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Several times in the Bible, the people of God used the practice of stacking stones on top of one another. It was how the people remembered the way that God had acted to save them or make their lives better. This newsletter serves as a reminder and a testimony for us at Westminster of all the ways God has been faithful to us.

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# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**Dear Westies,**

When I was a kid, I had a Bible with a leather cover and gold-edged pages, and I was pretty sure I knew what was in it. Sixty-six books. Genesis to Revelation. The end.

What I did not know - what most of us were never told - is that for most of Christian history, that wasn't the whole library. There were other books. Books that Jesus' neighbors read. Books that shaped the prayers his mother prayed and the hopes his disciples carried. Books that were quietly trimmed out of certain Protestant Bibles a few centuries ago and have been sitting on the shelf ever since, waiting for someone to ask about them.

This summer, we're going to ask about them.

In June, July, and August, our worship series is called *Between the Testaments: Preaching the Apocrypha*. The timing is providential. Westminster is receiving new pew Bibles this summer - and our new Bibles include the Apocrypha. So we're going to do something I have wanted to do for a long time. We're going to open the part of the book most of us have never read.

A word about what this is, and what it isn't.

The Apocrypha is the name we give to a collection of Jewish writings produced in the roughly four hundred years between the Old and New Testaments. They are not Scripture in the way our Protestant tradition has historically defined Scripture. We are not going to argue this summer that they should be. Our Roman Catholic and Orthodox siblings make a different call than we do, and that's a longer conversation for another day.

What I will say is this: these books were read widely in Jesus' world. They shaped Second Temple Judaism. They are quoted, alluded to, and assumed by the writers of the New Testament. When the apostle Paul opens his mouth, some of what comes out has the fingerprints of these texts all over it. When Jesus talks about resurrection or wisdom or what it means to be faithful in a hostile empire, he's speaking into a conversation these books had already been having for generations.

To read them is to read what Jesus' neighbors read. And once you do, the New Testament starts to glow in places you didn't know were dim.

Here is a taste of what's coming.

We'll begin June 7 with Sirach - a Jerusalem wisdom teacher writing around 180 BCE to keep his people grounded while Greek culture pulled at them from every direction. His description of Wisdom "pitching her tent" in Israel uses the exact same Greek verb John uses when he says the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us." That isn't a coincidence. That's John saying: you know that Wisdom you've been singing about? Here he is.

We'll spend two weeks in Tobit, a story so full of demons and giant fish and angels in disguise that you'll wonder how it ever got left out of the Bible school curriculum. We'll sit with the Prayer of Manasseh, fifteen verses of penitential beauty attributed to the worst king Judah ever produced - and we'll ask what it means that even he can be forgiven. We'll meet Judith, a widow who walks into an enemy general's tent and does what the men of Israel would not do. We'll read the haunting passage from the Wisdom of Solomon that the earliest Christians immediately recognized as a portrait of the cross before the cross ever happened. We'll meet Lady Wisdom, whose voice we have been hearing in Jesus' invitations all along. And we'll end on August 30 with 2 Maccabees 7 - the text that gave Jesus' world the language of bodily resurrection, the hope that would not die.

I am also grateful that Michelle, Kim, and Glenn will be in the pulpit on some of these Sundays, each preaching from the Apocrypha as well. It's a joy to share this work. Friends, this summer is an invitation. I'm not asking you to change what you believe about the Bible. I'm asking you to read with me. To open a door that has been mostly closed in our tradition and to see what's on the other side. I think you'll find Jesus there, more clearly than before - not because these texts add anything to him, but because they show us the room he walked into.

Bring your curiosity. Bring your questions. Pick up one of the new pew Bibles when you come in and let it fall open somewhere unfamiliar.

