



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Diana Smith

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Congregational Care (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Jan McDaniel, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Alyssa Sonnier, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship

God's covenant with creation is clear:

Death will not rule us.

But what felt for generations like a far-off promise

God made real through incarnation.

Death will not rule us.

Resurrection is not only something that happened long ago,

and it is not only something that awaits the moment of our death.

God is breathing life into dry bones. Even here, even now.

Death will not rule us.

*Hymn of Praise

MELITA

God of the Living



God of the liv - ing, in whose eyes un - veiled thy whole cre - a - tion lies,
Re - leased from earth - ly toil and strife, with thee is hid - den still their life;
Not spilt like wa - ter on the ground, not wrapped in dream - less sleep pro - found,
Thy word is true, thy will is just; to thee we leave them, Lord, in trust;



all souls are thine; we must not say that those are dead who pass a - way,
thine are their thoughts, their works, their powers, all thine, and yet most tru - ly ours,
not wand - 'ring in un - known de - spair be - yond thy voice, thine arm, thy care;
and bless thee for the love which gave thy Son to fill a hu - man grave,



from this our world of flesh set free; we know them liv - ing un - to thee.
for well we know, where - 'er they be, our dead are liv - ing un - to thee.
not left to lie like fall - en tree; not dead, but liv - ing un - to thee.
that none might fear that world to see where all are liv - ing un - to thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the prophet Jeremiah, in the book of Lamentations:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."

God's mercy comes fresh each day:
through words we know and words we read for the first time,
in voices long trusted and voices only now being heard.

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

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

Sacred Space (10:30am)

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.
In Chapel the children will be learning all about the story of David. 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. 1)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14, p. 618

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 143

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Second Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1–14, 20–24, 39–42, p. 137

Holy wisdom, holy words,

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

The Hope That Would Not Die

***Affirmation of Faith**

From the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe

- **that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**
- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- **that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**
- **that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**
- **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**
- **that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**
- **that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**
- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;**
- **that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- **which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

When in the Night I Meditate (Psalm 16)

George N. Allen (1812-1877)

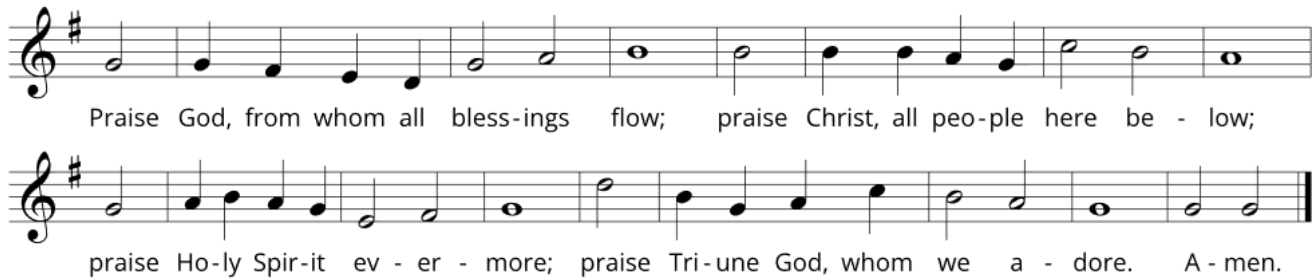
When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied, my grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my Guide. My inmost being thrills with joy and gladness fills my breast; because on Him my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest. I know that I shall not be left forgotten in the grave, and from corruption, Thou, O Lord, Thy holy one wilt save. The path of life Thou showest me; of joy a boundless store is ever found at Thy right hand, and pleasures evermore.

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)

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

*Hymn of Sending (No. 797)

YE BANKS AND BRAES

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Intrada

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

***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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WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 21

DINNER (OPTIONAL): 5:15 PM | \$10 ADULT | \$5 CHILD | \$30 FAMILY CAP

PROGRAM: 6:00–7:00 PM



ADULTS

DIVIDED ALLEGIANCE: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHURCH FORGETS WHO IT IS



Join us for a 6-week Mid-week Manna series exploring Rev. Landon Whitsitt's new book, *Divided Allegiance*, and how our faith shapes our identity in a world of competing loyalties.

