

A stylized graphic of a church steeple with a cross on top, set against a blue background. The steeple is white and yellow, and the background features white tree silhouettes. The text "2025 ANNUAL REPORT" is written in large, white, sans-serif font.

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**WPC** WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

“BEHOLD, I AM MAKING  
**ALL THINGS NEW.**”

REV 21:5

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Westminster Family,

The story of 2025 at Westminster Presbyterian Church can be told with one promise from Scripture: “Behold, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:5). That promise—All Things New—has shaped our worship, our ministries, our generosity, and our shared life together this year.

Week by week, we gathered for worship as God’s people, shaped by Word and Sacrament, renewed by the Holy Spirit, and sent into lives of faithful obedience. Through the rhythms of the Christian calendar—from Ash Wednesday and Tenebrae to Easter, Advent, and Christmas Eve—we traced the saving work of Christ and proclaimed our enduring hope in the resurrection. Across generations, music, preaching, prayer, and sacrament reminded us that God is still at work renewing His people.

That renewal was evident throughout the life of the church. Adults grew in grace through Scripture-centered study, theological reflection, and Gospel-centered community. Children were formed in faith through worship, Bible teaching, creativity, and joyful belonging. Youth were invited to claim their faith, serve with compassion, and step into new seasons marked by gratitude and courage. Fellowship gatherings brought us together around tables, traditions, and shared celebration, strengthening the bonds that make us Christ’s body.

In 2025, God’s call toward renewal also took clear shape through All Things New, a season of discernment and generosity. Faithful spaces—well worn by decades of ministry—are now being prepared for new life and future service. Through prayer, planning, Vision Nights, and generous commitments, the congregation responded with trust and gratitude. With thanksgiving, we look ahead to construction beginning in May 2026.

Most importantly, All Things New has not only been about buildings or budgets, but about hearts. God continues to renew His church by renewing His people. As you read this report, may you see not just what has been done, but what God is still doing among us—and may we step forward together with gratitude, faith, and hope.

With deep thanks to God and to you,



Rev. Elliott Powell, Pastor



Worship is the joyful and reverent response of God's people to His self-revelation, grounded in Scripture and empowered by the Holy Spirit. At Westminster, worship is shaped by God's initiative toward us and our faithful response—gathering around Word and Sacrament to be renewed in Christ and sent into lives of obedience and service.

Throughout the year, the congregation assembled weekly for worship and observed the rhythms of the Christian calendar through services such as **Ash Wednesday** (with Prayer Vigil), **Tenebrae**, **Easter Sunday**, **Lessons and Carols**, and the **Christmas Eve Candlelight service**. These moments offered space for confession and repentance, proclamation and praise, lament and celebration, as we traced the saving work of God through the life of Christ.

**Music** continues to play a vital role in our worship life. Drawing from the depth of the Reformed tradition while embracing both **traditional and modern expressions**, worship was enriched by the leadership of our music directors, the choir, instrumentalists, volunteer musicians, and the Children's Choir. Together, they fostered worship marked by beauty, participation, and heartfelt devotion across generations.

**Preaching** throughout 2025 was unified under the theme **"All Things New,"** reflecting a year focused on renovation and revitalization. Sermon series explored Renewal and Transformation, Becoming New in Christ during Lent, The Power of a New Life following Easter, Newness in Family Life, God's New Vision for His People, New Courage: The Life and Leadership of Joshua, Our Part, God's Promises during Stewardship, and All Things New in Advent.

The **sacraments** remained central to our common life. We celebrated **16 baptisms**, received new members, commissioned new officers, celebrated confirmands, celebrated graduating seniors and gathered regularly at the **Lord's Table**. In worship, we also joined families in moments of joy and sorrow—celebrating marriages, commending loved ones to God through funerals, and proclaiming our enduring hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



# GATHER FOR GOD

# MINISTRY

## Forming the Body of Christ

Within the life of the church, WPC served with heart through ministries that met practical needs while offering presence, dignity, and compassion. Through the **Vouchers Program**, families and individuals received food and gas vouchers and hygiene bags—tangible reminders that they were seen and cared for in Christ’s name. Our weekly **Loads of Love** ministry continued to meet an essential and often overlooked need by providing free laundry services and hygiene items to families in our community.

Care within the congregation remained central to our ministry. The **Bereavement Ministry** walked alongside grieving families by hosting meals following the death of a loved one, offering hospitality, comfort, and faithful presence during times of loss. One of our Gospel Communities, **the Ladybugs**, served senior adults at **Lubbock Impact** by preparing and serving meals and distributing hygiene bags. The **Sewing Ministry** extended care through handcrafted quilts for church members in need, gifts for newborns, and dresses and shorts prepared for children served through our **Belize mission partnerships**.