**Grace and Peace,**  
**Landon Whitsitt**  
Senior Pastor



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Greetings WPC members,

I don't just enjoy summer, I love it. I look forward to its arrival because it gives me room to breathe and to delight in God's gift of creation. As the days linger, I can take after-work walks, and our packed schedules loosen a bit. Perhaps like me, you find summer's rhythm delightful as we eat on patios, watch sunsets from lawn chairs, and say yes to spur-of-the-moment plans we might have delayed. Summer gently reminds us we are more than our routines. Summer offers space—space to notice, to reconnect, to breathe more deeply in the presence of God. Our rhythms change, but our longing for connection and meaning does not. Whether you are traveling, hosting visitors, or simply savoring quieter weekends, we hope you will find ways to remain rooted in practices that nourish your spirit. At Westminster, we see this shift not as a disruption but as an invitation. Writer and theologian Kate Bowler offers a beautiful summer blessing: "May this season be one where we practice delight in small, ordinary miracles." What a gentle charge for the months ahead. Summer invites us to look for God's grace in the everyday moments of our lives from the laughter of children running through sprinklers, the birds singing joyfully in the early morning as the day begins, or spending time reading a book poolside. No matter where the summer takes you, I hope that this summer is a time of renewal and holy attentiveness where God speaks to you amid the sacred summer rhythm. Here are some of the offerings you can look forward to at WPC as summer approaches.

In early June, the building will be alive with laughter and joy as we welcome children for Vacation Bible School, June 1–4 with a vibrant, playful reminder of how faith is formed through story, song, and community. And don't miss the special summer edition of Children's Education at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, where our youngest members will dive into exploring the gift of God's Great Creation through hands-on activities incorporating nature alongside scripture with opportunities of using art, storytelling, and dramatic wondering.

The Spiritual Formation team invites you to **"Explore, Reflect, and Connect"** through these special summer outings. Save the dates and register for three meaningful opportunities to slow down, notice beauty, and share fellowship in these unique Spiritual Formation gatherings.

## Pastries and Prayers

June 11 | 9:30am | Paris Bakery 2620 W Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Join Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin for a special breakfast gathering featuring morning devotion, prayer, and spiritual reflection. Space is limited, so RSVP to reserve your seat at the table!

## Sister Act at the Civic Center

July 12 | 2:00pm | Civic Center

(carpool from WPC after Summer Social)

Join WPC staff for an afternoon at the theater to see *Sister Act*, the Tony-nominated musical based on the hit 1992 film. With funky gospel rhythms, powerhouse vocals, and show-stopping numbers, this feel-good celebration of music, community, and finding your voice is not to be missed. Space is limited to a group of eight. Sign up online or in the app and submit the \$20.00 payment to reserve your seat.

## Morning Devotion and Walk at Martin Nature Park

August 13 | 9:00am | Martin Nature Park, then Press and Plow

Meet at Martin Nature Park for a morning devotion and walk, combining prayer and fellowship as we enjoy God's creation. Afterward, the group will head to Press and Plow for breakfast and continued conversation.

*(And don't miss the other Spiritual Formation opportunities discussed in the pages that follow)*

This summer, may we step into the season with intention and grace, listening and enjoying the rhythm of God's presence in and around us.

May sacred moments find us and may we be blessed with time to rest and reflect with joy while seeking renewal.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin**

*Pastor of Spiritual Formation*



# WPC YOUTH

As we wrap up yet another school year, I have taken some time to look back at pictures of my time with the youth these last four years since I started at Westminster. Watching these young people grow up and mature is truly the honor of my life and makes me realize how lucky I am to call myself the youth director. It is a role I hope to fill for years to come!

I want to thank my dedicated Sunday School teachers and Youth assistants who make so much possible for our young people and bring so much joy to our lives. Brian Litteral, Marley Legg-Jack, Dave Thompson, Scott Rowland, Maggie Cleeland, and Scott Frank, I could not do any of this without your support! Thank you for all you do!

Members of the WPC youth group will head to Broken Bow for our 2026 mission trip on June 8 where we will help out at local churches, commune with other groups at House Upon a Rock Ministries and enjoy lots of fellowship in our out of this world cabin! This is the last trip for some of our seniors, and we are so excited to soak up every last second with them! Please come to the 10:30 am service on June 7 for a send-off/blessing and to wish us well on our journey!

Ferncliff and the presbyteries of Oklahoma are once again partnering to offer summer camp programs for 3rd-12th grade students. Ferncliff Camp, which is located ten miles west of Little Rock, Arkansas, will

offer "Oklahoma Week" on July 19-24. Registration can be found at [ferncliff.org/Oklahoma](http://ferncliff.org/Oklahoma)

Our young people proved once again how AMAZING they are when they took over the service on May 3 for Youth Sunday. If you missed it, please go watch it on the church website because our WPC Youth and Club 4/5 did a magnificent job! Our outgoing high school seniors were honored during the service, and two of them, Olivia Dunham and Rowan Whitsitt, took to the pulpit to give the sermon. Another one of our seniors, Peryn Crowder, played a beautiful song on the clarinet. Peryn, Olivia, and Rowan were then joined in the garden court after church by our other two seniors, Lottie Fares and Zachary Pollack, to let everyone know about their post-high school plans and upcoming adventures!