Together, we'll reflect on what it means to follow Christ above all else, engage difficult conversations with humility and grace, and rediscover the Church's calling to be a community rooted in the Gospel rather than divided by culture or politics.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Our Primary Allegiance: Following Christ First
- When Faith and Politics Collide
- Rediscovering the Church's Witness
- Speaking Truth with Grace
- Living as Peacemakers in a Divided World
- Hope for the Church's Future

Each evening includes thoughtful teaching from Landon, discussion, and practical ways to live out our faith in today's world.



YOUTH | 4TH-12TH GRADERS

Join Amber and Scott in the youth room for devotion, fellowship, and games.



CHILDREN | AGES 5-3RD GRADE

ART & BIBLE CAMP

Join Michelle and Katrina upstairs after dinner for a special Art & the Bible Camp where children can be both creative and curious as they explore Bible stories through painting, drawing, sculpture, and other hands-on art experiences while learning about God's love and our place in God's story.



Whether your child already loves making art or is just beginning to explore their creativity, they'll be encouraged to see themselves as a unique and valued creator, reflecting the image of the ultimate Creator.



CHILDCARE | INFANTS-4 YEARS

The nursery is available for infants through 4-year-olds.



RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Register by scanning the QR code or via the website/app. Please register by Monday of each week for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational Meeting **September 13 | Following 10:30am service**

A Called Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30am worship service for the purpose of filling the vacant Class of 2028 Elder position. All members are encouraged to remain for this brief meeting before heading to the Deacon Picnic.



Deacon Picnic **September 13 | 11:30am | Manor Lawn**



This event is a great gathering to bring your family and friends to celebrate the community that we have here at Westminster! BBQ lunch, foam machine, petting zoo, and ice cream truck provided! Please register. **NOTE:** This will be a one worship Sunday. No 8:15am service.



Mid-Week Manna **Wednesdays, Sept 16-Oct 21 | WPC** **Dinner: 5:15pm | Program: 6:00-7:00pm**



Mid-week Manna is for the whole family! Join us for an optional dinner followed by programming for adults, youth, and children. There's something for everyone to learn, connect, and grow together. Please register for dinner by Monday each week.



Thegither Groups **Registration open until September 16th**



Thegither is Westminster's small group ministry centered around simple meals and meaningful connection. Fall registration is open through September 13, with groups gathering throughout the rest of 2026. We're also looking for "gatherers" to help organize groups. All are welcome!



ALL Youth Back to School Party **September 20 | 2:00pm | Chicken-N-Pickle**



ALL WPC Youth Back-to-School Party at Chicken-N-Pickle, Sunday, September 20, from 2-4pm. For more information and to register, see the QR code.



Pastries and Prayer **Sept. 24 | 9:30am | Paris Bakery on Memorial**



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



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Grief Support Group

**Every other Monday, Sept 21-Nov 30
12:30-2:00pm | LL30**

WPC's Grief Support Group will gather every other Monday to offer a supportive space for those experiencing grief. Come share, listen, and find support alongside others walking through loss. No registration is required, and all are welcome.



Parents' Night Out

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

An evening dedicated to celebrating grandparents and the important role they play in our families. Children will enjoy crafts, activities, treats, and opportunities to create gifts and memories for their grandparents. Cost is \$30 for one child or \$50 for a family group (2+ kids).



Pick up an old Pew Bible

Room 105 | Last day to pick up is August 31

Both dedicated and undedicated OLD Pew Bibles are available for pickup in Room 105. Anyone is welcome to stop by and take an undedicated Bible home.



In-Home Communion

Communion is an important sacrament we celebrate together as a community of faith, and all are welcome at the table. If you or a family member are unable to attend worship, our Deacons offer In-Home Communion. To schedule a visit, please get in touch with the church office.



