

Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026



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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

Janie Russell

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Cantilena

Charity Boyles

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Behold, here is the Lamb of God,

ALL: who takes away the sin of the world.

ONE: Jesus invites us to come and see.

ALL: Let us come and worship the Lord.

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come

No. 744

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. We have been an inconsistent and unfaithful people, but your steadfast love never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but you freely pour out your very best gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of your way and use our gifts for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we silently confess the sins of our daily lives...

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Friends, believe and proclaim the glorious news of the gospel:

**ALL: 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 Corinthians 1:4-9 NT Page 201
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing* J. S. Bach
Arr. By John Shannon
WPC Chancel Choir
Jonathan Van Houten, Flute

WPC Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42 NT Page 112
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *What Did It Sound Like?* Rev. Carl McCormack

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (See 1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:9 (16:1–9); Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*HYMN *Lamb of God* No. 518

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

*HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

No. 819

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We're Marching to Zion

Arr. By Robert Lowry

*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:

- By profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and baptism
- By transfer of letter from any other Christian Church
- By reaffirmation of faith if a letter of transfer is unavailable

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 at **wpchsar@gmail.com**. The church office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

THE SESSION

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Debbie Grubb	Mary Cole	Betty Corley
Mary Marasco	David Howell	Stephen DeGrasse
Janie Russell	Aaron Norton	Terry Hogate
Curtis Wright	Karen Wacaster	Tommy Waddell

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)**, **Diane Simmons, Ryan Smith, Seven Smith, Larry Stallmann, Larry & Peggy Stanley, Gwen Stephens, Jeff & Cindy Stephens, and Bob & Suzy Still.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center** and for **Active Ruling Elders.**

REMEMBER **Our Country, our Leaders, our military—Austin DeGrasse, 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**
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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY at lunch today following worship for good food and great fellowship.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AND FRIENDS are invited to meet in the Community Room for lunch and a lesson and activities following worship today.

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room of the CAB on Wednesday, January 21, 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, January 21, at 4:30 pm, and the **BELL CHOIR** will hold rehearsal at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, January 21.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE available in the office. Please pick up the envelopes with your name on the box. If you have not used the envelopes previously and wish to start doing so, please select one of the numbered boxes without a name and notify the office of your choice please.

JANUARY Dollar Giving is designated to collect monetary donations to purchase ceramic heaters..