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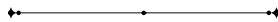
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, AD 2026



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

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

How Deep the Father's Love For Us
(Hymn #351)

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It
(Kirkpatrick, arr. Dyer)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 115 A Not to Us, Lord, Not to Us
Tune: ABERYSTWYTH – Joseph Parry, 1876

Not to us, LORD, not to us – to your name be all the praise,
for your covenant faithfulness, for your steadfast love and grace.
Why should all the nations say, “Where now is their God of might?”
He will do what he desires. In the heavens our God resides.

Blest are you by God the LORD, Maker of the earth and heaven!
Highest heavens belong to him, but to man the earth was given.
Though the dead to silence go, though the dead praise not the LORD,
We will henceforth bless the LORD. Praise the Lord forevermore.

† Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 4:36-39; 2 Samuel 7:22

Leader: Out of heaven the LORD let you hear his voice, and because he
loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them to give you
an inheritance, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that
the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there
is no other.

All: You are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no
God besides you.

† Hymn of Adoration

Fairest Lord Jesus

#283

† 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

Habakkuk 3:2, pg.786

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins. Amen.
(Taken from Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18)

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:8-9, pg. 981

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:10-13, pg. 982

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Joe Steele

Andrew Ryan Brady Jr.

Covenant Child of Ryan and Izabella Brady

Elijah Brian Holloway

Covenant Child of Tyler and Megan Holloway

† Psalm

How Blest the Man

#1B

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

A Christian's Daily Prayer and To God Be the Glory
(Fournier, Kauflin, Merker, and hymn #236)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“Vanities Compounded”

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

pg. 556

† Hymn of Response

Like a River Glorious

#485

† Benediction

† Doxology

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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

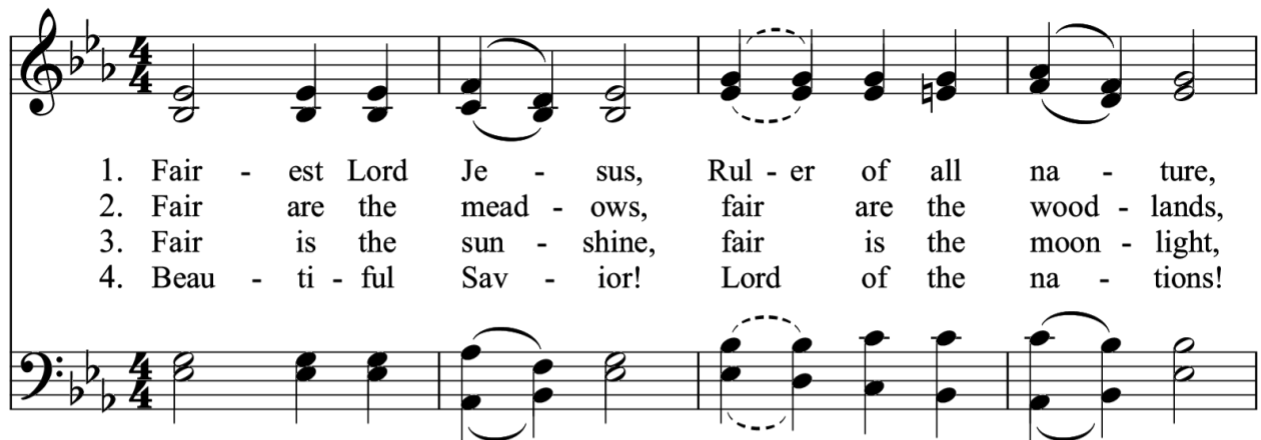
Ms. Bertha Dykstra

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(L. Stoecklin)

