

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 19, 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

Peggy Kipp

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel  
before God our Maker.

**All: We come in humility, opening ourselves to God's  
wisdom and strength.**

One: We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of  
God's flock.

**All: We come with expectation, that in God's presence we  
may know ourselves and one another, and be truly at  
home in the world.**

\*HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

No. 263

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy, Triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. When enemies attack us, we trust in our own defenses. When deadly storms surround us, we forget that you are with us. Forgive us, God of grace. In our hardship and affliction teach us to trust that you alone can deliver us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we silently confess the sins of our daily lives. . .**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

**\*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 good 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                      Isaiah 43:18-21                      OT Page 823  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING                      John 21:1-14                      NT Page 141  
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON                      *Maybe We Need to Rethink This* Rev. Carl McCormack

\*HYMN                      *For Everyone Born*                      No. 769

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

\*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

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\*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

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**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**

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
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), John Vaughan, Jack & Karen Wacaster, Tommy Waddell, Joyce Walters, Billie Wetzler, Libby Willett, Curtis & Susie Wright, and Terry Young.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Central Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith and for Active Deacons.**

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

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

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

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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**

**JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS** for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship today.

**THE NEW 2026** directories are available on the table in the narthex.

**THE SESSION WILL MEET** for its regularly stated meeting on Monday, April 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, April 22, 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, April 22, at 4:30 pm and the **WPC Joyful Ringers** will hold rehearsals at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 22.

**APRIL DOLLAR GIVING** is designated as a donation to Lakeside School's A. C. E. Closet of snacks and clothing for those in need.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the church office. If you take an application, please indicate on the sign-up sheet which application you took. All applications must be returned to the office no later than May 28, 2026.