

Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 19, 2025



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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 Carl about your interest.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Cole

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Lynn Cole

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart.

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, we do not lose heart.

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart.

**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will
forgive and restore my people, and remember their sin
no more.**

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
No. 475

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Corporate prayer followed by silent prayer*)
Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted. You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are quickly discouraged. Forgive us, God of grace. Write your Word in our hearts so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Friends, believe and proclaim the glorious news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*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.

*PASSING THE *PEACE OF CHRIST*

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT Page 899

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* Arr. Cindy Johnston
WPC Ladies' Ensemble

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8 NT Page 99

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *From Underdog to Bulldog* Rev. Carl McCormack

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all creation, and whose will is ever directed toward our good. We believe in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the Divine Presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith unites us as the church; manifests itself in deeds of kindness; and calls us to give of ourselves, and serve others as set forth in the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice* No. 211

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*SONG OF DEDICATION

Blessed Assurance

No. 839

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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. Carl McCormack 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 the **WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**, **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 **Central Presbyterian Church** of Benton and for **First Presbyterian Church** of Russellville.

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**
Senior Comfort Living **Susan Lascaro**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION HAS CALLED a congregational meeting following worship on October 19 for the purpose of electing Elders to the Class of 2028. The church-wide Nominating Committee places in nomination the following members to serve as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2028:

- Betty Corley
- Stephen DeGrasse
- Terry Hogate
- Tommy Waddell

WPC'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF will be held today. For those of you who do not wish to eat chili, we have soups.

SPA CITY YOUTH will meet at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 5:30 pm this evening.

THE SESSION WILL MEET Monday, October 20, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room of the CAB on Wednesday, October 22, at noon to 1 pm. All are invited to join as we continue the study of the Book of Romans.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will hold rehearsal on Wednesday, October 22, at 4:30 pm, and the **BELL CHOIR** will hold rehearsal at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, October 22.

OCTOBER Dollar Giving is designated to collect monetary donations to purchase blankets.