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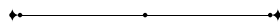
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*January 4, AD 2026*



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF  
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

*- ISAIAH 40:8 -*



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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

## *Morning Worship*

**Prelude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*Give Me Jesus*

(American spiritual, arr. M. Hayes)

*Lead Me, Lord*

(Hymn #529, arr. Thygerson)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship**

*At the Name of Jesus*

TPH #270, verses 1,2,5

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870 alt.

Tune: King's Weston. Ralph Vaughn Williams 1872-1958

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angels faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with this Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

**† Call to Worship**

Hosea 6:1,3

**Leader: Come, let us return to the Lord; let us know; let us press on to the know the Lord;**

All: for his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

**† Hymn of Adoration**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

#245

**† 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

Psalm 106:6-7, pg. 505

## Silent Confession of Personal Sins

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, like our forefathers, we have not obeyed your commandments but have sinned against your rules. We have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks, often refusing to obey you. Nor have we been mindful of the wonders you have performed. Nevertheless, we thank you that in your great mercies through Jesus Christ, you have not made an end of us, or forsaken us, for you are a gracious and merciful God. Amen. (Adapted from Nehemiah 9:17, 29-31)

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 106:44-45, pg. 506

## Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 4:20-27, pg. 530

## † Psalm

*Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!*

#130A

## Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
(Hymn #525, arr. R. Lau)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Proclamation of the Word of God**

Mr. Joe Steele

“Walk in Wisdom”

Ephesians 5:15-17

pg. 978

**† Communion Hymn**

*A Few More Years Shall Roll*

vv. 1-2, In Bulletin

**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**

*A Few More Years Shall Roll*

vv. 3-4, In Bulletin

**† Benediction**

**† Doxology**

#567

**† Postlude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

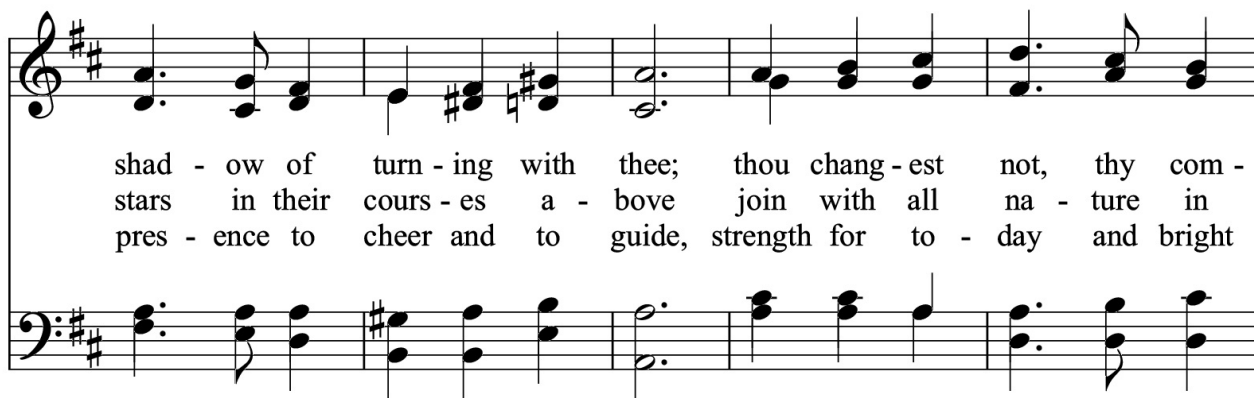
*There Is a Higher Throne*

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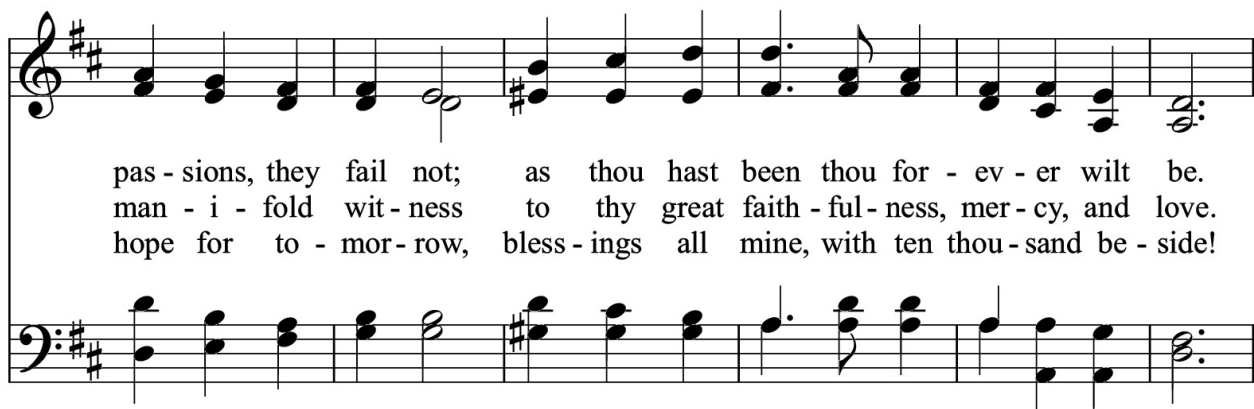
## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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William M. Runyan, 1923

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# 130A LORD, from the Depths to You I Cry!

