



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Michelle Smith

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

Musicians

Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Mark Billy, cantor

Lisa Hart, carillon

Alyssa Sonnier, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

September 6, 2026

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Prelude

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Roland Pritchard (1811-1887)
arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Prelude on "Aberystwyth"

Joseph Parry, 1879
arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Call to Worship

God tills the earth with love
and delights in what has taken root.
God gives us water and shelter,
sustaining us through drought and storm.
God works in our lives that we may flourish
and fill the world with the fruit of the Gospel.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 772)

Live into Hope

TRURO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
you have held nothing back from us.
You have nourished our bodies and our spirits.
You have met our wandering with mercy.
And we have taken your goodness for granted,
remained unchanged by your radical grace.
Forgive us.
Soften our hearts
that they may be reformed by your Love.
Open our minds
that we might find commonality with our siblings
who also long to know the freedom of Grace.
And then open our mouths and move our feet
that together we might seek Justice.
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



Moment for Nominations

Kathleen Johnson

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. 3)

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

John 15:1–17, p. 84

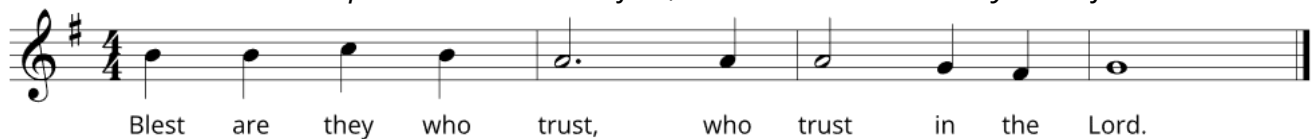
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalm 128

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

Isaiah 5:1–7, 27:2–6, p. 483

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

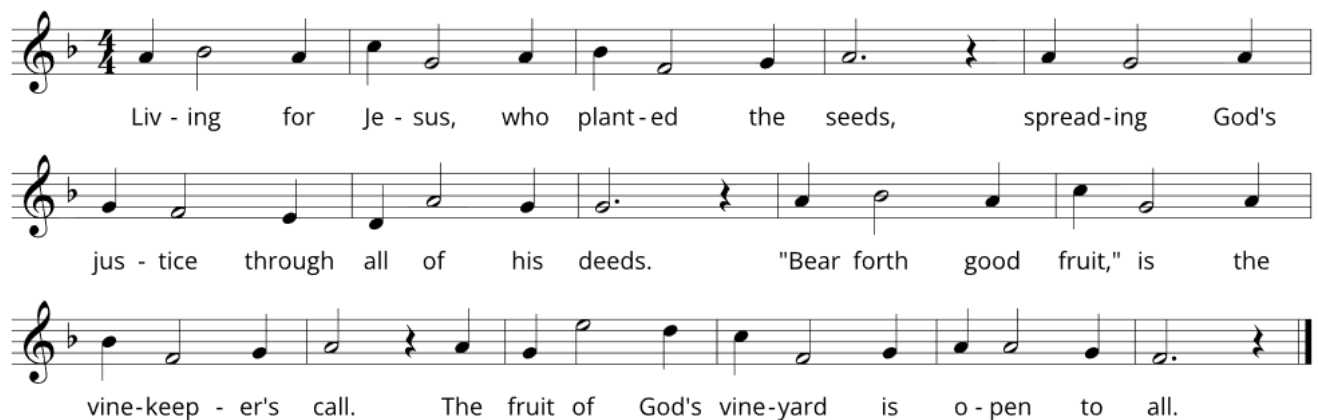
Rev. Landon Whatsitt

The Planting

*Hymn of Response

LIVING FOR JESUS

Living for Jesus



*Affirmation of Faith

From *The Confession of 1967*

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in humanity as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their neighbors, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

***Affirmation of Faith (cont.)**

From *The Confession of 1967*

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all people fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the one who assumes to be guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

More Love to Thee, O Christ

William H. Doane (1832-1915)
arr. Albert L. Travis (b. 1940)

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

***Hymn of Sending (No. 36)**
For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

***Blessings, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

Roland Pritchard (1811-1887)
arr. Anne Roberts

*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.





WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 21

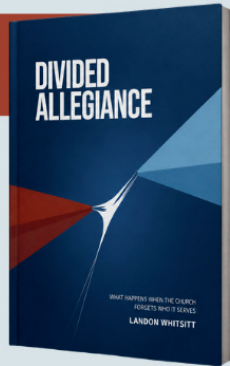
DINNER (OPTIONAL): 5:15 PM | \$10 ADULT | \$5 CHILD | \$30 FAMILY CAP

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.



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.



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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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
6 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall Communion Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost	7 Church Closed 	8 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Stewardship Meeting 12:00 Children's Ministry Team 6:00pm Membership and Hospitality Meeting	9 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Priscilla Circle Adult Lounge	10 7:00am Men's Bible Study	11	12
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