

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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 Westminister 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

Sara Ferril

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Curtis & Susie Wright

**All: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

No. 664

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, for the many ways we sin against you. We confess that sometimes we are too busy, and often meet ourselves running back-and-forth from activity to activity. We claim to be doing things in your name, or for your sake, but we usually get caught up in our own pursuits and needs and forget about you. Forgive us when we act without thinking or praying. Calm our minds and hearts so that we may be focused on you. Hear us now as we silently confess the sins of our daily lives. . . *(silent prayer)***

\*KYRIE

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

\*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.**



**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity toward the other and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

## **RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

No. 475

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

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**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), Terry Hogate, Adam, Kathrin, Benjamin & Payton Howell,, David & Charlotte Howell, Eathon Howell, and “Chief” & Peggy Kipp.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Directors of Children’s Programs** and for **First Presbyterian Church of Mena.**

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

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

West Shores .....	<b>Jim Dowds, Jane Daugherty</b>
Garrett Manor .....	<b>Nancy Ransweiler, Jean Grim</b>
The Atrium .....	<b>Rev. Jim Chaffin</b>
Country Club Village.....	<b>Harvey Miller</b>
Senior Comfort Living.....	<b>Susan Lascaro</b>

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**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**—2026 directories are available on the table in the narthex.

**PEGGY STANLEY WILL HOST** a light lunch for Catherine Circle at noon on Tuesday, March 10, in the Community Room. Members then will fill Easter eggs with candy that has been donated (no nuts, nut butter, or hard candy and fits in eggs). Sara Ferril will host the circle meeting at 1:30 and lead discussion of Lesson 7, “Holy Week.”

**MARCH 9 NOON LENTEN LUNCH WILL** be held at First United Methodist Church with Fr. Mark Nabors delivering the message.

**WEDNESDAY’S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY** will meet in the Community Room of the CAB on Wednesday, March 11, at noon to 1 pm. All are invited to join as we continue the study of the Book of Mark.

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** will hold rehearsal on Wednesday, March 11, at 4:30 pm and the **WPC Joyful Ringers** will hold rehearsals at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11.

**MARCH DOLLAR GIVING** is designated as a donation to Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response work.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR** side dishes and desserts the March 15 fellowship baked potato luncheon are on the table in the narthex.

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS** will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, at Mr. Whiskers Restaurant. **Everyone is invited** and if you wish to attend, please call the church office to reserve a spot for you and your spouse, significant other, or guest.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** from across Arkansas will hold their annual Spring Gathering in Hot Springs beginning at First Presbyterian on Friday, April 17, moving to Westminster that evening and on April 18. Registration forms are available on the small table in the narthex.