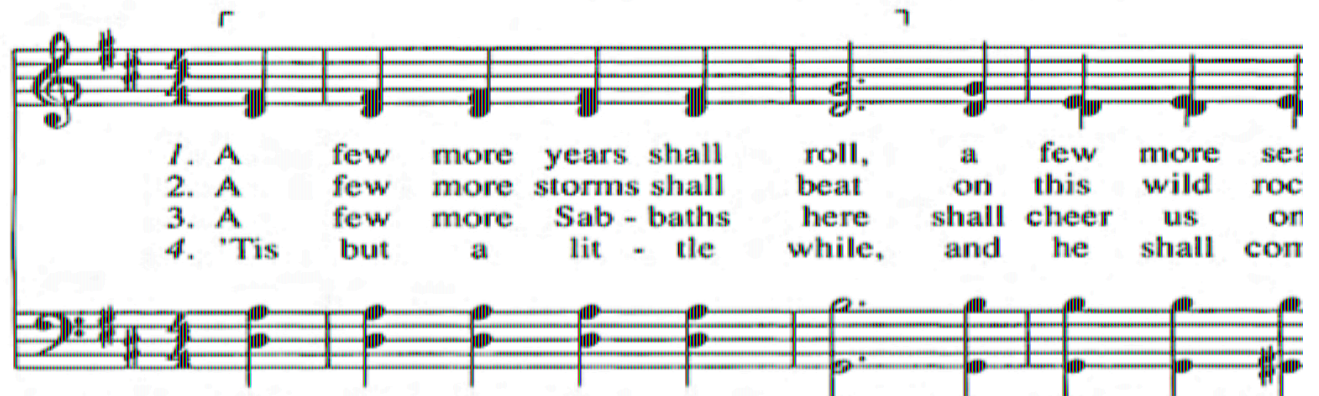
1. <sup>1</sup>LORD, from the depths to you I cry!  
 2. <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark our sins,  
 3. <sup>5</sup>I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;  
 4. <sup>7</sup>O Is - r'el, hope in God the LORD,

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, to me give ear and give at - ten - tion  
 then who, O Lord, could stand? <sup>4</sup>But par - don can be  
 my hope is in his word. <sup>6</sup>Yes, more than watch - men  
 for mer - cy is with him; <sup>8</sup>with great re - demp - tion

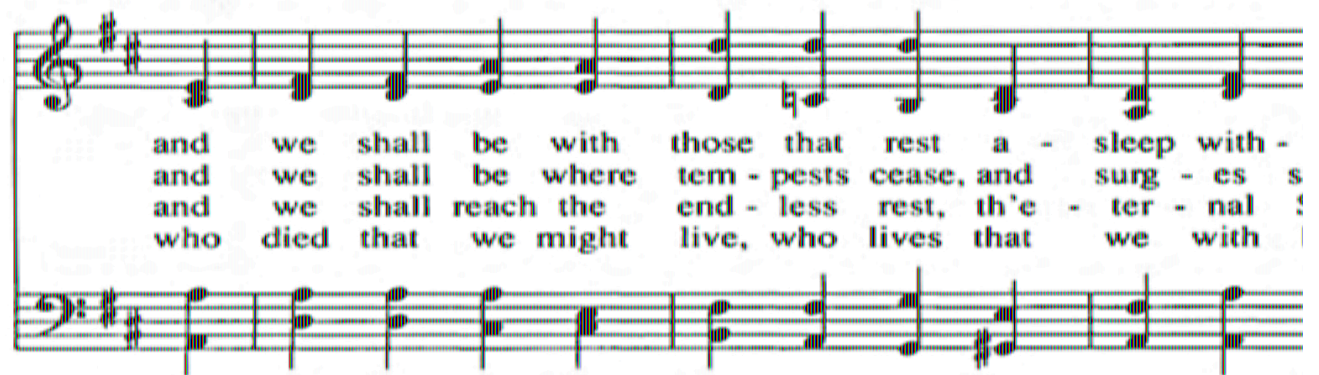
to my voice; my cry for mer - cy hear.  
 found with you that you may fear com - mand.  
 wait for dawn, my soul a - waits the Lord.  
 he will save his Is - r'el from all sin.