Please mark Wednesdays on your calendar this summer as time to hang out with Scott, Maggie, and me. We can eat dinner, play games, and do mission activities from 6-8 pm at the church! Whoever is in town should show up! Also, be on the lookout for information from me regarding other summer service activities with organizations like OKC Beautiful, Focus on Home, and also please plan to help serve lunch at Camp Shiloh July 6-10.

**Blessings,**  
**Amber Ray**  
*Director of Youth Ministry*



We are grateful to share a season of continued growth, learning, and collaboration at Big Faith Resources. Across our programs and partnerships, we are seeing new ways congregations are embracing sensory-friendly practices, deepening accessibility, and expanding their understanding of welcome in worship and ministry.

Here's a snapshot of how we've been sharing, learning, connecting, and looking ahead to what's coming next:

### Sensory-Friendly Easter Egg Hunt

In April, we hosted a Sensory-Friendly Easter Egg Hunt designed to provide a calm, structured environment where children could participate in ways that felt safe and comfortable. Along with searching for eggs, participants enjoyed festive crafts and seasonal activities in an inclusive and joyful setting that welcomed children of all abilities and sensory needs.

### Wonder Box

Since our last newsletter, more than 350 Wonder Boxes have been sent to churches and ministries across the country. We have been encouraged by the growing excitement around these sensory-friendly resources for worship and faith formation and grateful for the opportunity to support congregations in creating more welcoming spaces. We look forward to continuing to partner with faith communities as these resources are used in diverse ministry settings nationwide.

### Original Films

Big Faith Resources is pleased to share the completion of our third film, featuring an interview with Dr. Michele DeBerry, who also serves on our board. Dr. DeBerry is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Allied Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and directs both the Oklahoma Autism Network and the Lee Mitchener Tolbert Center for Developmental Disabilities.

In the film, she helps educate us about what neurodiversity is and how it shapes and affects the lives of individuals and communities. Her insight and leadership in autism support and developmental disabilities shaped a meaningful conversation for this film, continuing our commitment to elevating stories and practices that foster more inclusive and accessible faith communities.

### Vacation Bible School

This June, we are continuing the sensory-friendly components of our Vacation Bible School that were first introduced last year. Youth volunteers will serve as Buddies, partnering with individual children to offer support and connection throughout the week. We will also provide a quiet sensory room within the VBS space to help create a welcoming and accessible environment for all participants.



### **Annual Advisory Team Retreat**

In the middle of June, we will gather for our annual Advisory Team Retreat for Big Faith Resources. This multi-day retreat is designed to balance meaningful work with intentional rest for our board members. Alongside time for relationship-building and shared reflection on the future of Big Faith Resources, we will also be conducting interviews with team members to contribute to our upcoming film project. It will be a formative time of storytelling, discernment, and visioning together.

### **Offering Wider Welcome**

Big Faith Resources is honored to launch Offering Wider Welcome, a Welcome Works-funded collaboration for their congregational cohorts focused on developing trauma-informed worship resources. Designed as a liturgical intervention of welcome, this initiative will provide participating congregations with a Worship Headphone Starter Kit alongside guidance and resources for creating worship spaces that are more accessible, responsive, and hospitable to trauma survivors and others with sensory needs. Offering Wider Welcome reflects Big Faith Resources' commitment to helping faith communities embody deeper practices of belonging, care, and welcome in worship.

### **Traveling Wonder Equipment**

Big Faith Resources is launching its next initiative: Traveling Wonder Equipment. We will begin curating larger Traveling Wonder Equipment Kits for shared regional use, making sensory-friendly materials available at no cost to each participating Presbytery within the Synod of the Sun. Churches will be able to request temporary use of the equipment through their Presbytery office, expanding access to sensory supports for worship and ministry.

