

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 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

Sara Ferril

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Rejoice in the Lord, for God hears our prayers!

ALL: God answers our petitions! God acts in our lives!

ONE: Even in our times of deepest distress, God draws near
and saves our lives.

**ALL: May God's name be praised! God's mercy endures
forever!**

*HYMN

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

No. 624

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Giver of all that we have and all that we are, we know we have been slow to give you thanks and even slower to share the good news of your grace with others. Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures, and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs, and our own hopes. Break us out of that cocoon. Challenge us with your vision for all people living together in a peaceful world, and show us our place in it all, for we are yours.

(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 55:8-13 OT Page 839
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Arr. Mark Hayes
Sara Ferril, Solo

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1-9 NT Page 16
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Holy Waste* Rev. Bill Bailey

*HYMN *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* No. 824

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* No. 300

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

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)**, **Jack Davis, Alex DeGrasse, Stephen, Katrina Taylor, Bailey & Preston DeGrasse, Melodee Dillingham, Jim Dowds, Teresa Ekema, William, Joyce, Teke, Elute, Tracy, & Jaden Esole, and Joesph & Mary Esole.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Barr Memorial Presbyterian Church** of Norman and **Hopewell Presbyterian Church** of Morrilton.

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

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

West Shores **Jim Dowds**
Garrett Manor **Nancy Ransweiler, Jean Grim**
The Atrium **Rev. Jim Chaffin**
Country Club Village **Harvey Miller, Larry Stallmann**
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, WE WELCOME REV. BILL BAILEY, who served The Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, for 17 1/2 years, retiring in 2024. Before that, he served churches in Richmond, Kentucky, and Orlando, Florida. He lives with his wife Anne in Hot Springs Village. Together they have four children and six grandchildren living in California, Florida, and Arkansas.

YOUNG ADULTS will meet after worship today in Room 11, with lunch at a nearby restaurant to complete their monthly gathering.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Golden Puckett will lead the discussion of the Book Club selection, “Remarkably Bright Creatures” written by Shelby Van Pelt, on Thursday, July 16, at 12 noon to 1:15 pm in the Community Room.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN DINNER WITH FRIENDS which will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 16, at Smokin’ in Style Barbecue. If you wish to join us, please call the church office no later than Tuesday, July 14, so we can reserve a spot for you!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be held following worship on Sunday, July 19. Our menu will be summer salads. Sign-up sheets for salads and desserts are on the table in the narthex.

JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY for the second Family Fun Night of pizza, salad, and Bingo on Tuesday, July 21, at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

JULY DOLLAR GIVING is designated to purchase backpacks which will be distributed by school counselors to primary students in August.

WESTMINSTER WOMEN of Faith, Catherine Circle, is joining with the Prince of Peace congregation July—August 23 collecting items for Blessing Boxes around town. Non-perishable foods (canned vegetables, fruits and soups with pop-tops, crackers, peanut butter, etc.) and personal hygiene items are all appreciated. These may be placed in tubs outside the Prince of Peace Chapel.