# A Few More Years Shall Roll

*My days are like the evening shadow. Ps. 102:11*



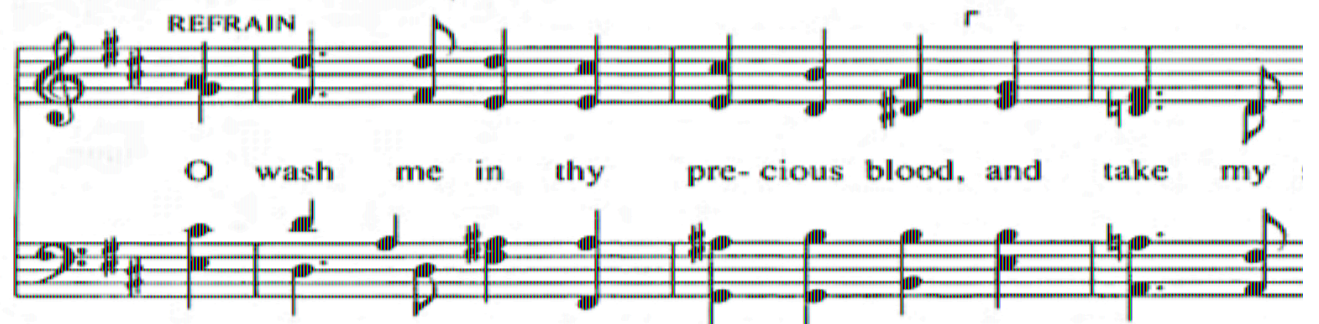
1. A few more years shall roll, a few more sea-  
2. A few more storms shall beat on this wild roc-  
3. A few more Sab-baths here shall cheer us on  
4. 'Tis but a lit-tle while, and he shall con-



and we shall be with those that rest a-sleep with-  
and we shall be where tem-pests cease, and surg-es s  
and we shall reach the end-less rest, th'e-ter-nal !  
who died that we might live, who lives that we with



then, O my Lord, pre-pare my soul for that  
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REFRAIN

O wash me in thy pre-cious blood, and take my



## *Evening Worship*

### **Prelude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*  
(P. Smith, arr. M. Cox)

*Another Year is Dawning*  
(Hymn #555, arr. G. Andrews)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **† Call to Worship**

Hebrews 10:19-22

**Leader:** Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of  
Jesus

**People:** By the new and living way that he opened for us through his flesh

**Leader:** And since we have a great high priest over the house of God

**All:** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith

**† Hymn of Adoration**      *Let us Love and Sin and Wonder*      #286

#### **† Invocation**

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

Psalm of The Month      *Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*      #34C

† Hymn      *Abide with Me*      #159

**Confession of Faith**      Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 47, pg. 944

**Prayer of Intercession**      Mr. John A. Davis

#### **Offertory**

*Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me*  
(Farren, Robinson, and Thompson)

**Proclamation of the Word of God**      Mr. Roy McDaniel

“Sin, Repentance, and Mediation”

Exodus 33:1-17      pg. 73

**† Hymn of Response**      *Before the Throne of God Above*      #277

**† Doxology**      #567

**† Postlude**      Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*My Labor is Not In Vain*  
(Farren, Robinson, Thompson, and Tranter)

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



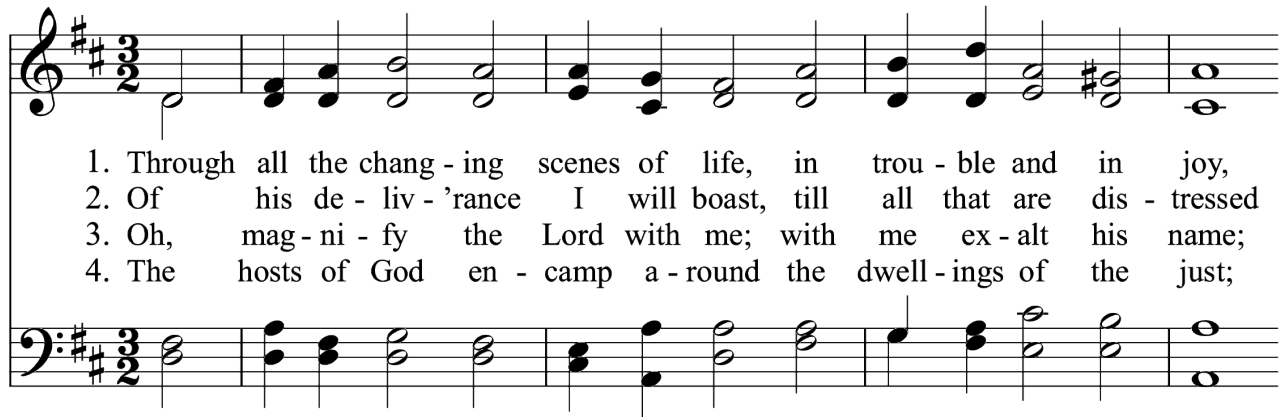
He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:  
 called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:  
 when thro' grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:




he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.  
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.  
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.  
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.  
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