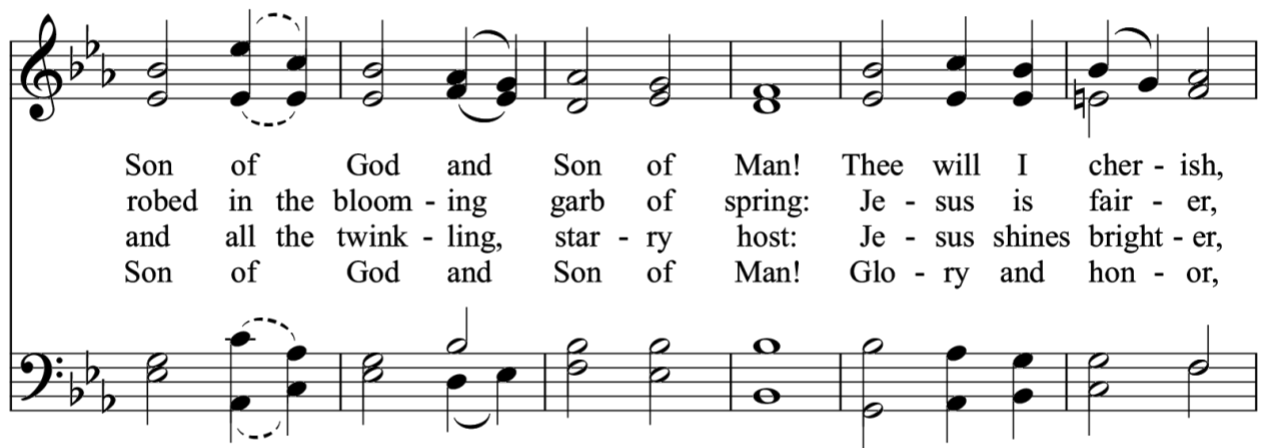
The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Barbara Laflin in memory of her mom, Dolores Diaz.

Fairest Lord Jesus

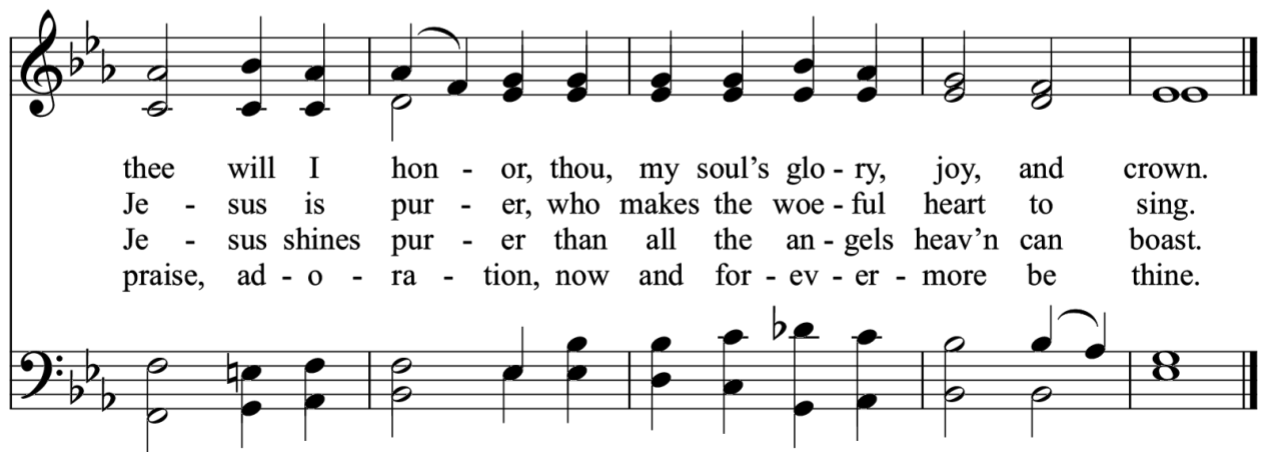
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1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677
 Tr. 1850, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.
 Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

1B

How Blest the Man

1. ¹How blest the man who does not walk where wick - ed men would
 2. ³For he is like a grow - ing tree, which, plant - ed by a
 3. ⁴Not so the wick - ed! Like the chaff, the wind will blow them

guide his feet, who stands not in the sin - ners' ways nor
 flow - ing stream, in sea - son yields its fin - est fruit; its
 all a - way. ⁵The judg - ment they will not with - stand, nor

sits up - on the scorn - ers' seat. ²The law of God is
 leaves are al - ways fresh and green. In all he does he
 sin - ners with the righ - teous stay. ⁶God knows the way of

his de - light, his med - i - ta - tion day and night.
 finds suc - cess; pros - per - i - ty will he pos - sess.
 righ - teous ones; the wick - ed way will be un - done.

