.
- 7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.

 Though my breath fail in death, yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever there on high, in that joy which can vanish never.



this day is born a Sav ior of a pure vir - gin bright, and feed left their flocks a ing, tem - pest, storm, and wind, in

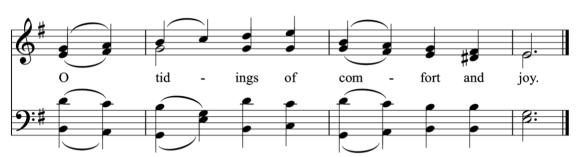


all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone to save us stray; that in Beth-le-hem was born the Son of God by how name, him from might." free all those who trust in Sa - tan's pow'r and and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.









English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.7.6.8.6.ref. English melody, 18th cent.

300

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744 St. 2–3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978 HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D. Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1830

<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

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 to support the wives of elders by providing counseling, training, and encouragement so they can be equipped as they care for their church and their spouse. Westminster will be collecting this offering tonight. 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 are available at the welcome table in the narthex.

Adopt A Missionary: See Blue sheet for more information and to sign up.

<u>Crown Club Christmas Luncheon:</u> The Crown Club will be having a Christmas Luncheon on December 3, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the WPC Commons.

<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 5 pm. 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 9-11 am 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 get in touch with Pastor St. John.



<u>Carol Sing</u>: Sing carols with us for the residents of Regency Retirement! December 11. Please meet in front of the short building at 4:45 pm 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.

<u>Women's Spring Bible Studies</u>: Ladies, join us this spring as we study God's Word and fellowship together! Even if you did not participate in a bible study this fall, we would love for you to join us next semester for one of our four studies:

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am, studying Colossians, begins Jan. 6.

Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, studying The Sermon on the Mount, begins Jan. 14. Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm (1st and 3rd Thurs of the month), studying Romans, begins Jan. 15. Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am, studying Colossians, begins Jan. 9. (Nursery is available but limited.) If you are new to a study and wish to register, please email Kristen

Thompson, <u>kristen.thompson@wpc-hsv.org</u>. For more information, flyers are available at the welcome table.

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 each month for parents, students, and anyone interested in learning. The book theme for November is Staff Favorites. This table is in the narthex near the nursery area. Donations of any selected books are appreciated.

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 \$99,000, 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 3: Crown Club Christmas Luncheon
- December 4: Outreach Team Caroling
- December 6: Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast
- December 11: Carol Sing @ Regency
- December 12: Young Adult Christmas Party @ 6 pm
- December 15: Family Tinsel Trail Fellowship @ 6 pm
- December 17: College & Career Christmas Party @ 6 pm
- 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 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
3 rd Grade:	WCA 103	9 th – 12 th Grade:	WCA 206

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 11/30/25	Next Week: 12/7/25
Coffee Fellowship	Jan Parsons	Team Eno
Evening Prayer	Aaron Finch	Nat Causey
Head Usher	Josh Buhl	Alex Lauderdale
	AM: Stephanie Bryant, Cassady	AM: Stephanie Bryant, Diana
	Robey, Kevin Carl,	Perrin, Angie Johnson, John
	SS: Mary Sanford, Keith &	McFadden, Raley Robey
Nursery	Barbara White	SS: Monica Zylstra, Anna
Nuiscry	PM: Sydney Knight, Katya	Diaz
	Eberle, Richard Burley, Walker	PM: Kaitlyn Carl, Rachel &
	Thames, Elizabeth Davis	Sarah Buhl, Jim Roberts
Sexton Counter	Josh Brown	Logan Bryant
Sound Booth	AM: Keith White	AM: Scott Paulson
	PM: Eric Fulcher	PM: Keith White

December Special Church Events CHURCH

December 21, 9:30 am - Lessons and Carols Service

December 21, 11 am - Lessons & Carols Fellowship Brunch

December 24, 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight service

December 23 - January 1 - Church Office Closed. Merry Christmas And Happy New Year.

CHOIR & CHORUS

December 3, 10, 17, 6:15-7:45 pm - Christmas Choir Practice (7:30-7:45 is open practice for all congregants and choir members who plan to join the Hallelujah Chorus at Lessons & Carols)

December 7, 14, 4:30-5:30 pm - Orchestra Practice

December 17, 4:45 pm - Choir & Orchestra Christmas Dinner

December 20, 9 am-12 pm - Special Lessons & Carols rehearsal (choir & orchestra)

OUTREACH

December 4, 5:30 pm - Carpool Caroling to our members

December 11, 4:45 pm - Christmas Caroling @ Regency Retirement

CROWN CLUB

December 3, 11:30 am - Crown Club Christmas Luncheon

LADIES'

December 6, 9:00 am - Ladies' Annual Christmas Breakfast

COLLEGE & CAREER

December 17, 6:00 pm - Christmas Party at the Robert's

YOUNG ADULT

December 12, 6:00 pm - Christmas Party at the Knight's

YOUTH

December 13 - 5th-6th grade Christmas Breakfast at the Ballard's

December 13 - 7th-8th grade Christmas Party at the Floyd's

December 20 - 9th-12th grade Progressive Dinner

KIDS

December 14 - Last Sunday School of 2025

December 15, 6:00 pm - Family Tinsel Trail



NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES - STARTING DEC 7

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	Surviving Religion 101 Study through Michael Kruger's book to strengthen your faith in a skeptical world.	Duncan Cantrell Meets in WCA 110 School Building
20s and 30s	Beyond Me: Stepping Into the Heart of God's Global Story. Look beyond yourself to God's heart for the nations and the world.	Jim Roberts Meets in WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	Christian, What do you Believe? A study of the biblical and theological realities in the Apostles Creed.	Stephen St John Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	Teach us to Pray Learn from the Lord's Prayer, and other Bible prayers, through study and practice.	Stacy Murphree 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	The Gospel According to John This is an in-depth study of the Gospel According to John.	Andy Ball Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	Pauline Epistles: NT 102 This course will provide an overview of Paul's writings and theology.	Roy McDaniel Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building



November 30 - December 7, 2025

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

Sunday, November 30, 2025

12:15 PM - Japan short-term Team meeting in Commons

4:30 PM - Orchestra Practice - Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 AM - Men's 'Holiness' Book Study @ WPC

7:00 AM - Men's 'The Reason for God' Book Study @ Blue Plate Café

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

10:00 AM - Crown Club @ WPC

6:15 PM - Christmas Choir Practice

7:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, December 4, 2025

5:00 PM - Caroling for shut-ins

Friday, December 5, 2025

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

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00 AM - Women's Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 7, 2025

12:15 PM - 40s-50s Fellowship Lunch in Commons

4:30 PM - Orchestra Practice - Sanctuary

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)