WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher
Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

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

Musicians
Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts
Dr. Melissa Plamann, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts
Mark Billy, Artist in Residence
Lisa Hart, carillon
Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)
Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Praeludium in F Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending arr. Janet Linker (b. 1938)

***Call to Worship**
God calls us to join the work of the kingdom:
"Go and work in my vineyard today."
When we turn away, God calls again:
"Go and work in my vineyard today."
When we say yes but fail to follow through, God calls still:
"Go and work in my vineyard today."
So we come not to answer God's call with our words but with our lives:
"Go and work in my vineyard today."

***Hymn of Praise (No. 716)** BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Call to Confession

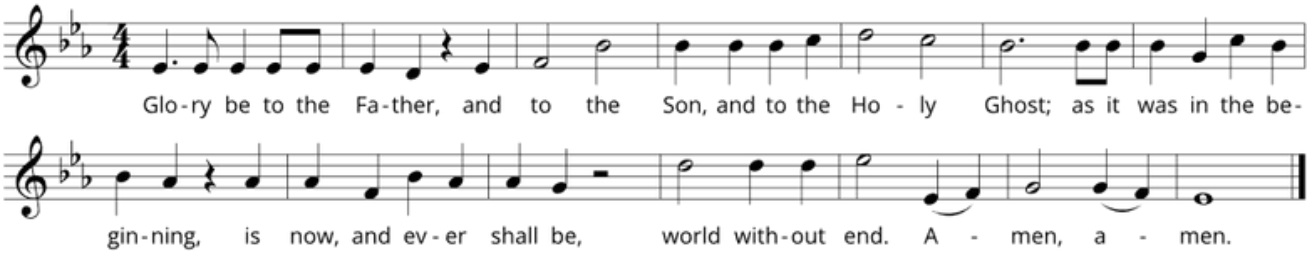
Prayer of Confession
Merciful God,
you call us to the work of your kingdom,
and we are quick to answer, "Yes, Lord."
But our yes too often dies just past our lips,
making our witness empty words
when you have asked for faithful lives.
Forgive the distance between what we profess
and how we spend our days.
Create in us new hearts
that do not forget that promises are lived,
not spoken.
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 (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 are learning all about Creation.
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

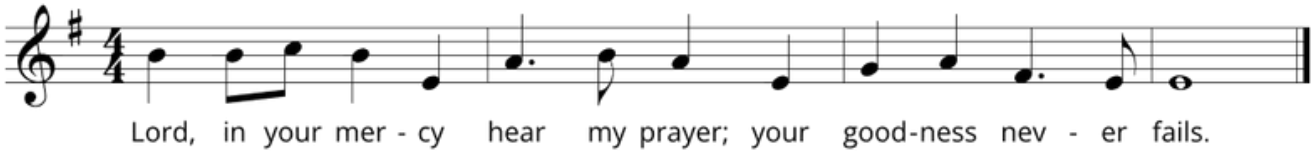
First Reading Ezekiel 18:26–32, p. 601

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 25 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.



Avery Benjamin, cantor

Second Reading Matthew 21:28–32, p. 18

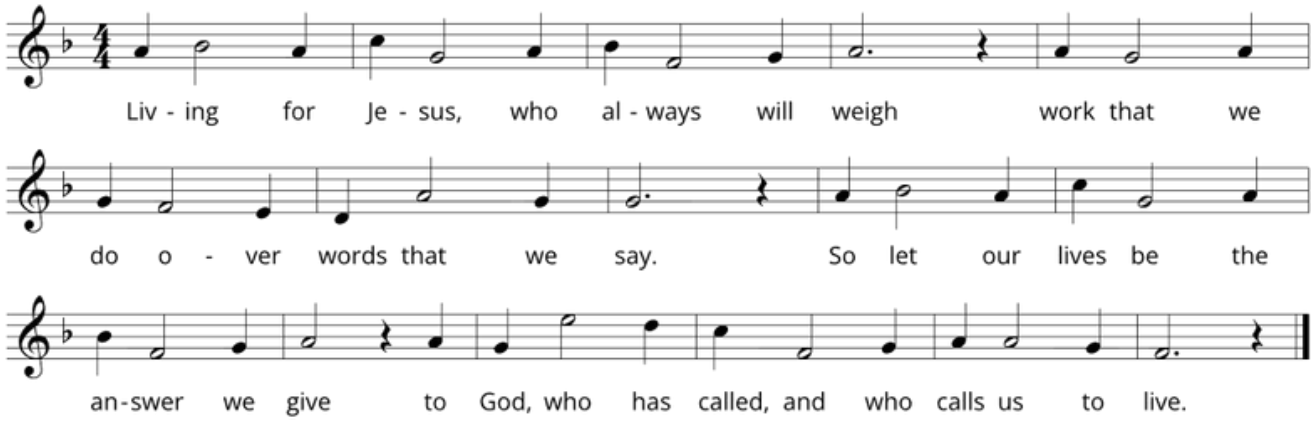
For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Michelle Junkin