This Week I Learned

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!



September 17 | 9:00am | WPC

Help pack and deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to serve.

September 19 | 8:30am | WPC

Serve at the Hope House to deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to help.



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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

HONORING GRANDPARENTS



SEPT. 25

6:00-9:00PM

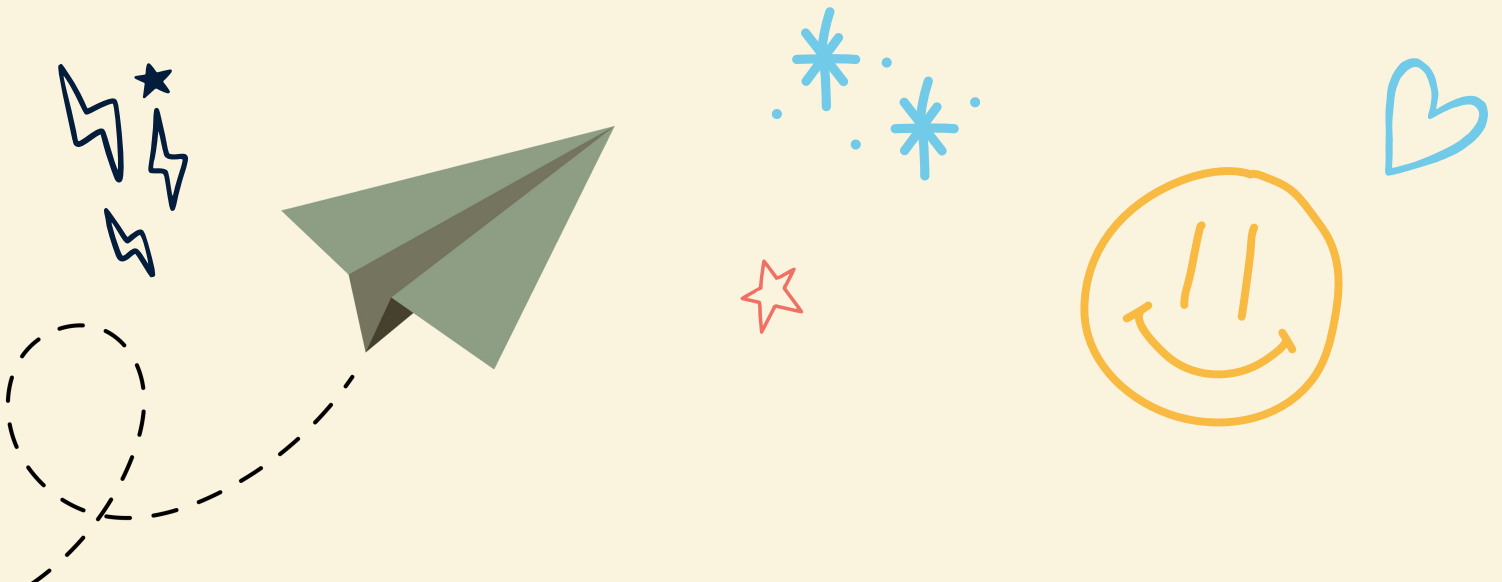
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4400 N SHARTEL AVE, OKC, OK 73118

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Registration is required, and space is limited to 25 children. Cost is \$30 for one child or \$50 for a family group (2+ kids).



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13 No Chapel Service 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary <i>Congregational Meeting Directly Following</i> 11:30am Deacons Picnic  16th Sunday after Pentecost	14 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group <i>Final day to RSVP for 9/16 Midweek Manna Dinner</i>	15 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Meeting 11:30am Mission Team Meeting	16 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation 5:15pm Midweek Manna Dinner 6:00pm Midweek Manna 6:00pm Chancel Choir	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am FMS Grocery Packing 11:00am Mary Circle 6:00pm Deacon Meeting	18	19 8:30am FMS Grocery Packing
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