WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"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

Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
(Hymn #539, arr. T. Smith)
Who is on the Lord's Side (J. Goss)
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Showalter)
O Praise the Lord for it is Good
(Hymn #147B)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Nation, Clap Your Hands
Text: Psalm 47; vers. Psalter Hymnal, 1987, verses 1, 2
Tune: GENEVAN 47 – Louis Bourgeois, 1551, harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564

Nations, clap your hands; shout with joy, you lands!
Awesome is the LORD; spread his fame abroad.
He rules every land with a mighty hand.
God brings nations low; he subdues each foe.
From his mighty throne God protects his own.
Our inheritance is our sure defense.

God goes up on high with a joyful cry, with a mighty shout; people, sing it out!
Let your voices bring praises to our King.
Praise him with a song; praise with heart and tongue;
praise with every skill; praise with mind and will.
God rules all the earth; magnify his worth.

† Call to Worship Jeremiah 10:6-7

Leader: There is none like the Lord; he is great, and his name is great in might. Christians, worship and fear the King of the nations.

All: For this is his due; for among all the wise ones of the nations, and in their kingdoms, there is none like him.

† Hymn of Adoration *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #459

† 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 Hebrews 3:12-13, pg.1002

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all men: We acknowledge with grief our many sins and our wickedness. We have sinned by thought, word, and deed. We have done so against your divine majesty, justly provoking your anger and indignation against us. We earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many sins. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father, for the sake of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 9:27-28, pg. 1006

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:28-31, pg. 600

The Sacrament of Baptism Mr. Joe Steele

Henry Graham Parker
Covenant Child of Matthew & Alexandra Parker

† Psalm *Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord* #103C, vv.1-4

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Know Whom I Have Believed
(Hymn #517, arr. Tornquist)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Joe Steele

"Suffering, Sovereignty, and Grace"
2 Corinthians 12:1-10 pg. 970

† Hymn of Response *His Mercy is More* In Bulletin

† 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

How Firm a Foundation
(Hymn #243, arr. Grotenhuis, Williamson)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 459



Edward Mote, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
William B. Bradbury, 1863
Alternate tune: ST. PETERSBURG

Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD 103C



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His Mercy is More



Boswell, Papa

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Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
(Hymn #336, arr. J. Arnn)
God's Love Within Medley
(Hymn #'s 514, 465, 393, arr. Boks)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

† Hymn of Adoration *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #224

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs
† Hymn *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* #456

Confession of Faith WLC Q. 86, pg. 948

Prayer of Intercession Mr. Allen Zumbach

Offertory

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(Hymn #654)

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Stephen St. John

"Hope for Your Family"
1 Corinthians 7:10-16 pg. 955

† Communion Hymn *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* #439, vv. 1-3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The purple cups contain wine, and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten-free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

† Communion Hymn *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* #439, vv. 4-5

† Doxology #567

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

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Never Cease to Praise
(Jeff Bourque)

224 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

456 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!



J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1830

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy 439



Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

ARISE 8.7.8.7.
William Walker, *The Southern Harmony,* 1835

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 our congregation's welcome, 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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Westminster is blessed to have such loving pastors who encourage us, pray for us, and faithfully teach us from God's Word. As members of WPC, let's take the opportunity to say thank you and build up our faithful pastors and their families with life-giving words of encouragement, with our prayers, and with tangible acts of love. Stop by the table in the narthex beside the elevator for books and brochures related to supporting, honoring, and praying for our pastors, as well as blank notecards for letters of appreciation.

2027 Faith Promise Giving To Missions: While Westminster's General Fund is used to support missions giving to stateside campus ministry and stateside church planting, the rest of our missions' program is funded by your Faith Promise giving. Faith Promise is trusting God as you give, above and beyond your regular tithes, toward the ministry of our missionaries in furthering the spread of the Gospel across the globe. Faith Promise is sacrificial giving. It is giving through an abundance of joy and wealth of generosity according to your means and beyond your means (II Corinthians 8:2–3). Such "freewill" offerings are mentioned frequently in the Bible. One such place is Psalm 54:6-7. There David writes, "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." Faith Promise giving will foster a more direct and personal connection between you and our missionaries as you take an integral part in their ministry. While we are thankful for those who give and do not pledge out of conviction, letting us know of your intent helps us make missions budgeting decisions more accurately. Our goal this year is $230,000. To this end, if you are willing and able to give and make a pledge, pick up a commitment card on the table in the lobby.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Look for the table in the lobby for Operation Christmas Child information & shoeboxes. This year we are asking that you fill your own shoeboxes and/or donate cash towards shipping. *No individual items will be collected.*

EVENTS

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

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: No Wednesday Evening meal or activities.

Missions Meal: Make plans to join us on **Friday evening**, **October 23, at** 5:30 PM, for **Corralejos**. It costs **$6 per person, with a $24 per-family cap**. Meals need to be ordered by Thursday at 10 am

Missions Conference: Please join us **October 23-25** for our 2026 Missions Conference - "How Shall They Hear?". During the weekend, we will have Nursery, a Children's Conference, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Meal opportunities with available missionaries. This will be a wonderful time to learn to be faithful senders while also learning about opportunities to support our missionaries. We hope you can join us.

Nursing Home Sing: The Outreach Team invites you to join a church-wide nursing home singing at Madison Village on Nov 2, 6 pm. Please contact Pastor Duncan or Jacqueline Bryant if you are interested in attending or have any questions.



WPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE
October 23-25,2026



You are invited to participate in our 2026 Missions Conference which will focus on taking the gospel forth to the world. Our speaker is Dr. Richard Joe (goes by Dr. Richard), who serves as the Associate Professor of World Missions at Covenant Theological Seminary. Dr. Richard served for twenty years as a missionary to Iranians with Mission to the Word.

