



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Cynthia Brindley

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
Steve Thompson, Principal Organist
Lisa Hart, carillon
Fiona Scott, cantor (Frederickson Hall)
Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Puer nobis

arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

*Call to Worship

The risen Word ascends beyond our sight

yet we are not left without the words of life.

Something stirs in us when this story is told.

We cannot always name it but we always feel it.

Come, let us worship the God who speaks still.

Let us worship the one who walks with us on the road to hope.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 258)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

DEO GRACIAS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

you meet us where we are -

in grief, in confusion,

in the long walk home after everything has gone wrong.

But we do not always see you there.

We look for you in triumph and miss you in suffering.

We expect clarity and turn away from mystery.

We stand staring at the sky

when you promise to meet us on the ground.

Forgive us.

Attune us to your presence

in the stranger who walks beside us and

in the urging we feel

before we have words for what it means.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:
"My word shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

The word that claimed you in water, in bread, and in this ancient story
has not grown quiet.
It is still being spoken.
It is still true.
It is still for you.

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

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

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 are learning about sharing their gifts and talents, as they lend a helping hand to decorate for VBS. 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

1 Corinthians 15:1–8, p. 135

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 47

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Clap your hands, O faith-ful peo - ple! Shout to God a song of praise!

Second Reading

Luke 24:13–35, p. 68

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

What does Scripture do to us?

Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate,

to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

The Scriptures are not a witness among others,
but the witness without parallel.

The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony

in which it hears the word of God, and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ.

God's word is spoken to the church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit, with readiness to receive their truth and direction.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

Robert H. Young (1923-2011)

Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall? 'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story, tis the Lord, the King of glory. At his feet we humbly fall; Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all! Who is He, who stands and weeps at the grave where Laz'rus sleeps 'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story, t'is the Lord the King of glory. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all! Who is He in Calvary's throes asks for blessings on His foes 'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story, t'is the Lord, the King of glory. At His feet we humbly fall; Crown Him; crown him Lord of all! Who is He who from the grave comes to seek and help and save? It is the Lord, O wondrous story, 'tis the Lord, the King of glory. At his feet we humbly fall; Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all! At his feet we humbly fall; Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, organ

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low: Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ, whose pow'r up-lifts!

Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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. 264)

KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

Voluntary on Crucifer

arr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

*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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The Floral Cross is dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the marriage of Jillian Neville and Jeff Vogt.



JUNE 1-4

9:30am-12pm

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

*I can do all things through **CHRIST** who strengthens me.*
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

- SNOW GAMES!**
- BIBLE LESSONS!**
- FUN SURPRISES!**

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for an unforgettable winter adventure at Snowball Mountain Challenge!

*We'll discover together that with God's strength, we can share gifts, **BE BRAVE, GIVE OUR ALL, PRAY, and HAVE HOPE.***

Join me, **Ollie the Artic Seal**, for a **COOL** adventure! I'll guide you through frosty fun & faith-filled lessons.

REGISTER TODAY!



(Children ages Pre-K - 3rd grade)



SPACE LIMITED

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Health & Wellness Event May 23 | 10:00am | The Homeless Alliance

Join us in serving individuals experiencing homelessness! Services will include a mobile vaccine clinic, haircuts, showers, laundry, and more. Volunteers will help with check-in and guide attendees to available services. Email Kelsi at kelsi@citycareokc.org to sign up!



OBI Blood Drive June 4 | 9:00am | Parking Lot

We're excited to announce our upcoming Blood Drive with Our Blood Institute! Look for the bloodmobile. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling in advance helps plan for a smooth and successful drive.



Youth Summer Mission Trip June 8-12 | Broken Bow

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. Spots are limited to 15, so please don't wait to register! Our house has been booked. Scott, Maggie, and Amber can't wait!!



All Ages Movie Night June 14 | 5:00 pm | 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. Please register!



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.



Help Decorate for VBS

If you are around on Wednesdays in May, we will be decorating for VBS from 9:30am-12:00pm on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Any and all help transforming the basement into our VBS wonderland is greatly appreciated!



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Light My Path: Sponsor a Pew Bible

We are updating our pew Bibles to the NRSVue, a scholarly edition built on 30+ years of biblical research and over 20,000 textual refinements. Help us place 300 new Bibles in our pews by sponsoring one for \$35 — dedications in honor or memory of a loved one are welcome. The final date to sponsor a bible is May 24th.



Vote WPC for Best Place to Worship

Westminster has been nominated in The Oklahoman's Best of Oklahoma awards, and it would be incredible to see our church recognized as one of the best places to worship in OKC. Voting is open May 13-27, and **you can vote once a day**. Scan the QR code and help Westminster win!