# MISSION

## Sent into the World

Beyond our walls, WPC partnered with local, national, and global organizations to extend Christ’s love. During Advent, our **Angel Tree** partnership with the **Salvation Army** provided gifts for children in under-resourced families. We also supported **Shoes for Orphan Souls** through **Buckner International**, collecting new shoes to promote health, dignity, and school attendance.

Locally, we partnered with **Family Promise of Lubbock**, **Parkridge Women’s Health**, **Lubbock Young Life**, **Child Evangelism Fellowship**, **Christians at Tech**, and served as the chartering organization for **Scouts Pack 536**, investing in families, students, and children across our community.

# SERVE WITH HEART

At Westminster Presbyterian Church, we served with heart by living out Christ’s love through both **Ministry** and **Mission**—strengthening the body of Christ through care and fellowship, and sending that body into the world to proclaim and embody the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS & SIGNATURE EVENTS

Internationally, WPC supported missionaries and ministries including **Cru**, **Global Training Network**, **Mission to the World**, **Education Plus Nicaragua**, and the **Word at Work** partnership in Belize, culminating in the annual **Belize International Sojourn** mission trip for adults and students.

A beloved annual tradition, the **Pancake Breakfast**, raised approximately \$5,000 for mission support, with additional handmade dresses sent to Belize—blending generosity, creativity, and joyful service as we reflected on a year of serving with heart.

# GROW IN GRACE

This year, Kids Ministry offered consistent, Christ-centered care and formation for children from infancy through elementary age, meeting weekly on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Through worship, Bible lessons, creative activities, and relational ministry, children were welcomed into a safe and joyful environment where faith could grow throughout the year.

Kids Ministry created **opportunities for children to serve** beyond themselves, most notably through the **Kids Art Show** held during the Pancake Breakfast to support the Belize mission trip. Children created original artwork that was displayed and sold, with all proceeds benefiting the mission. Church members volunteered time, talent, and supplies to teach artistic techniques, resulting in high-quality pieces and helping children see how their creativity can be used to serve God's work in the world.

Throughout the year, children were **immersed in the story of Scripture** in age-appropriate and meaningful ways. Early lessons focused on the Wise Men, Jesus' baptism, His calling of the disciples, and His healing ministry. As the year progressed, children explored Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, the parable of the Lost Son, and key moments of Holy Week, including the Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. During the summer, lessons highlighted Jesus feeding the 5,000, calming the storm, the Good Samaritan, and Zacchaeus' encounter with Christ. In the fall, themes centered on courage, trust, and God's faithful presence, followed by Old Testament prophecies pointing to the birth of Jesus. **These teachings helped children grow in faith, understand God's love, and apply Scripture to everyday life.**

Kids Ministry also fostered **joy and belonging through shared experiences**. Over the summer, Weekly Wednesday night gatherings functioned as a mini **VBS**, blending faith, games, creativity, and hands-on learning, including the popular **Firecracker Science Night**. Kids attended a four-day **Kids Camp** filled with worship, Bible study, outdoor adventure, and technology-free time that encouraged deep friendships and spiritual growth. The **Back-to-School Pool Party** brought families together to celebrate a new season with food, fun, and fellowship.

The year concluded with a creative **Christmas pageant** that carried the congregation on a journey through time. The story follows a curious "YouTube kid" who discovers a time machine and travels back to witness the events surrounding Jesus' birth. As angels proclaimed good news, shepherds gathered, and wise men followed the star, children brought the nativity to life while showing that the story of Christmas—and God's plan of salvation—still speaks powerfully today.



# GROW IN GRACE

In 2025, Youth Ministry emphasized **biblically grounded, Christ-centered teaching aimed at forming faithful disciples in settings that fostered fun and connection.** Weekly Wednesday and Sunday gatherings consistently encouraged students to grow in knowledge of God, love for Christ, and active participation in the life of the church.