These kits are designed to help congregations explore and experience sensory-friendly practices before making long-term investments, while also strengthening collaboration across Presbyteries. Each kit will include items such as portable sensory stations, flexible seating, visual supports, calm space materials, and adapted worship resources to support more inclusive, multi-sensory engagement in worship and faith formation.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to equipping faith communities with practical tools, meaningful stories, and shared learning that foster deeper inclusion and care. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in this work—we look forward to all that is still to come.

**Thank you,  
Brianna Holt**

*Program Coordinator for Big Faith Resources  
Director of Children's Music*

Visit the Big Faith Resources  
website to learn more!  
[bigfaithresources.com](http://bigfaithresources.com)



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Greetings friends and families,

What a joy it is to welcome the sunshine and excitement of summer! It feels like spring passed in the blink of an eye, and now we are looking ahead to a season filled with faith, friendship, laughter, and new adventures together. Since I am new to this role, I am especially excited to meet everyone and spend time getting to know our wonderful children and families. It is truly a blessing to serve in this ministry, and I look forward to building lasting friendships and creating joyful memories together this summer. As many of our children celebrate graduations and others prepare to move up to the next grade, we rejoice in the many ways God continues to guide and grow each child in His love.

Throughout the summer, we will continue gathering for Christian Education and Chapel as we learn, worship, and grow together in Christ. This summer's theme for Children's Christian Education is "God's Creation." Together, we will explore the beauty and wonder of the world God created from the skies above to the oceans below, from animals and nature to the special gift of each person made in God's image.

I want to take a moment to give a heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers and the families who signed up their children to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School. It has truly been such a blessing and joy preparing for this event and working alongside so many caring and faithful individuals.

To our volunteers, thank you for giving your time, energy, creativity, and servant hearts to help make VBS such a special experience for our children. Your willingness to serve, your kindness, patience, and dedication are helping plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow in the hearts of our children for years to come.

To all our parents and families, thank you for trusting us with your children and allowing them to be part of this exciting week of faith, friendship, and fun. We are so grateful for your support and encouragement.

In addition, our first "Parents' Night Out" is scheduled for July 24th a fun evening for children filled with activities and excitement while parents enjoy an opportunity to relax and recharge. Please note that we will not hold Christian Education on July 5th as families enjoy the holiday weekend.

As we prepare for this exciting summer season, we would also love to invite members of our congregation to consider volunteering in our Children's Ministry one or two times this summer. Whether helping during chapel, assisting with activities, greeting families, or supporting special events, your presence can make a meaningful difference in a child's life and faith journey.

If you would like to serve in this way, please email me. We would be so grateful to have you join us!

**Katrina McDonald**

*Children's and Spiritual Formation Coordinator*  
kmcDonald@wpcokc.org



## NURSERY

Hello, friends! I'm Ms. Lynne Bowers — though the children know me simply as Ms. Lynne. I wanted to share a little about our nursery and say thank you to all the families who trust us with their precious children.

In our nursery, we teach the children about Jesus, enjoy fun crafts, share yummy snacks, and spend lots of time playing and learning together. Most importantly, we care for each child with love, kindness, and attention. My co-workers and I truly enjoy every moment we spend with your little ones.

We welcome children from birth through 4-5 years old, and when they are ready, they move on to the bigger class.

We will soon be moving from upstairs to a new location downstairs toward the back of the courtyard. Just look for the signs! The area will be secure and ready to welcome your children.

I hope your children love coming to the nursery as much as we love having them there. Every child is a special gift from God, and I truly love each one to pieces!

**Lynne Bowers**  
*Nursery Coordinator  
and Kitchen Lead*



## Hi, I'm Katrina McDonald!

I am Westminster's new Children's and Spiritual Formation Coordinator. I began assisting Michelle with Spiritual Formation at the beginning of April, with a special focus on children's Christian education. My Westminster journey first began through the Children's Daycare program in June 2023.

Originally from California, I bring a diverse background in recreation services, public education, and animal services. After moving to Oklahoma and starting a family, I returned to working in childcare and early childhood education.

My husband and I have two wonderful children, Grace, 6, and Easton, 4. Between sports, dance, and school activities, our family enjoys a busy and full life together. In my spare time, you can usually find me enjoying art, spending time outdoors, or traveling.

I'm excited to serve Westminster Presbyterian Church in this new role and look forward to helping support the growth and faith formation of our children and families.



