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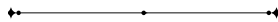
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, AD 2026



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

G Major and C Major

(A.F. Hesse and Bottazzo)

All the Way My Savior Leads Me with

Minute and trio K.1 by Mozart, (Lowery, arr. Blake)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #111B, vv. 3, 5)

God's wondrous deeds of faithfulness his people ever keep in mind.
His works of love and graciousness reveal that God the LORD is kind.

His works are true and just indeed; his precepts are forever sure.
In truth and righteousness decreed, they shall forevermore endure.

† Call to Worship

Joel 1:14; Deuteronomy 4:31

Leader: Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders, and all the inhabitants of the land, to the house of the LORD your God.

All: For the LORD our God is a merciful God. He will not leave us, or destroy us, or forget the covenant with our fathers that he swore to them.

† Hymn of Adoration

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!

#524

† Invocation 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.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Confession of Faith

The 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.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*
***“catholic” means “universal” church, the true church in all times and places*

† Gloria Patri

#572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Call to Repentance

Psalm 90:8, pg.497

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, we are undeserving, but we look to thy tender mercy. We are full of infirmities, wants, and sin; you are full of grace. We confess our sins, our frequent sins, our willful sins. All our powers of body and soul are defiled. A fountain of pollution is deep within our nature. We are utterly ashamed of what we are in ourselves. Help us in all our doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save us from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man, and let Christ's nature be seen in us day by day. We have no merit, so let the merit of Jesus stand for us. Amen. (adapted from *The Valley of Vision*).

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2, pg. 944

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:13-21, pg. 871

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Joe Steele

Annalise Maxine Berhow

Covenant Child of Jordan and Isabella Berhow

Callum James Croskrey

Covenant Child of John and Mandi Croskrey

† Psalm

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

#127A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Moment by Moment

(M.W. Moody, arr. L. Smith)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“The Vanity of Loneliness and Popularity”

Ecclesiastes 4:7-16

pg. 555

† Hymn of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#409

† **Benediction**

† **Doxology**

#567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Postlude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
(Hymn #562, arr. D. Johnson)

NOTES


Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv' - rer, strong De - liv' - rer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will

'til I want no more, (*want no more*) feed me 'til I want no more.
 still my strength and shield, (*strength and shield*) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee, (*give to thee*) I will ev - er give to thee.

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build

127A



1. ¹Un - less the Lord the house shall build, the wea - ry
 2. ²In vain you rise ere morn - ing break, and late your
 3. ³Lo, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from
 4. ⁵And blest the man whose age is cheered by stal - wart



build - ers toil in vain; un - less the Lord the
 night - ly vig - ils keep, and of the bread of
 God in ver - y truth; ⁴with ar - rows is his
 sons and daugh - ters fair; no en - e - mies by



cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.
 toil par - take; God gives to his be - lov - ed sleep.
 quiv - er stored who joys in chil - dren of his youth.
 him are feared, no lack of love, no want of care.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way,
 while each in expectation lives
 and waits to see that day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign
 through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.
 Hans G. Nägeli, 1773–1836
 Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O Thou, In Whose Presence
(Lewis, arr. F. Ritter)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
(Lyrics of hymn #492, music by Bowalter)

Crown Him With Many Crowns
(Hymn #380, arr. W. D. Young)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† Hymn of Adoration *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#429

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month *Give Me Insight to Learn Your Commandments*

#119J

† Hymn *Be Still, My Soul*

#532

Confession of Faith

WLC Q. 76, pg. 948

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Curtis Edewaard

Offertory

I Know Whom I Believed
(Hymn #517, arr. J. Alexander)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Stephen St. John

“Come Home with Shouts of Joy”

Psalm 126

pg. 517

† Hymn of Response

For All the Saints

#408

† Doxology

#567

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praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