The Refusal

***Hymn of Response** LIVING FOR JESUS

Living for Jesus



***Affirmation of Faith** From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,

***Affirmation of Faith** (cont.) From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Moment for Nominations Mike Biddinger

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

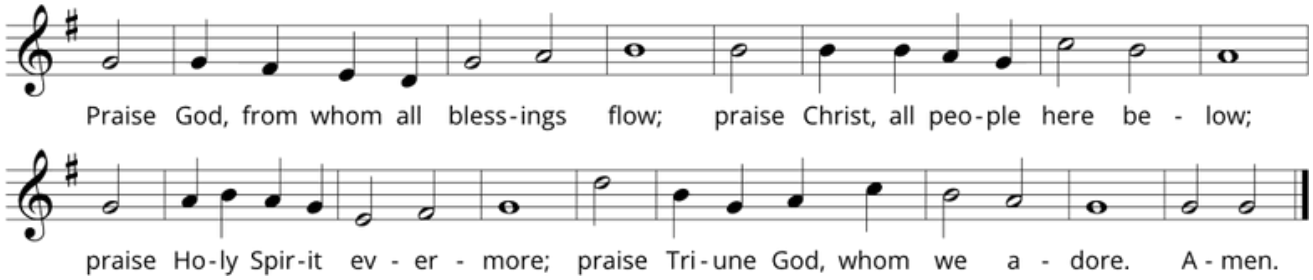
Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Where Charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

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. 724)** ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' arr. Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

*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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Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Dorothy Elliott, Suzanne Robbins, and James F. Davis, by Katie Davis.



Worship Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Katie Davis in celebration of her 90th birthday today, by Kimberly Tranbarger, Susan Jordan, and Nancy Roberts.

A Brief Statement of Faith - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (1983)



After the two largest streams of Presbyterianism in the United States reunited to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1983, a committee was appointed to draft a confession that would briefly summarize our faith. Like the earliest creeds it is liturgical in style and suitable for use in worship. Banner: Cross: a rainbow of colors representing the celebration of unity with the diversity of cultures and races; Blue Background: The Universe as the light of the word of God bringing us together; Secure Hands of God: He who holds our world together will unite us in the grace of Jesus Christ; Symbol of the PC(USA).

NOMINATION FORM

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Email (if known): _____

Nominee Phone (if known): _____

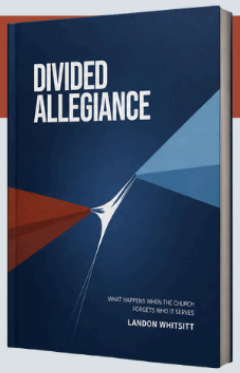
I nominate the above person for the position of:

☐ Deacon ☐ Trustee ☐ Elder ☐ Nominating Committee

MID-WEEK MANNA

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



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.



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.



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".



