



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Mike Ford

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Congregational Care

Elder Glenn Dunn, Parish Associate for Congregational Care (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Mark Billy, cantor

Lisa Hart, carillon

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

Alyssa Sonnier, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER
September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Improvisation on "In Thee is Gladness"

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

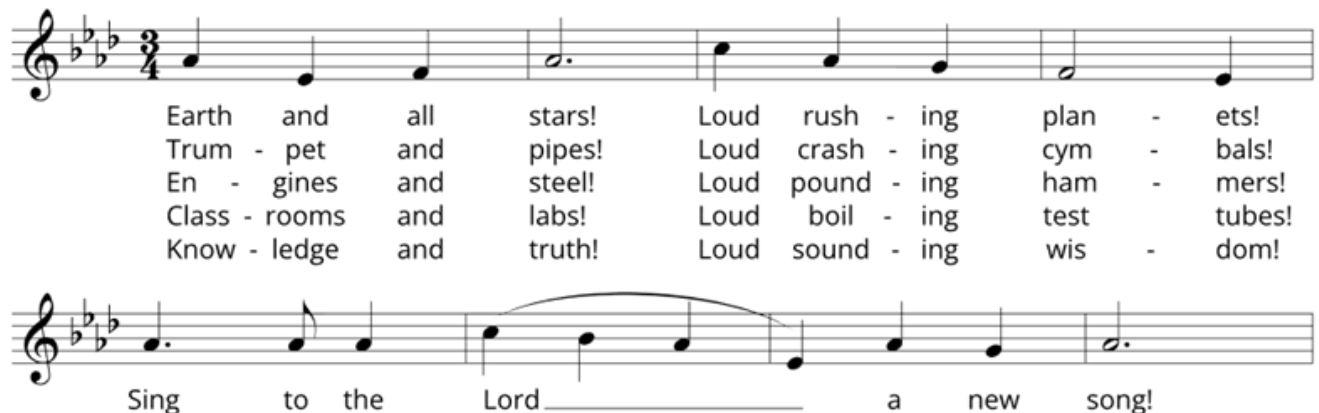
***Call to Worship**

Again and again, God searches us out,
unwilling to leave a single one behind.
The world uses us for what we can give,
but God comes to give us what we need.
Some of us bring much, some of us bring little,
and God gives us all the same welcome.
None of us has earned our place,
and the last are welcomed like the first.

***Hymn of Praise**

DEXTER

Earth and All Stars



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

Sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

*Hymn of Praise (cont.)

DEXTER

Earth and All Stars

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

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done mar - vel - ous things.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Generous God,
you give us each our daily bread
and forgive us our debts,
but we struggle to forgive our debtors.
In fact, we begrudge your generosity to others.
We long to bask in the light of your love
yet count the blessings of others as our loss.
Forgive us.
Teach us to rejoice in your boundless grace.
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name;
you are mine."
Our identity as children of God is not earned by our labors.
Rather, God's love for us enables us to be part of God's work.
Friends, believe the good news:
We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

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

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



Sacred Space

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

*Passing of the Peace

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

In Chapel the children are learning about all about Godly Play, Worship & Listening to One of God's Stories. 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. 2)

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15, p. 48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 145

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

The psalm refrain will be sung once by the cantor. Please join in singing the refrain when it is repeated and thereafter, as the cantor invites you to join in.



Second Reading

Matthew 20:1–16, p. 17

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

The Hiring

*Hymn of Response

LIVING FOR JESUS

Living for Jesus



*Reception of New Members and Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

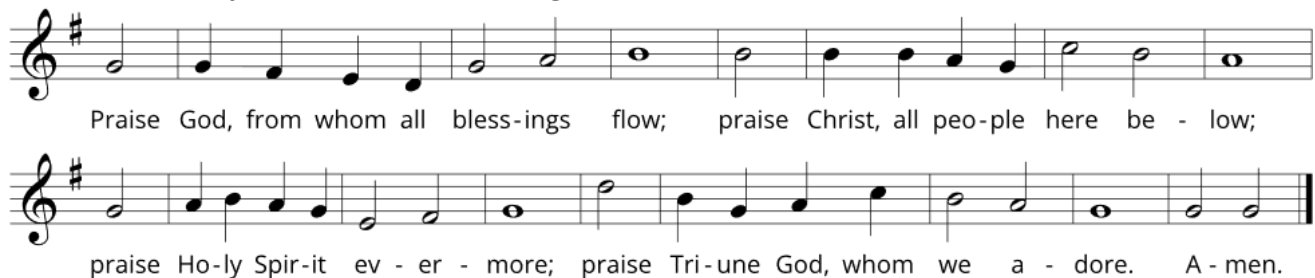
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is I dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

Chancel Choir, Steve Thompson piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*Hymn of Sending (No. 435)

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)
arr. J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

*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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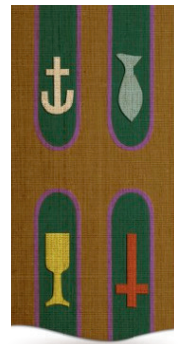
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Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of
Spencer and Ella Lee Cryder by Liza and Sterling Cryder.

