



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Elaine Dowling

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection, (Frederickson Hall)

Heather Selement (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Director of Worship and the Arts

Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Lisa Hart, carillon

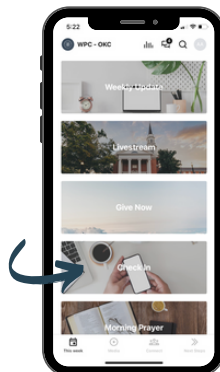
Brianna Holt, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

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CHECK IN!

"Check In" in the WPC App and let us know you are worshipping with us today. *Please enter any prayer requests when you check in! We would love to pray with you and for you.*



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and connect with your
church in a brand new way!

WORSHIP ORDER

September 7, 2025
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (10:30am)

Passacaglia in G-Minor from *The Rosary Sonatas*
Francis Liu, violin

Heinrich Ignaz Franz (1644-1704)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit (10:30am)

Largo from Violin Sonata in C Major, BWV 1005
Francis Liu, violin

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship

From this place to every place where hope is needed,

Christ sends us with power.

With promises that stretch beyond what we can see,

Christ sends us with purpose.

In comfortable places and in unfamiliar territory,

Christ sends us to proclaim.

Come, let us worship the risen Christ

who empowers ordinary people for extraordinary mission.

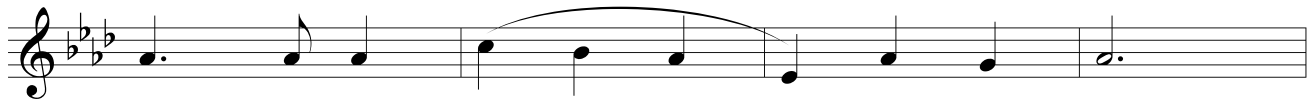
*Hymn of Praise

DEXTER

Earth and All Stars



Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
Trum - pet and pipes! Loud crash - ing cym - bals!
En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
Know - ledge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Child - ren of God! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!

*Hymn of Praise (cont.)

DEXTER

Earth and All Stars

Sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

God has done mar - - - vel - ous things.

We, too, sing prais - es with a new song!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you have called us to be witnesses
of your love and grace in the world,
but we confess that we often hesitate
when you invite us to step forward.
We prefer the comfort of familiar places
to the uncertainty of your mission.
We doubt that our ordinary gifts
could serve your extraordinary purposes.
We allow fixation on our own inadequacy
to overcome our trust in your empowering Spirit.
Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent
when you called us to speak,
remained seated when you called us to go,
and chosen comfort over faithfulness.
Remind us again that you do not call the equipped -
you equip the called.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the second letter to the Corinthians:
"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

The same God who called fishermen to lead the church,
who turned a persecutor into an apostle,
who breathed the Spirit into fearful disciples -
this God calls you.

Not because you have proven yourself worthy,
but because grace makes you ready.
Not because you are without weakness,
but because God's grace is made perfect in our weakness.

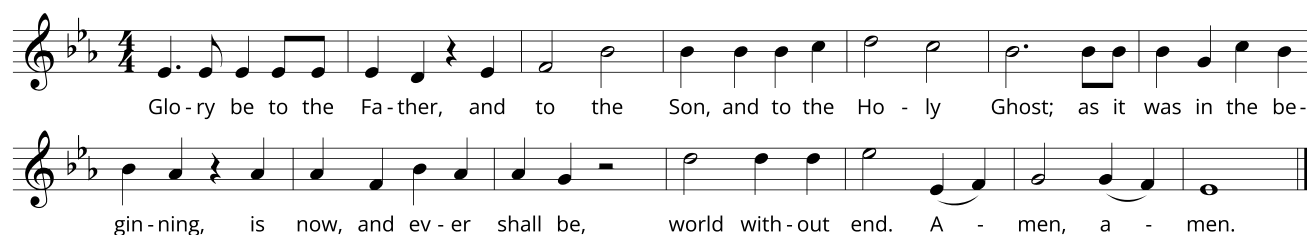
Friends, believe the good news:

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 581)

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



Sacred Space

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

This month in Chapel the children are learning about the importance of worship and God's gift of community.

Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*Song of Community (No. 301)

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House (v. 3)

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 24:44–53, p. 69

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 46

Hal H. Hopson (1933–2025)



Second Reading

Acts 1:1–11, p. 90

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Let's Get Going

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the Church
as the community where people are reconciled to God and to one another.

**The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another,
and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.**

In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.

**The new life takes shape in a community
where we know that God loves and accepts us
in spite of what we are.**

Therefore, we accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.

**The new life does not release us
from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear.**

We still struggle with disheartening difficulties and persistent problems.

**Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness with Christ,
we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

**Thanks be to God,
who reconciles, renews, and empowers us
by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (10:30am)

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Chancel Choir; Jan McDaniel, piano;
Francis Liu, violin

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the doxology, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Prayers of the People 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Communion Hymn (No. 530)

One Bread, One Body (v. 2)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

*Hymn of Sending (No. 547)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Finale from Symphony No. 1, Op 14

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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Communion loaf of bread dedicated to the glory of God, baked and presented by the Joseph family.



Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Scott Braaten, grandson of Earl and Lisa Braaten.

The Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church

This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.