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:15-6:25 pm – *Dinner

Corralejos in church lobby ($6/person, $24 family cap. To register, use the QR Code, blue sheet, or call the church office.

Friday Meal

6:30-7:30 pm – ◊Session 1

Adults' session: missionary report by John and Leah Njoroge (Kenya) and message from Dr. Richard

*Kids' session: report by Rebecca S (Asia)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:30-8:55 am – Continental Breakfast & Meet the Missionaries

9:00-10:15 am – ◊Session 2

Adults' Session: missionary report by Raimo and Annemari Survo (Finland) and message from Dr. Richard

*Kids' Session through 12:00n – reports by Austin Kettle (Belgium), John & Leah Njoroge (Kenya), James Jardin and Kelley Murphree (RUF), Corbett & Ellia Kessler (Campus Outreach)

10:30-12:00 n – ◊Session 3

Adults' session: Missionary reports by Bibek G South Asia), Sashko & Ania Nezamutdinoz (Poland), Doni & Albina Mehmeti (Kosovo), Austin & Rachel Kettle (Belgium)

*Kids' session: See above

TBD pm - *Dinner with Missionaries in homes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30-10:45 am - ◊Session 4 – Worship

Missionary report by Eric Kelly (Panama) and Message from Dr. Richard

11:05 am-12:00 n – ◊Session 5 – Missionary reports

Adults' session Missionary reports by Rebecca S (Central Asia) and Sarah Roberts (Spain)

*Kids' session: reports by John & Kathy Clow (Colombia *zoom), Eric Kelly (Panama)

12:30 pm - *Lunches with Missionaries in homes

6:00 pm - ◊Session 6 – Worship

Missionary report by James Jardin (RUF at UAH) and message from Dr. Richard

* Indicates registration required – use the QR Codes below or call the church office to register.

◊Indicates childcare is available

Lunch w/ Missionaries

Children's Conference

QUESTIONS? Email office@wpc-hsv.org or call 256-830-5754

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are organized in age groupings to encourage relational connections among people experiencing similar life circumstances. Topics will rotate through the classes during the year.

College Age	**A Study of Isaiah** Discover how to understand Isaiah and enjoy the many gospel themes of this great book.	Ryan Brady Meets in WCA 103 School Building
20s and 30s	**Studies in the Psalms** Learn to pray from the Lord's Prayer and other prayers in the Bible.	Duncan Cantrell Meets the WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	**Beyond Me** Look beyond yourself to God's heart for the nations and be involved in the mission.	Jim Roberts Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	**Christian Ethics** Explore the 10 Commandments as God's enduring guide for Christian ethics.	Robert Benton Meets in WPC Room 1 Upstairs in the Church Building

Other WPC Adult Discipleship Classes include a cross -enerational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

Cross Generational	**Studies in Genesis** Explore God's purposes in founding the universe and making his covenant promises.	Jacob Hale Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	**Systematic Theology 103** A seminary-lite overview of salvation, the church, and the end times.	Cliff Smith Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building

(Note: There is elevator access for second floor classes in the church and school buildings.)

Upcoming Events

- October 23-25: WPC Missions Conference
- October 31: Church Picnic
- December 5: Children's Hymn Sing @ Regency (9:30 am)
- December 7: Family Fellowship @ Tinsel Trail (6:00 pm)

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5th-6th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 210
4-year-olds:	WCA Room 102	5th-6th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 211
Kindergarten:	WCA Room 100	7th-8th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 207
1st Grade:	WCA Room 101	7th-8th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 209
2nd Grade:	WCA Room 105	9th – 12th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 206
3rd/4th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9th – 12th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 206
3rd/4th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	WCA Room 103

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 10/18/26	Next Week: 10/25/26
Coffee Fellowship	Team Cochrane	Team Paul D & Jan P
Evening Prayer	Allen Zumbach	Aaron Finch
Head Usher	Brandon Creasy	Brian Sprow
Nursery	**AM:** Lauren Stingily, Sarah Catherine Lauderdale, Eva Benton, Karlie Branscomb, Kayla Pinto, Mary Katherine Keel, Liz Jellison **SS:** Barb Laflin, Anna Diaz, Mary Lou Cantrell, Noelle Thompson, **PM:** Robin Roberts, Elizabeth Steele, Laura Jean Wilson, Jes Nuckols	**AM:** Mary Lou Cantrell, Wendy Pearce, Althea Powell, Deb McFadden **SS:** Allen Zumbach, Taylor Thompson, Mary Sanford, Noelle Thompson, Tracey Zumbach, **PM:** Katy Kirkwood, Amy Ward, Erin Creasy, Karen Hodge
Sexton Counter	Josh Brown	Art McKinney
Sound Booth	**AM:** Eric Fulcher **PM:** Michael Patterson	**AM:** Bradley Davis **PM:** Scott Paulson



October 18 – October 25,2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 11:10 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 18, 2026
- 4:00 PM - Missions Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:45 PM - Orchestra Practice

Tuesday, October 20, 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, October 21, 2026
- 10:00 AM - Crown Club
- 10:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC
- 7:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, October 22, 2026
- 6:30 PM - Men's Ezekiel Bible Study @ WPC

Friday, October 23, 2026
- 5:15 PM - Mission Conference Meal
- 6:30 PM - Session 1

Saturday, October 24, 2026
- 8:30 AM - Breakfast & Meet the Missionaries
- 9:00 AM - Session 2
- 10:30 AM - Session 3

Sunday, October 25, 2026
- 9:30 AM - Session 4 – Worship
- 11:05 AM - Session 5
- 4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Session 6 – Worship

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