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,

o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;
 nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;
 traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.

per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,
 not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
 We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;

per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.
 they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
(Kirkpatrick, arr. Thygerson)

He Leadeth Me
(Hymn #526, arr. Purifoy)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Exodus 34:6-9

Leader: The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord,
a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: Keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty,

Leader: Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the
children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

All: And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

† Hymn of Adoration *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* #456

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month *Give Me Insight to Learn Your Commandments* #119J

† Hymn *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* #463

Confession of Faith

WLC Q. 79, pg. 948

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. John W. Davis

Offertory

Under the Care of My God, the Almighty
(From Ps. 91, Sankey)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Stephen St. John

"The Joy of Your Salvation"

Psalm 51 pg. 474

† Hymn of Response *All for Jesus!* #502

† Doxology #567

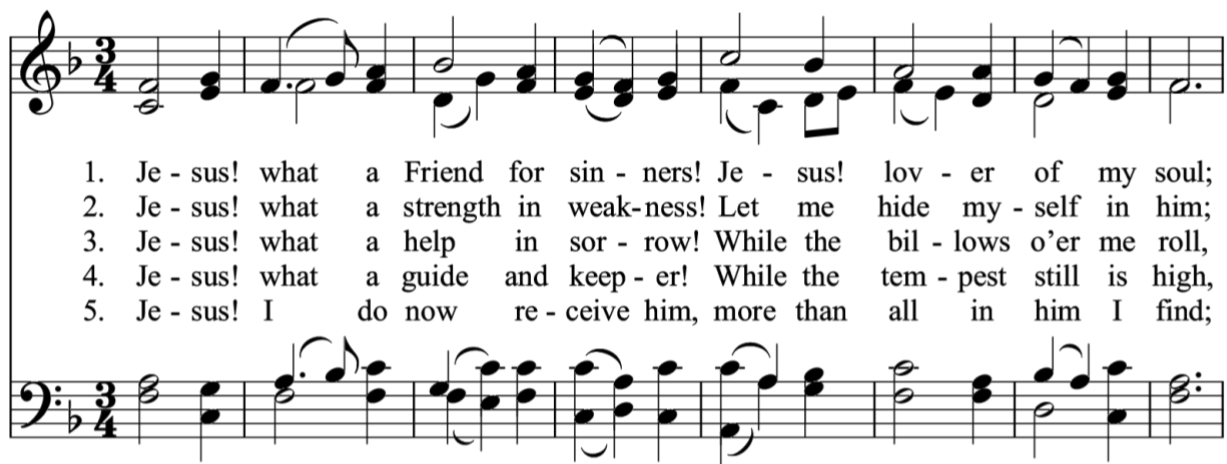
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praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O Praise the Lord, for He is Good
(Hymn #106B)

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free, roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed pow'rs,
 2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
 3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
 4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
 5. O what won - der! How a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
 let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
 • boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
 so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
 deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

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

Sunday School Classes Today: All High School & Adult Sunday School Classes will meet in the sanctuary for the GA Report, the Building Committee report, and the ministry team presentation.

A Note About Children In Worship: As our church continues to grow, we will have an increasing number of infants and toddlers in our worship services. Since we are a covenantal church, we greatly value our covenant children and unapologetically seek to assimilate them into corporate worship from the earliest ages. Watching God grow his church through the birth of covenant children is one of our greatest joys as a church! At the same time, an abundance of children does create some challenges for corporate worship. For a congregation like ours, which deeply values the ministry of the Word, it can be challenging for some members to concentrate and receive the Word when children make excessive noise during the service. Conversely, it can be challenging for parents of young children to receive the ministry of the Word if they constantly have to step out of the service to quiet their children. Rather than allowing these challenges to breed frustration within the body of Christ, the Session warmly recommends that we view them as an opportunity to express mutual love for one another.

For the members who would prefer the service to be silent as an aid to concentrated worship, we encourage you to express love to families with young children by bearing with the noise of our covenant children. For members whose children are especially vocal, we encourage you to express love to other members by temporarily removing your child from the service and using the narthex or nursery as needed. In both instances, we have an opportunity to heed the command of the Apostle Paul: “*walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*” (Eph. 4:2–3).

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.