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!



Our Sermons Available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts

Listen to Westminster's Sunday sermons on your commute, during a workout, on a walk, or whenever you have a few moments to reflect. Search 'Westminster Presbyterian Church Podcasts'



Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion, and your dedication will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up to purchase and dedicate your flowers either on the Weekly Update page or at the front desk. (There are 2 vases each week at a cost of \$60 each)



Follow us on Socials

Stay connected with what's happening at Westminster throughout the week! Follow us, like, and share to help spread the word about the great things God is doing in our church community. **Instagram:** @westminsterokc **Facebook:** Westminster Presbyterian Church



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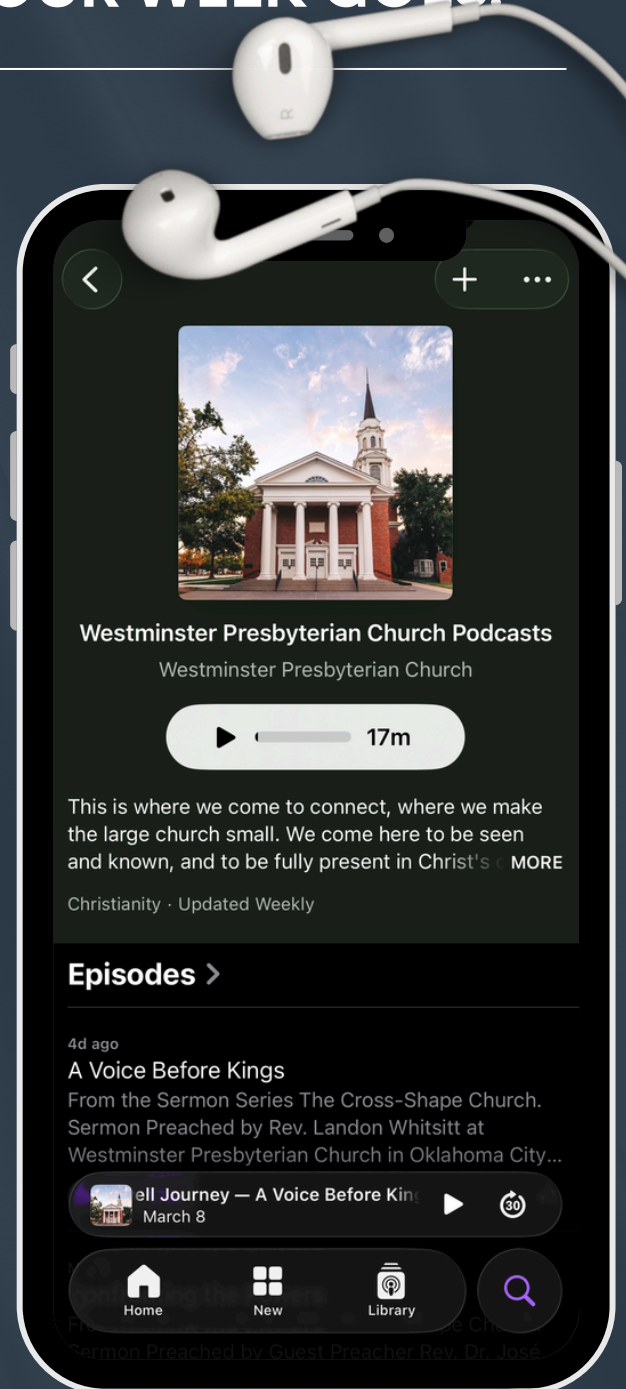


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MAY/JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>17 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team Meeting 11:45am VBS Volunteer Training</p> <p>7th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>18 11:30am Dinah Circle 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group 4:00pm Foundation Meeting</p>	<p>19 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Missions Team Meeting</p>	<p>20 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation Meeting</p>	<p>21 7:00am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Mary Circle 6:00pm Deacon Meeting 7:00pm Priscilla Circle</p>	22	23
<p>24 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Youth Team Meeting</p> <p>No Choir Communion Sunday Day of Pentecost</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Church Closed</p>	<p>26 7:30am Men of Westminster 10:00am Knit N Pearl 12:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting</p>	<p>27 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	29	30
<p>31 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:45am VBS Training</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>1 9:30am VBS</p>	<p>2 9:30am VBS</p>	<p>3 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 9:30am VBS 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Esther Circle 6:00pm Youth Night</p>	<p>4 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am OBI Blood Drive 9:30am VBS</p>	5	6
<p>7 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall</p> <p>Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>8 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group</p>	<p>9 7:30am Men of Westminster 12:00pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality Team Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	12	13