# 34C Through All the Changing Scenes of Life



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble and in joy,  
 2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that are dis - tressed  
 3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with me ex - alt his name;  
 4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings of the just;



the prais-es of my God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.  
 from my ex - am - ple com - fort take, and charm their griefs to rest.  
 when in dis - tress to him I called, he to my res - cue came.  
 de - liv - 'rance he af - fords to all who on his suc - cor trust.

5. Oh, make but trial of his love,  
 experience will decide  
 how blest they are, and only they,  
 who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
 have nothing else to fear;  
 make you his service your delight,  
 your wants shall be his care.

## Abide with Me

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1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 • what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 • Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 • Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

CHRIST AS PRIEST



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.

Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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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 Meal & Activities:** Wednesday activities will resume January 15.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** Our church is growing, and so is our nursery! The nursery is looking for volunteers to serve with our covenant children during morning and evening worship and Sunday school hour. Volunteers serve during one service every other month. Volunteers must be WPC members and pass a background check and child safety training before serving. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Cameron: [cameron.baird@wpc-hsv.org](mailto:cameron.baird@wpc-hsv.org).

**Women's Spring Bible Studies:** Ladies, join us 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 this semester for one of our four studies. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

**Women's Let's Talk Event - Stewarding Our Bodies:** January 12, 7:00 PM @ WPC. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

**Radical Mentoring:** The men's mentoring team at WPC invites you to consider participating in a ministry at Westminster called Radical Mentoring. It is a special type of men's small group made up of men in the same season of life, mentored by more senior and "seasoned" men. Mentors will endeavor to share what we have learned about God, the Christian life, and "success," including areas where we have failed, with the hope that you can minimize or avoid the mistakes we have made along the way. Pick up more information on the narthex table in the lobby and contact Janssen Firth or Jim Roberts to express interest by Tuesday, January 13.

**ROOTS:** Students- It's time to sign up for the 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. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

**Men's Retreat:** January 30-31, February 1. Vision Ministry Retreat. Register through Realm. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

**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 January is Daily Devotions. This table is in the narthex near the nursery area. Donations of any selected books are appreciated.

## 2026 Upcoming Events

- January 12, 7:00 PM: Women's Let's Talk Event: Stewarding Our Bodies @ WPC
- January 30 - February 1: Men's Retreat
- March 27 - 28: 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
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 Library

## Sunday Servants

	<b>This Week: 1/4/26</b>	<b>Next Week: 1/11/26</b>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Katherine S & Jan P	Amy H & Paul D
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	John W. Davis	Stacy Murphree
<b>Head Usher</b>	Nathan Steele	Lee Talmadge
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Francesca Finch, Taylor Thompson, Nancy Oberheide, Leanne Brackin, Seth Schmidt, Beth Schmidt SS: Taylor Thompson, Jacob Knowles, Laura Diaz, Noelle Thompson PM: Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, Fred Diaz, Pat Corder, Annie Padgett, Lois Carl	AM: April Stegman, Michah Keel, Caroline Floyd, Suzanne Morcomb, Becky McDaniel SS: Tiina Parlas, Stephanie Lares PM: Bethany Firth, Francesca Finch, Nat Causey, Izy Brady, Tia Thompson
<b>Sexton Counter</b>	Logan Bryant	David Knight
<b>Sound Booth</b>	AM: Scott Paulson PM: Keith White	AM: Michael Patterson PM: James Pearce



**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	<b>Surviving Religion 101</b> Study through Michael Kruger's book to strengthen your faith in a skeptical world.	Duncan Cantrell Meets in WCA Library School Administration Building
20s and 30s	<b>Beyond Me: Stepping Into the Heart of God's Global Story.</b> Look beyond yourself to God's heart for the nations and the world.	Jim Roberts Meets in WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	<b>Christian, What do you Believe?</b> 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	<b>Teach us to Pray</b> 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	<b>The Gospel According to John</b> 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	<b>Pauline Epistles: NT 102</b> This course will provide an overview of Paul's writings and theology.	Roy McDaniel Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building



**January 4 – January 11, 2026**

***Morning Worship: 9:30 AM***

***Sunday School: 11:10 AM***

***Evening Worship: 6:00 PM***

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

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

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

10:00 AM - Women's Colossians Bible Study & WPC

12:00 PM - Men's Abraham Book study @ WPC

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

10:00 AM - Crown Club

7:30 PM - College & Career

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

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

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

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

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