

Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2025



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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Westminster Presbyterian Church family. If you are interested in church membership, please indicate this on the pad or you may speak with Pastor Chip about your interest.

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GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Air

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Marasco

ONE: Jesus tells his followers, "Ask, and it will be given you.

ALL: Search and you will find.

ONE: Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

ALL: For everyone who asks will receive.

ONE: Everyone who searches will find.

ALL: And for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 35

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer followed by Corporate Prayer*)

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are sometimes right, but you are never wrong. O God, forgive us; redeem us; transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*DOXOLOGY

No. 609

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

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SERMON

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Rev. Chip Hatcher

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

ONE: Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.

ALL: Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

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.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* No. 688

*BENEDICTION

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* D. Buxtehude

*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY: A person may become a member of this church family by one of the following methods:

- Transfer of letter from another church.
- Affirmation of Faith if you have not joined a church before.
- Re-affirmation of Faith if you have not been active in church recently.

The **Presbyterian Church** recognizes the baptism of other Christian denominations. We are an “Open Communion” church. You are encouraged to talk with our Pastor about becoming a part of the Westminster church family. If you need more information, please contact our Minister, Rev. Chip Hatcher, or call the church office at 501-525-1367 or e-mail us at **wpchsar@gmail.com**. The church office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

THE SESSION

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Carol Birmingham	Debbie Grubb	Mary Cole
Mariko McCallum	Mary Marasco	David Howell
Mike Morrison	Janie Russell	Harvey Miller
NiAnn Thompson	Curtis Wright	Karen Wacaster

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Striving to share Christ's love with all of God's people.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The congregation is asked to pray for the members and friends listed each week, and those listed are asked to pray for our congregation. This week, please pray for **Kitty Reddin, Kenneth & Claire Rhodes, John & Pam Royer, Jim & Michele Rubeor, Janie Russell, Connie & Ella Segal, Lucas, Emily & Sebastian Segal, and Jean Simas & Linda Hollingsworth.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **First Presbyterian Church** of Little Rock and for **Presbytery Staff.**

REMEMBER **Our Country, our Leaders, our military—Austin DeGrasse, Krissy DeGrasse, and Adam Howell.**

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN LONG-TERM RETIREMENT & HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES

West Shores **Jim & Sybil Dowds, Jane Daugherty**
Garrett Manor **Nancy Ransweiler, Jean Grim**
The Atrium **Rev. Jim Chaffin**
Country Club Village **Harvey Miller**
Salem Place Nursing Home, Conway **Ben Quinn**
Quapaw Care and Rehab **Susan Lascaro**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED ATTENDANCE PADS are found at the center-aisle end of each row of the pews. We ask each individual to complete the form with your name and ask that visitors provide contact information. If you have a change of address (either physical and/or email) and/or phone number, please include that info on the form.

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room of the CAB on Wednesday, July 30, at noon to 1 pm. All are invited to join as we will continue the study of the Book of II Timothy.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will hold rehearsal on Wednesday, July 30, at 4:30 pm, and the **BELL CHOIR** will hold rehearsal at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, July 30.

JULY DOLLAR GIVING is designated to purchase backpacks for students in the elementary levels of area schools.

THE SECOND GATHERING of the Summer Book Club is set for 4:30—5:45 pm on Thursday, July 31, and continued on Thursday, August 7, in the Community Room. The book to read and discuss is “Atmosphere: A Love Story” by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Leader Golden Pucket invites all to attend.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” to be held during worship on August 10. Students of all ages and school staff members are invited to bring backpacks to be recognized during worship.