WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher
Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists
Jerilyn Whitsitt
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 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Dies sind die heilgen zehen Gebot, BWV 678 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit
If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you for ever;
even the spirit of truth.

2026-2027 Jan L. McDaniel Choral Scholars

***Call to Worship**

We did not choose; we were chosen.
We are branches of the true vine,
and apart from Christ we can do nothing.
Our calling is not to achieve,
but to abide and obey.
So we come now to worship,
to glorify God, who loves us,
and to discern God's calling on our lives,
knowing that in worship and service
our joy is complete.

***Hymn of Praise (No. 611)** HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God,
you are the source of all our life,
and every good in us begins in you.
Yet we still try to bear fruit alone,
trusting our own strength,
and do not understand when the harvest is meager.
Cut off by our pride, we wither.
Forgive us.

Prayer of Confession (cont.)

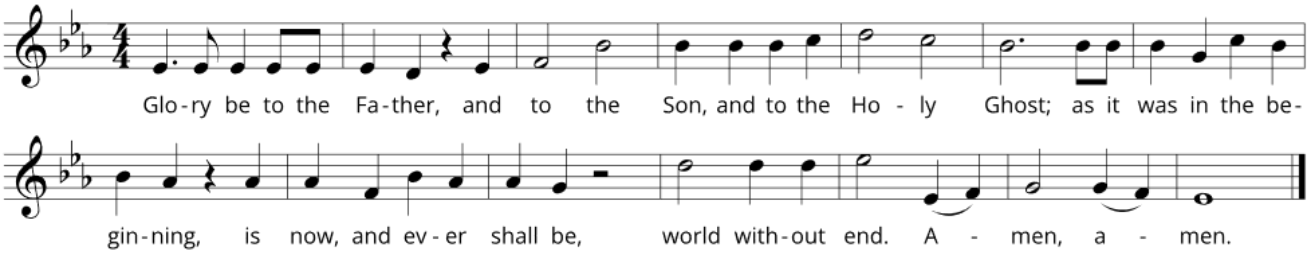
Remind us that we do not live alone -
you live in us,
you work through us,
and your fruit endures forever.
Amen.

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 The Flood. 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

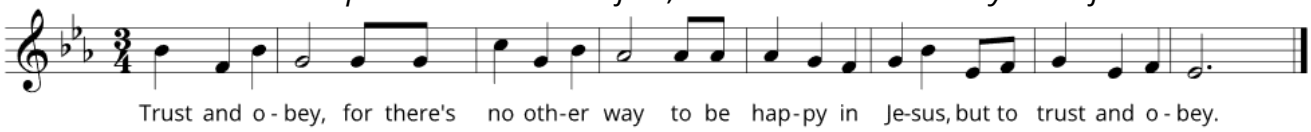
First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15–20, p. 147

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 128

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.



Rebecca Hundley, cantor

Second Reading John 15:1–11, 16, p. 84
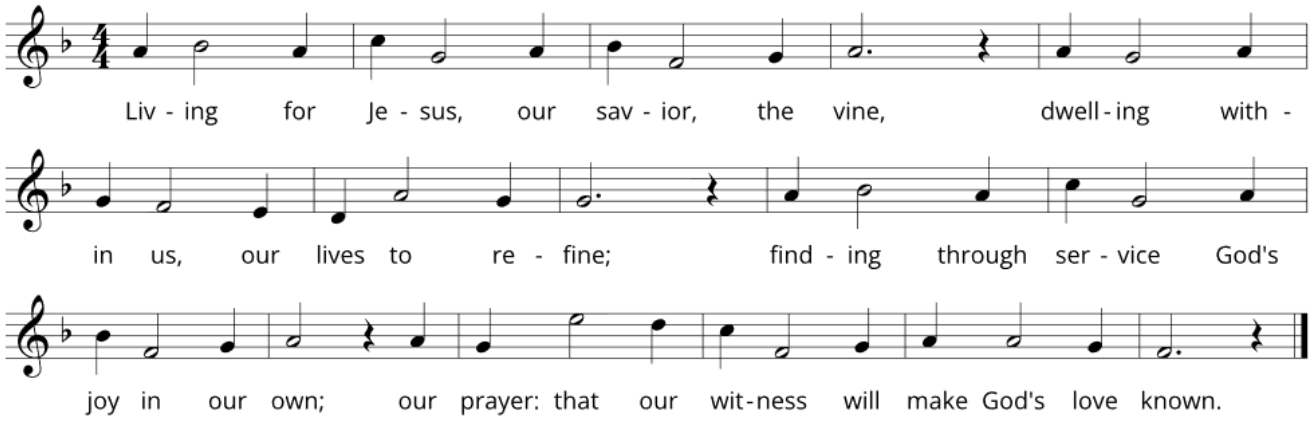
For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Landon Whitsitt