Youth Ministry hosted **Confirmation Class**, which in the Reformed, Presbyterian tradition is the intentional process by which youth are instructed in the core doctrines of the Christian faith. Rooted in covenant theology, confirmation prepares students to affirm the vows made on their behalf at baptism, claim ownership of their faith, and assume the responsibilities and privileges of church membership. Students were encouraged to ask questions, wrestle with belief, and articulate their faith thoughtfully. **Three of our students were baptized following Confirmation with many more baptized or reaffirming their baptismal vows throughout the year!**

Youth Ministry cultivated a shared life marked by **fellowship, fun, and meaningful relationships.** **Summer camp at Pine Spring** offered students immersive experiences of worship, teaching, and community, creating space for spiritual growth while forming friendships that extended well beyond the week itself. The **End of Summer Lock In** provided a safe and relational environment where laughter, late-night conversations, and intentional moments of prayer helped strengthen trust and belonging within the group. The **Spring Retreat and Fall Retreat at Six Flags** blended spiritual formation with recreation, allowing students to encounter God together while building unity through shared adventures. **Friendsgiving** centered around gratitude and hospitality, reminding students that Christian community is often formed through shared meals and stories. Seasonal gatherings such as the **Christmas Party and Super Bowl Party** created welcoming, low-pressure spaces for students to invite friends, deepen relationships, and experience the church as a place of connection, celebration, and genuine community.

Service remained a vital expression of faith. Students actively served the broader church at the **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**, modeling servant leadership, teamwork, and generosity while supporting shared ministry goals. During the **Homebound Service Day**, students extended that spirit of service beyond church walls, practicing compassion by caring for homebound members. These experiences taught students that Christian service is not only about doing tasks, but about offering presence, kindness, and love in the name of Christ.

**Promotion Sunday and Senior Sunday** functioned as meaningful milestones, marking growth, transition, and maturity in the faith. Promotion Sunday welcomed rising middle-schoolers into the Youth Ministry. **Senior Sunday** then provided a culminating moment, honoring graduating seniors by celebrating God's faithfulness throughout their years in Youth Ministry and commissioning them for the next season of life. Together, these moments helped students recognize that growing up in the faith involves both remembrance and sending—looking back with gratitude for what God has done, and looking forward with confidence as they step into new callings, supported by the prayers and promises of their church family.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

# GROW IN GRACE

Throughout the year, Adult Discipleship at Westminster Presbyterian Church focused on helping adults grow in grace through Scripture, theological reflection, spiritual formation, and life-on-life community. Across multiple settings—Sunday School, weekday Bible studies, small groups, and affinity-based gatherings—participants were invited to deepen their understanding of God’s Word and apply it faithfully to everyday life.

**Adult Sunday School** remained a cornerstone of discipleship, offering a wide range of biblically grounded and spiritually formative studies. Classes explored major portions of Scripture, including the **Book of Genesis, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, The Gospel of John,** and the **Book of James,** helping participants trace God’s redemptive work across both Testaments. In addition, theological and formational topics such as **The Doctrine of Angels, Sermon Study,** and book studies, including *The Good & Beautiful Life* and *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* encouraged thoughtful engagement with Christian belief and practice.

**The Parent Porch** served as a meaningful discipleship space for parents, offering encouragement, biblical reflection, and practical guidance for raising children in the faith. This ministry reinforced the importance of integrating discipleship into the rhythms of family life.

Weekday studies provided additional opportunities for sustained learning and fellowship. The **Bethel Bible Study**, meeting on Wednesday evenings, continued into the second year of its two-year program, guiding participants through a comprehensive, Christ-centered overview of Scripture. On Thursday mornings, the **Men’s Bible Study** gathered for consistent study and accountability, while Thursday afternoons featured the **Westminster Way** study group, which began an intentional exploration of the **Westminster Catechism**, grounding participants in the theological foundations of the Reformed tradition. The **Mornings Together Women’s Bible Study** also remained a vital space for Scripture study, prayer, and mutual encouragement.

**Gospel Communities** launched in the fall, bringing together small groups that shared meals, studied Scripture, and served together. Using *The Gospel-Centered* study series, these groups emphasized community, mission, and spiritual growth through shared life.

The **Mom & Me Group** continued to thrive as a discipleship and fellowship space for mothers of babies and toddlers. Meeting most Mondays, the group combined a short lesson, crafts, conversation, and playtime. Attendance steadily increased, and participants demonstrated growing ownership by stepping into leadership when needed. This group has become a cornerstone for relationship-building and encouragement for young moms within both the church and the broader community.

Together, these ministries reflect Westminster’s commitment to forming mature disciples who are rooted in Scripture, grounded in grace, and equipped to follow Christ faithfully in every season of life.

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian Church in 2025 was marked by joyful gathering, shared traditions, and intentional community-building across generations. Throughout the year, the church created welcoming spaces where relationships were deepened, new connections were formed, and the life of the church was celebrated together.