The Apostles' Creed (ca. AD 180-750)

Developed between the second and ninth centuries as a baptismal creed for the new Christians, this is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. Banner: Color Brown: The difficulty and rigor of early Christianity under persecution; Purple Arches: Entrances to caves or catacombs where early Christians met in secret; The Anchor Cross: Security in Christ, as found by the apostles, some of whom were fishermen; The Fish: An ancient symbol for the Christian faith; The Chalice: The Lord's Supper; The Upside-Down Cross: Peter, who in legend is said to have been crucified upside down because he thought himself unworthy of a death like his Master's.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational Meeting

Today | 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.



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!



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.



Welcome to Westminster

Please join us in welcoming Andy and Teresa Fugitt, Hunter and Becca Duke, Ryan Edwards, Shirley Guffin, John and Morgan Magelssen, Philip and Maren Younts, Pat McMurry, and Adam and Neely Thomas. We're grateful to have you as part of our church family and look forward to growing, worshipping, and serving together.



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.

PARENTS: Please scan the QR code to fill out the required waiver.



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.



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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).



Parenting Pop-up: All About Communion

September 27 | 9:30am | Rhythm Room

Join Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin for a short, interactive session explaining the biblical meaning, history, and symbolism of Communion within the Reformed tradition to aid you in deciding when your child is ready to join in the celebration of "taking communion".



Sound of Music at the Civic Center

September 27 | 1:30pm | Civic Center



Join us for an afternoon at the theater! Our seats are in the Left Balcony for \$30. Please note: *Our seating area requires navigating approximately 10 stairs. Additional accessibility information is available when registering.* Space is limited. Register today!



Blood Drive: Critical Need

October 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Room 105



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



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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WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 21

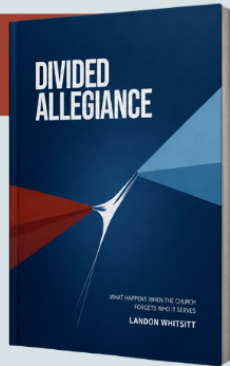
DINNER (OPTIONAL): 5:15 PM | \$10 ADULT | \$5 CHILD | \$30 FAMILY CAP

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.

NOMINATION

2027

Ruling Elder

Ruling Elders exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of WPC. They serve faithfully as members of the session. Ruling Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and the world. Ruling Elders serve three-year terms.

Deacons

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgement should be considered. Deacons serve three-year terms.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for management of the building, grounds, and other real property of the church. The board also manages all special permanent special funds of WPC. Trustees serve three-year terms.

Nominating Process

The process of electing new leaders begins with the entire membership. You are each invited to fill out a confidential nomination form (available online), from which the Committee will carefully prepare the proposed slate of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees. Before presenting the slate to the congregation, the committee will confirm that each nominee is willing and able to serve.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 No Chapel Service 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary Congregational Meeting Directly Following 11:30am Deacons Picnic  16th Sunday after Pentecost	14 12:30pm Caregivers Support Group <i>Final day to RSVP for 9/16</i> <i>Midweek Manna Dinner</i>	15 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Meeting 11:30am Mission Team Meeting 5:30pm Nominating 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
20 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team Meeting 2:00pm All Youth Back To School Party Chicken-N-Pickle 17th Sunday after Pentecost	21 10:00am Dinah Circle 12:30pm Grief Support Group 4:00pm Foundation Meeting <i>Final day to RSVP for 9/23</i> <i>Midweek Manna Dinner</i>	22 7:00am Men of Westminster 10:00am Knit N Pearl 11:30am Stewardship Meeting 12:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting	23 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Midweek Manna Dinner 6:00pm Midweek Manna 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Pasteries & Prayers Paris Bakery	25 6:00pm Parents Night Out Children's Ministry	26
27 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 1:30pm Sound of Music Civic Center 18th Sunday after Pentecost	28 12:30pm Caregivers Support Group 5:00pm Operations Meeting <i>Final day to RSVP for 9/30</i> <i>Midweek Manna Dinner</i>	29 7:00am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Meeting	30 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm Midweek Manna Dinner 6:00pm Midweek Manna 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	1 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm Session Meeting	2	3
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