The Vine

***Hymn of Response** LIVING FOR JESUS

Living for Jesus



***Affirmation of Faith** From the *Confession of 1967*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

***Affirmation of Faith** (cont.) From the *Confession of 1967*

The new life takes shape in a community in which all know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Moment for Nominations Alison Taylor

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

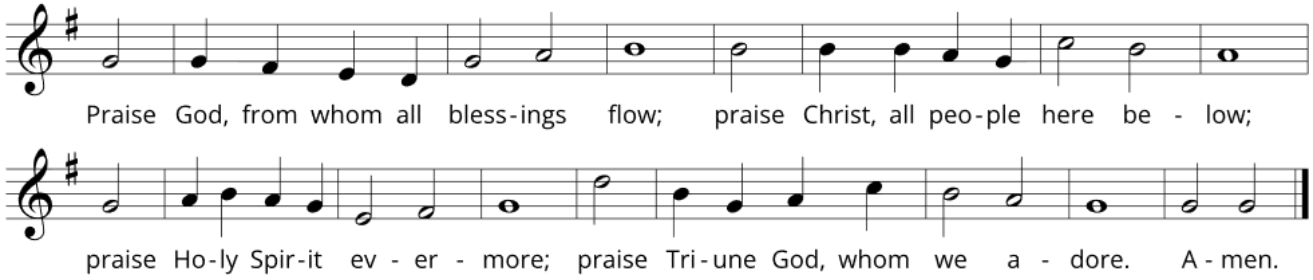
"Peace Like a River" from *Beginnings* Buryl Red (1936-2013)

Jesus, What kind of man are You? The wind was contrary, The waves extraordinary high, and then You held out Your beautiful hand. And with a single thought You calmed the wind, And the storm gave a tender sigh. He gives you peace like a river, washing away all your fears. He gives you light like a new day, glowing through all your tears. Jesus, What kind of man are You? The waves had lost their wrath, The moon became a path of light, and then You smiled on the glassy sea. And in the time of fear you calmed our hearts, And You showed us how deep Your love can be. He gives you joy like a soft robe, wrapping you up in His love. He gives you strength like an eagle, hov'ring high above. He came hoping to show you the way to be free. He came dying to love you, so you could see how to see. He gives you hope like fresh laughter bubbling out of a child. He gives you life, that's unending, Loving you all the while.

Chancel Choir; Mark Billy, baritone; Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano; Dr. Melissa Plamann, organ

***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. 816)** WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata Brevis Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*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 Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church



This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.

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

AN EVENING WITH THE HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Learn about how we can help our unhoused neighbors

Tuesday, October 6

6:00pm | Westminster Presyberian Church

Community Conversation on Homelessness

Join us on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation and learning about homelessness in Oklahoma City. We'll hear from Miguel Rios, Director of Communications for Homeless Alliance; Elizabeth Bliss-Burger, Senior Program Manager for Housing & Homelessness with the Office of the Mayor; and Erika Warren, Communications Manager for Homeless Services with the City of Oklahoma City.

Come and learn more about homelessness in our community, the work being done to help our neighbors, and how we can better understand and support those experiencing homelessness. Everyone is welcome!

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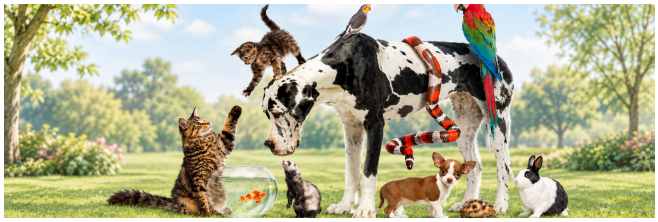
Grief Support Group
Every other Monday, Sept 21-Nov 30
12:30–2:00pm | LL30
WPC's Grief Support Group will gather every other Monday to offer a supportive space for those experiencing grief. Come share, listen, and find support alongside others walking through loss. No registration is required, and all are welcome.