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

### July 24 - Drive-In Movie Night

Kids can enjoy a fun-filled evening featuring a "drive-in" movie experience complete with cardboard box cars, popcorn, snacks, games, and cozy movie fun with friends.

### August 21 - Back-to-School Night Out

Celebrate the start of a new school year with an exciting evening of school themed games, crafts, activities, and encouragement as kids head into a fresh new season.

### September 25 - Honoring Grandparents Night Out

A special evening dedicated to celebrating grandparents and the important role they play in our families. Children will enjoy meaningful crafts, activities, treats, and opportunities to create gifts and memories for their grandparents.



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## Fellow Followers,

Recently I learned about St. Brigid of Kildare (451-523). She was a Celtic saint whose life and legacy represents “thresholds”. Not so much thresholds we go through but thresholds we stand in. The threshold of our humanity and the divine within us, the threshold of all creation (humanity, earth and all living creatures), and the threshold of what we know and what we have yet to learn. Brigid was a bridge for Ireland between pre-Christian and Christian in her community. She held a deep love for the earth and for all creatures as well as a devotion to Christ and exhibiting the love of God. After her death, her generosity and wisdom was so impactful that legends popped up naming her as the Midwife at Christ birth.

We are standing in multiple thresholds as we wander through “Ordinary” Time. It is very much a between time – between spring and fall, between Easter and advent, between hot and cold. But it is also a time where we can stand in those thin spaces and see beyond the boundaries of self and be open to the divine in us and in others. The divine in us can reach out across any divide whether religion, culture, opinion or experience and receive the blessings of new, different, sacred that is in the divine of another. “The Lord God made us all.”

As you wander this summer be open to wonder. Be open to the divine in yourself and in others because it is out there in everyone and everything. Whether it be experiencing “different” through travel to another country, another state, another city or just across the street at the neighborhood BBQ, seek out the sacred that God created within us, between us and among us in the world.

**Peace and Blessing,**  
**Elder Kim Mitchell**  
*Pastor of Congregational Care*



# WORSHIP & THE ARTS

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!*

**"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
(Glory to God No. 610, stanza 1)**

There is something that happens when a room full of people opens their mouths and sings together that I find very difficult to put into words. It is not simply the sound, though the sound can be extraordinary. It is the community: listening to one another, being with one another, caring for one another. It is, I think, one of the most quietly radical acts of community available to us.

I think of this often during the summer months, when our regular choir year winds down, and I find myself aware of all the voices in this congregation that I do not get to hear on Wednesday evenings.

So many of us are busy - with jobs, with children, with the general chaos that infiltrates every part of our lives in the year 2026. Voices that perhaps feel uncertain about whether they are "good enough" to sing in a choir. (They are. You are.) Voices that haven't heard the right words of encouragement to step "out" (which is really stepping into part of an ensemble).

Beginning May 31 and continuing through June 28, our Summer Choir will gather for its third season at 9:30am on Sunday mornings to rehearse that morning's anthem and review that morning's hymns. There is no long-term commitment - you can join us for five weeks or just for one - and there is no hard and fast age limit (feel free to send your youth or to come with them). It is open to life-long singers, people who used to sing in a church choir or school choir, and people who have wondered what it would be like to sing in a choir.

The Psalms are relentless in their invitation to communal song. "Sing to the Lord a new song," we read again and again, not as a suggestion, but as a calling from God. And while I am not in the business of guilt-tripping anyone into the chancel, I do want to make the case that something genuinely holy happens when we add our voices to those around us.

Augustine famously wrote that to sing is to pray twice. I'd add only that singing together is not only about praying twice but also about listening and seeking new understanding. It is an opportunity to be subject to one another in a way that is not hierarchical, but rather in a manner that is a beautiful illustration of what it means to be "equally yoked." As I write this, it occurs to me that this is a uniquely beautiful way to think about those passages from the book of Ephesians that are so often twisted by questionable theology.

So consider this your personal invitation. If you have a question about whether a younger singer might be ready to join us, or if you simply want to know what to expect, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [kwilkinson@wpcokc.org](mailto:kwilkinson@wpcokc.org). I would love to hear from you - and, come May 31, I would love to hear you sing even more.