The year began with strong momentum through seasonal receptions surrounding major worship moments, including the **Easter Reception, Mother’s Day Reception, and Father’s Day Reception**, each providing simple but meaningful opportunities for conversation and hospitality while celebrating the rhythms of family and faith.

The Men of WPC retreated to **Mo Ranch** and the Women of WPC attended the **“Fresh Ground Faith”** Conference.

Summer events extended that spirit of connection. Nearly 200 people gathered for the **Fourth of July Picnic**, where moving the celebration into the Family Life Center proved to be a welcome change. A brass band, patriotic attire, and shared food created a joyful and inclusive atmosphere. The **Family Water Slide Kickball** night brought laughter and energy as children and adults alike splashed, played, and cheered one another on, forming memories that strengthened community ties.

In the fall, the **Fall Family Fellowship Tailgate** set the tone for fun-filled community life. Centered around Texas Tech football, the evening blended school spirit with Raider Red’s appearance, shared tailgate dishes, games like Gaga ball and flag football, a celebration of WPC member, Ryan Aycok’s, induction into the TTU Hall of Fame, and festive treats, the event embodied multigenerational fellowship at its best.

The **Ministry Fair** highlighted the shared work of the church, inviting participation and service, while the **Fall Corn Maze at At’l Do Farms** offered a relaxed evening of worship, play, and fellowship in God’s creation. Together, these gatherings reflected a church committed to living life together with joy, hospitality, and gratitude.

The **Thanksgiving Meal and Christmas Dinner** anchored the holiday season, drawing the church together around shared tables to give thanks and to celebrate Christ’s birth. These gatherings emphasized that Christian fellowship is often formed simply by eating together and sharing life.

## Giving is an act of worship.

From the earliest days of the church, God’s people have responded to His grace with gratitude—offering not only their prayers and praise, but also their resources for the work of God’s kingdom. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, we continue in that faithful tradition, giving joyfully in response to all that God has done and all that He promises to do.

Throughout Scripture, God reminds His people that He is always at work making things new—renewing hearts, restoring communities, and calling His church forward in faith. As Westminster, we find ourselves at such a moment.

### A Clear Call in 2025

In 2025, that call took clear shape. The Session announced a vision to renovate facilities that have been faithfully used—and understandably worn—by years of ministry, fellowship, and service. These spaces have borne witness to worship, discipleship, care, and mission across generations, and now stand ready for renewal so that they may continue to serve God’s work well into the future.

At the charge of Session, the Initiative Leadership Team and Pre-Construction Team, alongside a trusted consulting firm, worked prayerfully and collaboratively to develop a viable stewardship campaign rooted in faith, discernment, and gratitude. This effort became known as All Things New, inspired by God’s promise in Revelation 21:5: “Behold, I am making all things new.”

# GIVE WITH GRATITUDE



## ALL THINGS NEW

All Things New is a generosity initiative that invites our congregation to reaffirm our mission—to transform lives through Christ to change the world—while remaining faithful both to the ministry God has entrusted to us now and to the future He is preparing.

Throughout the year, Westminster and generous members of the congregation hosted a series of Vision Nights, where the vision for renewal was shared and architectural renderings of the renovation were unveiled. These gatherings fostered prayer, conversation, and clarity, inviting the congregation to step forward in faith by making commitments toward both the two-year operating budgets and the renovation campaign. With gratitude and anticipation, we now look ahead to construction beginning in May 2026.

### New in Our NOW – \$2,850,000

The ministries of Westminster are actively at work forming disciples, caring for one another, and serving our community. Remaining faithful to our calling requires sustaining and strengthening these ministries now. New in Our NOW supports the two-year ministry plan of the church—funding worship, discipleship, care, mission, and outreach—so that we continue to live out our mission with faithfulness and excellence in the present.

### New in Our NEXT – \$3,000,000

As a church committed to reaching every generation for Christ, it is essential that our physical spaces reflect and support that mission. New in Our NEXT focuses on renovating existing spaces and creating new ones that are welcoming, functional, and ministry-driven—environments that equip us to serve children, youth, adults, and our wider community both now and for generations to come.

### New in Ourselves

At the heart of All Things New is not only what God is doing through our church, but what He is doing within us. This initiative invites each of us to ask what “new” step God is calling us to take in our own spiritual and giving journeys. God continually calls His people to grow in trust, generosity, and faith. As we prayerfully consider our commitments, we listen for where God is leading us next and respond with gratitude and obedience.