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, **September 2nd**, 5:30 PM, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. The meal this week is **Burgers, Hot Dogs & Fixings**, and the cost is **\$6 per person, with a \$24 per-family cap.** Meals need to be ordered by Tuesday at 10 am

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.

20/30s Luau: Join us **September 7th**, 5:30 PM. Come and join us at the Boyd's for a Labor Day Luau! Kalua pork and drinks will be provided, but please sign up to bring a side or dessert. The whole family is welcome and larger families (4+) are asked to bring two items.

Lincoln Village Scholarship Lunch and Learn: Lincoln Village Ministry will hold a Lunch and Learn on **September 15th** at 11:30 am to provide information on how individuals and businesses can direct their Alabama State income tax liability to scholarships for students at Lincoln Academy. This session will be specifically geared toward business owners and executives but will still have information for individuals who are looking to participate. More information is available on a flyer in the Narthex, along with instructions for registering for the event. Please see Christopher Thompson or Pastor Cantrell if you have any questions.

Men's Conference: The Men's Ministry Team invites 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.

20/30s Nashville Zoo Trip : **October 3rd**, 10:30 AM. We are going to the zoo! Tickets are \$22/adult and \$18/kid (ages 2-12). We will plan to meet there at 10:30 AM and enjoy some time together!

Host A Meal with A Missionary: Would you be open to hosting 1-2 Missionaries and at least 4 other adults in your home for a meal during the Missions Conference weekend, **October 23-25**? We have availability for Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. If you are able to accommodate children as well, please let us know how many. Your hospitality will be greatly appreciated!

EVENT REGISTRATION



SEPTEMBER 2, 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Meal @ WPC



SEPTEMBER 7, 5:30 PM
20/30s Labor Day Luau @ The Boyd's



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



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



OCTOBER 3, 10:30 AM
20/30s Nashville Zoo



OCTOBER 23-25
Host A Meal With A Missionary

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

- 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:	Sanctuary
3 rd /4 th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9 th – 12 th Grade Boys:	Sanctuary
3 rd /4 th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	Sanctuary

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 8/30/26	Next Week: 9/6/26
Coffee Fellowship	Mary Sanford & Joanna Paulson	Team Eno
Evening Prayer	John W. Davis	Stacy Murphree
Head Usher	Alex Lauderdale	David Knight
Nursery	AM: Cameron Baird, Kevin Carl, Isabella Berhow, Bethany Firth, Robin Roberts SS: Taylor Thompson, Barbara White, Noelle Thompson PM: Donna Knight, Katya Eberle, Amena Fox, Hannah Smith, Elizabeth Steele, Kelley Jones	AM: Francesca Firth, Taylor Thompson, Nancy Oberheide, Leanne Brackin, Seth & Beth Schmidt, Sarah Catherine Lauderdale SS: Cameron Baird, Mary Lou Cantrell, Noelle Thompson, PM: Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, Pat Corder, Annie Padgett, Fred Diaz, Lois Carl
Sexton Counter	Josh Buhl	Paul Galloway
Sound Booth	AM: James Pearce PM: Bethany Miller	AM: James Pearce PM: Michael Patterson

***This
Week
at WPC***

August 30 – September 6, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 30, 2026

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:00 AM - Men's Transforming Grace Book Study @ Blue Plate Café

7:00 AM - Men's DTS Book Study @ WPC

9:15 AM - Women's Prayer Time @ WPC

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

12:00 PM - Men's Union with Christ Book Study @ WPC

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

10:00 AM - Crown Club @ WPC

11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - College & Career

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

Thursday, September 3, 2026

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study @ Carol Evans

6:30 PM - Men's Ezekiel Bible Study @ WPC

Friday, September 4, 2026

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

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

6:00 PM - College & Career Game Night @ Schmidt's

Sunday, September 6, 2026

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

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Ruling Elders:

Andy Ball, Nat Causey, Joe Crowhurst, John A. Davis, John W. Davis III, Fred Diaz, Curtis Edewaard, Bill Emrich, Aaron Finch, Eric Fulcher, Scooter Johnson, Paul Keel, Scott Lynn, Brian McFadden, Stacy Murphree, Chester Replogle, *Ken Shipman, Allen Zumbach

(*currently on sabbatical)