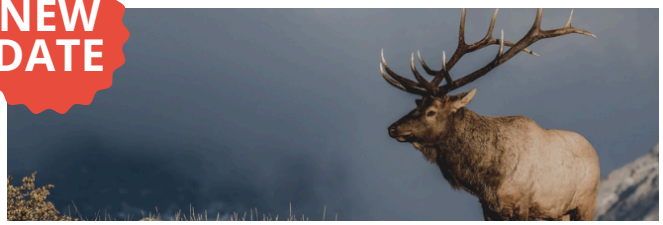
Blood Drive: Critical Need
October 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Room 105
We're excited to announce our upcoming Blood Drive with Our Blood Institute! Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling in advance helps plan for a smooth successful drive.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW DATE



Small Group Excursion: Elk Bugling Hike
October 3 | 3:30pm | Wichita Mountains
Join us for a family-friendly afternoon exploring the Wichita Mountains and listening for the elk! Open to all ages, hikers and non-hikers alike. We'll meet at WPC and convoy to the Sunset picnic area. The hike will end before 7:00 PM, followed by an optional group dinner at Riverside Café in Medicine Park.



Circles of Belonging
October 11 | 6:00pm | Garden Court
Life changes. So do the questions we ask and the ways we grow in faith. Circles of Belonging brings people together around the season of life they're navigating, with shared meals, meaningful conversation, time with our pastors, and real relationships with others walking a similar road.



HS (8th-12th Grade) Lock-in
October 17 | 6:00pm-9:00am | Youth Room
Come join Scott, Maggie, and Amber for an overnight stay at the church! Stay for church the next morning or get picked up by 9am!



Trunk or Treat
October 28 | 5:30pm | Manor Lawn
Join us for Trunk or Treat at Westminster! Families are invited to enjoy a fun, free, and welcoming evening with decorated trunks, plenty of candy, costumes, and fall fun for kids of all ages.



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!



October 14 | 9:00am | WPC
Help Feed My Sheep pack and deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to serve.

October 17 | 8:30am | WPC
Serve with Feed My Sheep at the Hope House to deliver monthly groceries to families in need.
Sign up to serve.

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TRUNK OR TREAT

A FUN FALL NIGHT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

OCTOBER 28 | 5:30PM
MANOR LAWN

Join us for Trunk or Treat at Westminster! Bring your family, wear your costume, and enjoy an evening filled with decorated trunks, lots of candy, delicious food, and fall fun!

COSTUMES
Come dressed and ready for fun!

CANDY
Visit trunks and collect treats along the way.

COMMUNITY
A safe, welcoming event for our neighbors.

FAMILY FUN
Games, food, and fun for everyone!

ALL ARE WELCOME

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
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 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**	**21** **10:00am** Dinah Circle **12:30pm** Grief Support Group **4:00pm** Foundation Meeting ***Final day to RSVP for 9/23 Midweek Manna Dinner***	**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 **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 ***Final day to RSVP for 9/30 Midweek Manna Dinner***	**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**
4 **8:15am** Worship: Chapel **9:00am-12pm** Blood Drive RM 105 **9:30am** Christian Education **10:30am** Worship: Sanctuary **10:30am** Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall **World Communion Sunday** **19th Sunday after Pentecost**	**5** **12:30pm** Grief Support Group **6:00pm** Esther Circle ***Final day to RSVP for 10/7 Midweek Manna Dinner***	**6** **7:30am** Men of Westminster **11:30am** Stewardship Meeting **12:00** Children's Ministry Team **6:00pm** Membership and Hospitality Meeting	**7** **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	**8** **7:00am** Men's Bible Study	**9**	**10** **3:30pm** Depart for Small Group Excursion: Elk Bugling Hike
11 **8:15am** Worship: Chapel **9:30am** Christian Education Parenting Pop-up **10:30am** Worship: Sanctuary **6:00pm** Circles of Belonging **20th Sunday after Pentecost**	**12** **12:30pm** Caregivers Support Group ***Final day to RSVP for 10/16 Midweek Manna Dinner***	**13** **7:30am** Men of Westminster **11:30am** Stewardship Meeting **6:00pm** Membership and Hospitality Meeting Zoom	**14** **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 **7:00pm** Priscilla Circle	**15** **7:00am** Men's Bible Study **9:00am** Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing **11:00am** Mary Circle	**16**	**17** **8:30am** Feed My Sheep Grocery Packing & delivery. **6:00pm** HS (8th-12th Grade) Lock-in