### Faithful Giving in 2025

Alongside this forward-looking vision, the congregation remained steadfast in supporting the annual ministry of the church. The 2025 operating budget was fully funded through the faithful giving of God’s people, enabling WPC to continue worship, discipleship, pastoral care, mission, and fellowship without interruption. This generosity reflects a deep trust in God’s provision and a shared commitment to the mission of transforming lives through Christ to transform the world.

As we look back with gratitude and forward with hope, we give thanks for a congregation that understands giving not as obligation, but as joyful participation in God’s renewing work—offering our resources, our faith, and our future to the One who makes all things new.

# LEADERSHIP

## SESSION

Teaching Elder:  
Rev. Elliott Powell  
Pastor and Moderator

Kasey Thompson  
Personnel Elder  
Class of 2025

Carol Keeling  
Discipleship Elder  
Class of 2026

Ruling Elders:  
Sarah Gray  
Clerk of Session  
Class of 2025

Ron Vogel  
Facilities Elder  
Class of 2025

Jenny Watson  
Discipleship Elder  
Class of 2025

Steve Jones  
Treasurer  
Class of 2026

Drew Gray  
Worship Elder  
Class of 2026

Mary Zickefoose  
Missions Elder  
Class of 2027

Rev. Elliott Powell, Pastor  
Boyce Wyrick, Traditional Music Director  
Ruby Guerra, Director of Church Operations  
Cassandra McDonald, Director of Kids Ministry  
Seth Appleton, Connections Director  
Dr. Christie Moreno, Executive Director  
Eli Pickett, Director of Youth Ministry  
Michael Walker, Family Life Director  
Hannah Lee, Organist  
Beverly Fleming, Children's Choir Director

Susan Martin, Administrative Assistant  
Roxi Hays, Finance Assistant  
Mike James, Maintenance Technician  
Michelle Williams, Cook  
Chloë Westbrook, Lead Youth Intern  
Cason Harrist - Youth Intern  
Chloe Clanton - Kids Min Intern  
Landon Clark - Kids Min Intern  
Sergio and Emily Benavides - Janitorial Staff

## STAFF

## OUR NAME AND IDENTITY

The name “**Westminster**” is **locational**, referring to Westminster Abbey, in London, England. It is **historical** because in 1643, the English Parliament called upon learned, godly and judicious clergy to meet at Westminster Abbey in order to provide advice on issues of worship, doctrine, government and discipline of the Church of England. It is **theological** because “the Westminster Assembly,” over a period of five years, produced the confession of faith, as well as a Larger Catechism and a Shorter Catechism.

“**Presbyterian**” is **organizational**. It refers to our system of governance. We are an elder-led church, which means every year members of the congregation nominate a new class of elders to lead the church. They are ordained and installed for leadership and serve a term of three years. The Elders are responsible for the spiritual welfare of the congregation. The Biblical term is “Presbuteros” which means “Elder.” This is where we get the word “Presbyterian.” Presbyterian is also a **theological** term. Our history is tied to reformed theology.

The “**Church**” was instituted by Jesus Christ and refers to a Christian people gathered with a shared **identity** and **mission**.

## VALUES

**WE** Exist to glorify and enjoy God forever.

**WE** Gather for God on Sundays.

**WE** Grow in Grace in community.

**WE** Serve with Heart in ministry and mission.

**WE** Give with Gratitude to share God’s blessing with the world.

**WE** Transform lives through Christ to change the world.

## ESSENTIALS OF FAITH

We believe the Bible—Old and New Testaments—is the fully inspired Word of God and the final authority for faith and life, revealing God’s saving work fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

We believe in one God, eternally existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all.

We believe Jesus Christ is true God and true man, born of the Virgin Mary, who died for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now reigns as our High Priest and Mediator.

We believe the Holy Spirit brings new life, convicts of sin, unites us to Christ, guides us into truth, equips us for service, and seals us for redemption.

We believe salvation is by God’s grace alone through faith in Christ alone, by which God forgives our sins, declares us righteous, and adopts us as His children.

We believe the Church is the body of Christ, made up of all who trust in Him, and expressed in local congregations where the Word is faithfully preached, the sacraments rightly administered, and Christ’s love shared in community.

We believe Jesus Christ will come again—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead and to bring God’s redemptive plan to its fulfillment.

We believe Christ calls all believers to proclaim the gospel, make disciples of all nations, and live lives of sacrificial love and faithful service, walking in the good works God has prepared for us.

These essentials are expressed more fully in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

In essentials, unity.

In non-essentials, liberty.

In all things, charity.



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