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Club 4/5 is heading to **Andretti** on Saturday, **September 21 from 4:00-6:30pm** for an action-packed afternoon of go-karting, arcade games, and bowling! There are only 10 spots available, so make sure to sign up soon on the Events page! Cost is \$20.



The 1903 Henry and Anna **Overholser Mansion Tour** is set for **September 25 at 10:00am**. After the tour, the group will head to Picasso Café for lunch (self-pay). Space is limited—reserve your spot today by signing up through our app or online.



Hang out with your friends at the **Youth Lock-in** on **September 27 at 7:30pm**! Don't forget your pillows, blankets, and clothes for church the next morning.



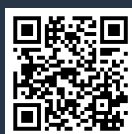
Ladies Night Out is happening at **AR Workshop in Edmond** on **October 7 from 6:00-8:00pm**. This event includes a brief devotion on Christian Hospitality and a hands-on DIY session where you'll create a custom doormat to take home. Cost: \$20 per person (includes all materials). Space is limited.



The **Elk Bugling Hike** is happening on **October 11 at 3:30pm**! This is a family-friendly outing. Please meet at WPC to convoy to the Sunset Picnic Area trailhead in the Wichita Mountains. We'll listen for elk bugling, explore the trails, and wrap up before 7:00pm, with an optional group dinner at Riverside Café in Medicine Park. Visit the events page for more details.



Italy: Tracing the Journey of the Apostle Paul is set for **April 9-17, 2026**, and will feature a private tour through Pompeii, the Appian Way, and key sites in Rome—including worship at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the catacombs, and the Vatican. A minimum of 20 participants is required to confirm the trip, and the **deadline to register is November 14, 2025**. For more details, contact salarid@wpcokc.org.



Visit the Events page to register for events by scanning the QR code or going to:
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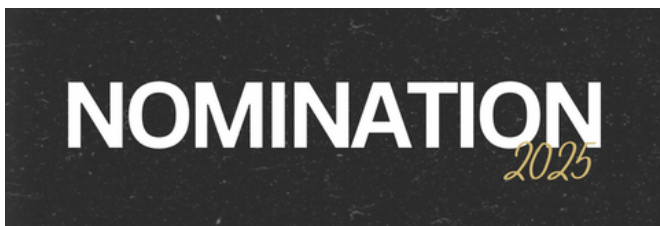
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Please welcome **Francis Liu, Concertmaster of the Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra**, to help lead worship this morning. He brings Baroque, Classical, and Romantic music to life on period instruments and shares his passion through storytelling and interactive concerts.



Pillars of Grace—Thank you for considering a legacy gift! Already included Westminster in your plans? Thank you—we'd love to celebrate with you! Look out for details about our **donor appreciation event** on **September 30, 2025**. Questions? Contact a trustee or visit wpcfoundation.org.



You're invited to submit a confidential **nomination** (see pew card or scan the QR code). The Committee will review each response and confirm with each nominee before presenting a slate of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees to the congregation. Drop your completed ballot in the ballot box located at the Welcome Center.



Feed My Sheep delivers monthly groceries to families in need, and we're looking for volunteers to help pack and deliver at WPC or serve at the new Hope House location at White Fields. Sign up if you're able to help!

WPC Grocery Packing: September 18 & 20
White Fields: September 27



Fall Volunteers Needed for Nursery & Children's Ministry — Serve weekly or just a few times this semester! We're looking for caring volunteers to help as nursery helpers, greeters, sensory room attendants, and Godly Play leaders. Help create a space where kids feel safe and loved. Sign up online or email heather@wpcokc.org.

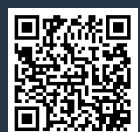


Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!



GIVE

"The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live."
wpcokc.org/give



Launch 2025

Today at 9:30am
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Join us as we launch our fall season of Spiritual Formation with engaging studies, meaningful conversations, and a place to grow in faith together.



Annual Deacon's Picnic

Today
11:30am • Manor Lawn

BBQ Lunch
Petting Zoo
Face Painting
Foam Party





Divine Echoes:

Art, Music, + the Mystery of Faith

September 17 + 24 | October 1 + 8
5:15pm - Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm - Classes

Join us for a 4-week Wednesday evening series this fall exploring creative expression through music, dance, storytelling, and faith formation. Each week offers a unique presentation, designed to be engaging and accessible for all ages:



**Jazz and the Spirit
of Improvisation**
9/17



**Pipe Dreams: Hidden
Images in Music**
9/24



**Musical Theater
and Spirituality**
10/1



**Ballet and
Embodied Faith**
10/8

For Families:

- Themed craft table for kids & adults
- Nursery available upstairs for infants–4 years old after dinner

Dinner (Optional)

- \$10 Adults | \$5 Children | \$30 Family cap
- Served at 5:15 PM
- Register for dinner by Monday each week on the Weekly Update page or in the WPC app

Reserve Your Seat

Sign up on the WPC app or on the Weekly Update page to secure your spot for this inspiring midweek experience!

INQUIRERS








Sundays | September 7th - October 5th | 9:30-10:30 AM
Room 105

Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Curious about what membership at Westminster Presbyterian means? If so, you're invited to attend the Inquirer's Class! This Five-week class will explore what it means to be Presbyterian and how we live out our faith here at Westminster. Scan the QR code or visit our Events page to register.



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOTED IN RED
Sign up to serve at wpcokc.org/weekly-update or
in the WPC App under the Events tab.