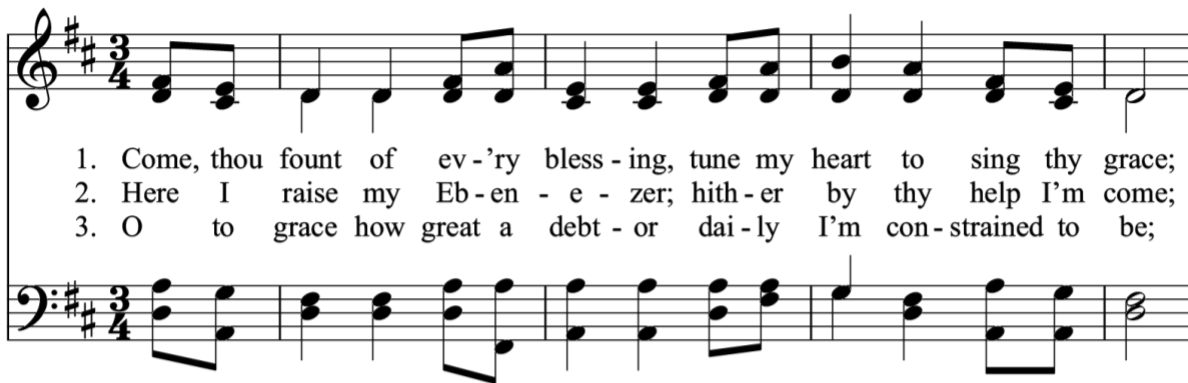
† Postlude

A Clare Benediction
(John Rutter)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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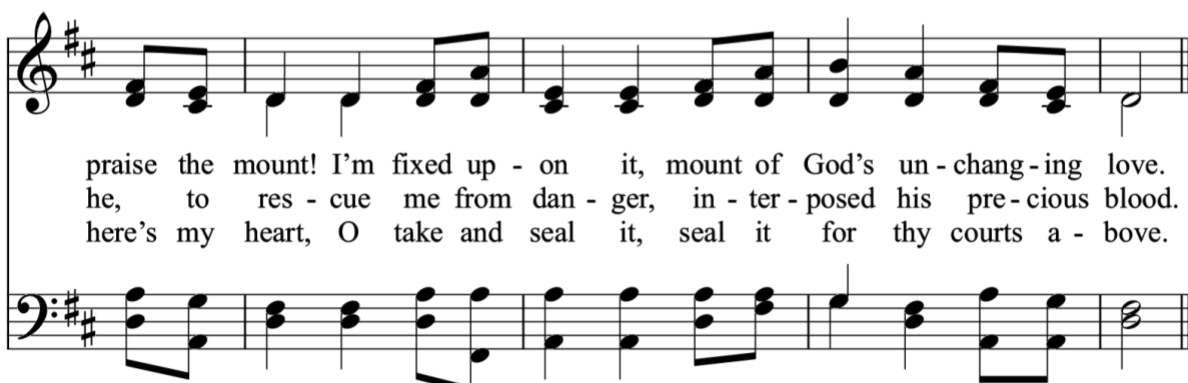
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

119J Give Me Insight to Learn Your Commands

1. ⁷³Give me in - sight to learn your com - mands,
 2. ⁷⁵LORD, I know that your judg - ments are just;
 3. ⁷⁷Show me mer - cy that I may have life,
 4. ⁷⁹Those who fear you, LORD, turn them to me,

for you made me and fash - ioned me, LORD.
 you have faith - ful - ly dis - ci - plined me.
 for your law is my con - stant de - light.
 so they learn to dis - cern your de - crees.

⁷⁴May your saints, when they see me, re - joice,
⁷⁶May your mer - ci - ful love bring re - lief,
⁷⁸Shame the proud who de - fame me with lies;
⁸⁰Teach my heart to be pure in your laws,

since I placed all my hope in your word.
 as you prom - ised your ser - vant in need.
 I will pon - der your pre - cepts a - right.
 that no shame or dis - grace come to me.

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 then shall you bet - ter know his love, his heart,
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 who comes to soothe your sor - row and your fears.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
 Tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990; mod.

FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.
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Unison



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine, we
 5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 • fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
 feeblely struggle, they in glory shine;
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 • win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a gain, and arms are strong.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's and Women's Ministry Kickoff is today during the Sunday School

Hour! This is a great opportunity to learn about how you can grow together in the Lord through our Women's and Men's Ministries. The women will meet in the Sanctuary and the men will meet in the Commons upstairs.

InFocus: The international student ministry at UAH, is looking for volunteers to help with running events and showing hospitality to students. If you would like more information on this ministry opportunity, please reach out to Pastor Cantrell or a member of the Outreach Team.

20/30s Community Group Interest: If you are interested in joining or hosting/co-hosting a community group for fall/spring, please let Pastor Duncan know. Space may be limited, so we are gauging interest to plan accordingly.

Foster Care & Adoption Support Group: Our next meeting will be on August 27th at 6 pm here at the church. Please RSVP with Pastor Duncan so we can get a headcount for food.