**Kevin Wilkinson**

*Co-Director of Worship and the Arts*



# MISSIONS

Summer is just around the corner, and we have lots of opportunities to get involved! We will be serving breakfast, lunch, and snacks to the kids at **Shiloh Adventure Camp** July 6th through the 10th. Shiloh is a day camp for inner city kids. It is a great way to gather with our church friends for fellowship and service. We will be cooking and serving each day that week. Watch for signups online and at the desk.

**You are Loved** is Westminster's annual Christmas gathering at The Homeless Alliance. We provide hoodies, hats, gloves, Hot Hands, socks, snacks, and pet food to our friends living on the streets. We provide a hot lunch and music for approximately 350 people. Our **Christmas in July** event provides an opportunity to begin gathering the items we need. Many of you have asked why we collect money for hats and gloves instead of having them donated. We can order heavy lined hats and gloves specifically for those who are living outside in the cold winter months at a wholesale price. Our goal is to collect 350 of each item. Remember, these are gifts and need to be new items. Hoodies can be ordered on our Amazon wish list or purchased elsewhere. Please remember our friends are living outside; hoodies need to be heavy and warm.

**City Care Night Shelter** will be in need of meals this summer. During the school year Casady School donates all their extra food every day for dinners. During summer break they depend on organizations for dinner donations. The cost of providing a meal for 150 people is about \$500. If you would like to donate a meal or know of a group that would like to participate, please contact me.

We also love our partnership with **Sisu**, the youth shelter. The word Sisu is a Finnish word meaning a mixture of intense grit, tenacity, resilience, and courage in the face of insurmountable adversity. It represents a second wind of courage, mental toughness that allows individuals to continue when they have reached the end of their physical or mental capacities. These kids living on the streets are so kind and grateful. It is always a treat to be able to serve them a well-deserved meal.

We are also welcoming more walk-in neighbors off the street. We are currently stocking prepared food as well as clothing, socks, and hygiene kits. It is nice to know that we are a welcoming place that they can feel comfortable worshipping as well.

We are grateful for all our **Meals on Wheels** volunteers. If you would like to cook or deliver, contact Jessica Gebhart 952.428.9271.

**Groceries** continue to be delivered on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month. On the 3rd Saturday we pack and deliver from WPC. On the 4th Saturday our pantry at White Fields opens to allow our moms at HopeHouseOKC to bring their kids and shop. It is a great opportunity for families to get involved. We are currently serving 38 families. The focus is providing enough food for 6 meals, snacks, and non-food items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, cleaners, storage bags, and garbage bags. Currently our cost per family is \$120 per month. We also keep a stock of diapers for emergencies. Sizes 3-7 are the greatest need for our current families. We always welcome donations in the pantry! There are so many families struggling. If you would like to help pack or deliver meals, please sign up online or at the hospitality desk.

As always, I am so blessed to be able to serve such a faithful congregation. Your donations and volunteer hours make all our missions a reality. I look forward to working with you this summer!

**Blessings,  
Rhonda Hefton**

*Director of Missions*

#lovejesuslovepeople

#youwillneverregretbeingkind



# ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:30AM



## Sunday Focus Class

*Conference Room*

Join the Focus class this summer for adventure! We'll be diving into the imagination and creativity of C. S. Lewis in *"The Screwtape Letters"*. We will explore 3 letters of Screwtape as read by John Cleese. Take part in a lively discussion. The spiritual growth doesn't end there. We'll continue in August with Richard Foster's book on prayer. Hope to see you there! For more information call Karen Styers at 405.642.0749!



## Adventurers Class

*Room 103*

The Adventurers Class offers a warm and welcoming space for all—whether you're drawn by the singing of beloved hymns, engaging biblical discussions, or thoughtful fellowship. Each Sunday morning brings meaningful conversation and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our Spring Semester includes studying David using 2 Samuel and the Psalms. This study runs from February through March 1st. Then March 8 – May 3, join us as we explore a study of Isaiah. Note that we will not meet on Easter and also not meet on Memorial Day. Whether you've been attending for years or are looking for a new place to connect, we'd love for you to join us this fall.



## S.A.L.T. - Studying and Learning Together

*Frederickson Hall*

Join us for a pastor-led Bible study where we dive into the scripture passages that will shape our upcoming Sunday worship. Led by Landon—and occasionally Kim or Michelle—this class provides helpful context and background to enrich our understanding of the text. Together, we explore how these scriptures speak into our daily lives, forming us as individuals and as a community.