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.



Blood Drive
October 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Room 105
The need for blood is critically low, and we need at least 18 people to sign up and donate to make our drive a success. The drive takes place during Sunday service; stop by before or after worship. Please consider donating and helping us reach our goal of 18 donors!



Blessing of the Animals
October 6 | 5:00 PM | WPC
Do you have a special fur baby in your life, or perhaps a more exotic creature? If so, we want to invite you to bring your pet to our Blessing of the Animals service that will be held on the Manor Lawn, October 4th, at 5:00pm. Weather Permitting.



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.



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!

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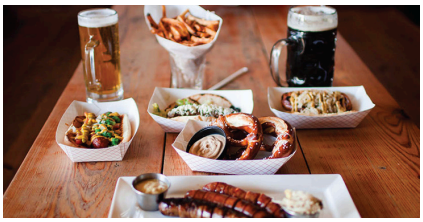
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Trunk or Treat
October 28 | 5:30pm | Manor Lawn
Join us for Trunk or Treat at Westminster! Families are invited to enjoy a fun, free, and welcoming evening with decorated trunks, plenty of candy, costumes, and fall fun for kids of all ages. To volunteer,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



Parents' Night Out - Pjs & Pancakes
November 6 | 6:00-9:00pm | WPC
Kids are invited to get cozy for a fun night of pajamas, breakfast-for-dinner, games, and a movie while parents enjoy an evening out. Come dressed in your favorite PJs and ready for a night of fun with friends. Cost is $30 for one child or $50 for a family group (2+ kids).



Guy's Night Out at Fassler Hall
November 11 | 6:00pm | 421 NW 10th St. OKC
Connect with other guys in the church at Fassler Hall at this outing just for men to fellowship together. The church will cover appetizers. Beverages and meals are provided individually. Please register if you'd like to attend, as space is limited.



Ladies Night - "Grateful Hearts & Creative Hands"
November 18 | 6:00pm | WPC
Join Rev. Junkin for "The Art of Gratitude," a special women's evening of devotion, fellowship, and autumn-inspired DIY projects. Create succulent pumpkin planters and customized simmer pot kits while enjoying charcuterie-style snacks. All supplies are provided. Childcare is available with advance registration.



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!

WPC MISSIONS

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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FIND YOUR
PEOPLE

CIRCLES OF BELONGING
THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

FIND YOUR
DIRECTION

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.

WAYPOINT
A 20s + 30s COMMUNITY
UNITE • LEARN • SERVE

DISCOVERING DIRECTION + IDENTITY

A 20s + 30s* commmunity exploring vocation, friendships, faith, and life's next steps.



EXPLORERS
A 30s + 45s COMMUNITY
CONNECT • DISCERN • GROW

STEERING THROUGH LIFE'S IMPORTANT DECISIONS

A 30s + 45s* commmunity navigating family, work-life balance, commitments, and faithful living.



NAVIGATORS
A 45s + 60s COMMUNITY
REFLECT • LEAD • TRANSITION

EXPANDING PURPOSE + DISCOVERING NEW PATHS

A 45s + 60s* commmunity reflecting on leadership, personal growth, and life's transitions.



*FIND YOUR CIRCLE

You don't have to fit neatly into an age category. Find the group that best matches the season of life you're navigating and connect with people you can learn from, encourage, and walk alongside.

SIGN UP FOR OUR FIRST FALL GATHERING

October 11 | 6:00pm | Garden Court

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 leadersbegins 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
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** **3:30pm** Depart for Small Group Excursion: Elk Bugling Hike
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 **5:00pm-8:00pm** Westminster Dog Show & Blessing of the Animals **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-7:00pm** An Evening with the Homeless Alliance	**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**
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
18 **8:15am** Worship: Chapel **9:30am** Christian Education **10:30am** Worship: Sanctuary **10:30am** Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall **11:30am** Care Team Meeting **21st Sunday after Pentecost**	**19** **10:00am** Dinah Circle **12:30pm** Grief Support Group **4:00pm** Foundation Meeting ***Final day to RSVP for 10/21 Midweek Manna Dinner***	**20** **7:00am** Men of Westminster **11:30am** Mission Team Meeting **11:30am** Stewardship Meeting	**21** **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	**22** **7:00am** Men's Bible Study	**23**	**24**