EVENTS

For events requiring registration, use Realm, QR Code, or the Blue Sheet

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, **August 12th** 5:30 PM, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. The meal this week is **Corralejos**, and the cost is **\$6 per person, with a \$24 per-family cap.** Order meals by Tuesday at 10 AM

New Men's Study: The next DTS book study, Personal Declension and Revival of Religion in the Soul by Octavius Winslow, will begin **August 11th**, 7 AM at WPC. Books are \$10 and can be picked up in the church office.

Youth Student/Parent Lunch: Come join us Sunday, August 16th, 12:30 PM upstairs in the commons. All 5th-12th grade youth and parents invited. Must register & bring food to share.

Lincoln Village Men's Workday: The Outreach Team and Men's Ministry are holding a morning workday at Lincoln Village on **August 22nd** at 8 AM to support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees will need to be prepared to handle tasks such as cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. Please RSVP with Christopher Thompson at Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com by Wednesday, August 19th, and let him know if you have any questions.

Baby Shower: Join us Saturday, **August 29th**, 2 PM @ WPC for a baby shower for Mary Loutzenheiser.

New Members Class: Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Our next New Members Class is scheduled to start on **September 13th**. We will meet on Sundays at 11 am during the Sunday School hour.

Men's Conference: The Men's Ministry Team would like to invite all men to the *Exploring God's Design for Men* Conference, October 1-3 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville. You must register to attend.

EVENT REGISTRATION



AUGUST 11, 7:00 AM
DTS Men's Book Study @ WPC



AUGUST 12, 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Meal @ WPC



AUGUST 14, 12:30 PM
Youth Student & Parent Lunch @ WPC



AUGUST 29, 2:00 PM
Baby Shower - Mary Loutzenheiser @ WPC



SEPTEMBER 13, 11:00 AM
New Members Class @ WPC



October 1-3
Men's Ministry Conference @
Covenant Presbyterian - Nashville

WAYS TO SIGN UP:

**Use your Realm account, the QR Codes
or call the church office at 256-830-5754.**

Some sign-ups are available on the Blue Sheet in your bulletin

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Upcoming Events

- August 22: 8:00 AM, Lincoln Village Men's Workday
- August 29: 2:00 PM, Baby Shower for Mary Loutzenheiser
- September 7: 20/30s Labor Day Luau at the Boyds
- September 26: 8:00 AM, Lincoln Village Children's Workday
- October 1-3: Men's Ministry Conference @ Covenant Presbyterian Church- Nashville
- October 3: 20/30s Nashville Zoo
- October 23-25: WPC Missions Conference

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 210
4-year-olds:	WCA Room 102	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 211
Kindergarten:	WCA Room 100	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 207
1 st Grade:	WCA Room 101	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 206
2 nd Grade:	WCA Room 105	9 th – 12 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9 th – 12 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 8/9/26	Next Week: 8/16/26
Coffee Fellowship	Mike & Maria Cochrane	Michael & Mary Loutzenheiser
Evening Prayer	Curtis Edewaard	Andy Ball
Head Usher	Kevin Boyd	Joey Loutzenheiser
Nursery	AM: Grayson Schmidt, Elizabeth Carter, Erin Creasy, Natalie Knight, Laine Oliver, Nicole Perrin, Sandy Myers SS: Barbara White, Taylor Thompson, Christopher Oliver, Julia Hammond, Noelle Thompson PM: Peter Schmidt, Karen Hodge, Elizabeth Steele, Amanda Pettus, Emmett Pettus, Gus Pettus, Jorden Grady	AM: Lauren Stingily, Eva Benton, Kristen Branscomb, Adrienne King, Katya Eberle, Karlie Branscomb, Kayla Pinto, Mary Katherine Keel SS: Sarah Catherine Lauderdale, Taylor Thompson, Kate Carver, Noelle Thompson PM: Katy Kirkwood, Elizabeth Steele
Sexton Counter	Art McKinney	Josh Brown
Sound Booth	AM: Eric Fulcher PM: Bethany Miller	AM: Keith White PM: Christopher Thompson



August 2 – August 9, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 9, 2026

4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026

6:00 PM - Ladies Craft Night @ Hannah Smith's

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

7:30 PM - College & Career

Friday, August 14, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's 1st Peter Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, August 16, 2026

12:30 PM - Youth & Parents Lunch

4:00 PM - Missions Ministry Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)