## Summer Inquirers' Class

*Starting June 14th | Room 105*

Are you a visitor? Interested in learning more about Westminster, the Presbyterian Church, or what membership means? You are invited to attend our Summer Inquirers' Class.

This class offers an opportunity to explore life at Westminster, the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and what it means to be part of a community shaped by grace, worship, study, fellowship, and mission.

Over the summer, we will also take a tour of the church and spend several Sundays discussing your questions.

Register on the website, in the app, or at the Welcome Desk. While the class is a prerequisite for membership, all are welcome, whether or not you are currently considering joining.

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION OFFERINGS

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Scripture Sisters: A Wednesday Women's Bible Study**

*Wednesday Mornings | 10:00-11:30am | Conference Room*

Women are invited to this weekly morning Bible study for learning, sharing, and fellowship. The upcoming studies follow a small group format with scripture, history, and reflection questions by Rose Publishing: "The Exodus," followed by "The Tabernacle," and then "The Book of Daniel." Many members optionally gather for lunch at a local deli afterward. Questions? Contact Gayle Jones at 405.720.8480.



### **Thursday Morning Men's Group**

*Thursday Mornings | 7:00am | Room 104*

Weekly men's Bible study and fellowship. Open to all men of the church.



### **Waypoint**

A monthly dinner-and-discussion group for adults in their 20s and 30s that meets on the second Sunday of the month, with occasional outings and hands-on service.

### **Summer Series: Always Already Loved**

This summer we are reading Pastor Landon's short book *Always Already Loved* as a three-part introduction to the Christian faith through the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith. Each participant will receive a copy ahead of time. Come curious and come with questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **We Belong (Intro and Chapters 1-4)**

*June 14 | 6:00pm | Chicken Shack2Go*

We start where the confession starts: "In life and in death we belong to God." We will talk about what it means that belonging comes before belief, and follow the confession into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

### **We Trust in God (Chapters 5-7)**

*July 12 | 6:00pm | WPC Parlor*

The confession turns to the God Jesus reveals: creator, covenant-maker, faithful parent. We will explore what it means that God created the world good, that we rebel and hide, and that God's response to our failure is "yet."

### **The Spirit and the Life of the Church (Chapters 8-12)**

*August 9 | 6:00pm | WPC*

The confession gets practical. We will talk about what the Holy Spirit is doing in justification, in Scripture and sacraments, and in giving the church courage to pray, witness, unmask idolatry, hear silenced voices, and work for justice. We will end where the confession ends: "Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God."

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### CHILDREN

#### Vacation Bible School

June 1-4 | 9:30am | Playground

Get ready for a winter-themed VBS adventure with Snowball Mountain Challenge inspired by Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through God who strengthens me." At Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, kids are participants in this exciting winter sports event style VBS. They'll dive into frosty games, enjoy snowy surprises, and learn hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. They will be guided by Ollie the Arctic Seal as we discover together that with God's strength, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and have hope.



### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

#### Drive-In Movie Night

July 24 | 6:00-9:00pm | WPC

Kids can enjoy a fun-filled evening featuring a "drive-in" movie experience complete with cardboard box cars, popcorn, snacks, games, and cozy movie fun with friends.

#### Back-to-School Night Out

August 21 | 6:00-9:00pm | WPC

Celebrate the start of a new school year with an exciting evening of school themed games, crafts, activities, and encouragement as kids head into a fresh new season.

#### Honoring Grandparents Night Out

September 25 | 6:00-9:00pm | WPC

A special evening dedicated to celebrating grandparents and the important role they play in our families. Children will enjoy meaningful crafts, activities, treats, and opportunities to create gifts and memories for their grandparents.



### YOUTH

#### Summer Mission Trip: Broken Bow

June 8-12 | Broken Bow, OK

WPC Youth, it's that time again!!! It's time to head to Broken Bow for fun, fellowship, sun, and service! Registration will be open to all 9th-12th graders and cost will be \$350/person (please register via the WPC Weekly Update page). Spots are limited to 15, so please don't wait to register! Our house has been booked, and Scott, Maggie, and Amber can't wait!!

# ADULTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Pastries and Prayers

June 11 | 9:30am | Paris Bakery 2620 W Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Join Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin for a special breakfast gathering featuring morning devotion, prayer, and spiritual reflection. Space is limited, so RSVP to reserve your seat at the table!



### Monday Night Mahjong for Beginners

June 15 | 5:00pm | Room 104

We are hosting another FREE beginners Mahjong class. If you already know how to play, you are more than welcome to come join and play with your friends or help others learn! Bring your tiles and cards if you have them. We can provide a few for you as well. Please register.



### Sister Act at the Civic Center

July 12 | 2:00pm | Civic Center

(carpool from WPC after Summer Social)

Join WPC staff for an afternoon at the theater to see Sister Act, the Tony-nominated musical based on the hit 1992 film. With funky gospel rhythms, powerhouse vocals, and show-stopping numbers, this feel-good celebration of music, community, and finding your voice is not to be missed. Space is limited to a group of eight. Sign up online or in the app and submit the \$20.00 payment to reserve your seat.



### Morning Devotion and Walk at Martin Nature Park

August 13 | 9:00am | Martin Nature Park, then Press and Plow

Meet at Martin Nature Park for a morning devotion and walk, combining prayer and fellowship as we enjoy God's creation. Afterward, the group will head to Press and Plow for breakfast and continued conversation.



### Christmas in July

Throughout July

This July, Westminster will begin preparing for You Are Loved, our annual Christmastime service opportunity with the Homeless Alliance. Throughout the month, you will have the opportunity to support this ministry through donations that help provide a Christmas meal, gifts, and needed supplies for our neighbors in December. More details will be available soon!

# ALL AGES

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### All Ages Movie Night

June 14 | 5:00pm | Youth Room

We will be showing *The Sandlot* and providing hotdogs, popcorn, and drinks for everyone of all ages! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening. There will be some comfortable seating provided, but feel free to bring something to sit on and/or a blanket. Please register!



### Summer Social

July 12 | 11:30pm | Garden Court

This will be a time to hang out after the 10:30am Worship Service with our community while it also is an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to come see what Westminster is all about. We will have Jimmy Johns Sandwiches, ice cream and drinks. There will be a face painter for the kids! Please register.

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## Hello, Westminster!

I'm pumped to be here serving as the Coordinator of Media and Events. I stepped into this role this past December, and I have loved every bit of it.

I look forward to continuing to share Westminster's story on social media and show both our congregation and the community the love our people have for each other and for our city. I'm also excited to continue working closely with the deacons to create fun, inviting, and community-focused events. Our communications team is passionate about showing others exactly what Westminster is all about!

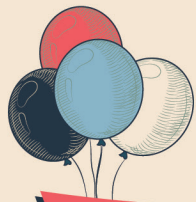
A little about me: I was born in Georgia and raised in Amarillo, Texas, but I can now officially say I've committed my citizenship to the great state of Oklahoma! I graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Strategic Communications and a minor in Marketing. Before coming to Westminster, I spent time working in church outreach and wedding planning. Really, I love anything that brings people together!

When I'm not sharing your great faces on social media, I'm spending time with my husband, Zack, and our sweet red heeler, Rover!

### Bailey Kowalewski

Coordinator of Media and Events





# CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

## *Together*



A weekend of memories, storytelling, worship, laughter, and gratitude as Westminster gathered to celebrate eight decades of faithful community.

# Thank You. WESTMINSTER

For 80 years, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been shaped by generations of people who showed up in faith, served their neighbors, built community, and helped this church become a place of welcome and hope in Oklahoma City.

This anniversary weekend reminded us that Westminster's story is not only found in buildings or timelines, but in the people who continue to bring this church to life.

From exploring historical archives and sharing memories to gathering around tables in the Payne Garden Court, the weekend was filled with meaningful conversations, joyful reunions, and gratitude for all who have helped shape Westminster across the decades.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, shared stories, and celebrated with us throughout the weekend. **Your presence helped make this milestone truly special.**

We look forward with hope toward the future God continues to shape through Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for being a part of our story!



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### Office Hours

M-F | 8:00am - 5:00pm

### Sunday Worship Times

Chapel | 8:15am

Sanctuary | 10:30am

Sensory-Friendly | 10:30am

*Frederickson Hall*

*10:30am service Livestream available on  
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## Congregational Giving

*"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.*  
The Worship Sourcebook

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