

# **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**August 16, 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 Bill about your interest.*

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bill Bailey

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Lynn Cole

ONE: O Magnify the Lord with me,

ALL: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

ALL: God's love endures forever.

\*HYMN

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 35

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (silent prayer) . . . Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful***

**No. 654**

**(Join the choir if you wish to do so.)**

ANTHEM

*God of Mercy, God of Grace*

Jerry F. Davidson  
WPC Chancel Choir

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Psalm 90 selected verses      OT Page 673

ONE: The Word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Numbering Our Days*

Rev. Bill Bailey

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Kristen La Madrid

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, the Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.**

**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.**

**GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING**

\*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.**

### **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 39

\*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 **Todd, Golden, Jaylen, Zane, & Memphis Puckett, Gary & Susan Puls, Sherri Randall, Nancy Ransweiler, Kitty Reddin, Kenneth & Claire Rhodes, John & Pam Royer, and the WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **First Presbyterian Church** of Conway and for **First Presbyterian Church** of Prairie Grove.

**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**

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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. Bill Bailey 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> |
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| Debbie Grubb         | Mary Cole            | Betty Corley         |
| Mary Marasco         | David Howell         | Stephen DeGrasse     |
| Janie Russell        | Aaron Norton         | Terry Hogate         |
| Curtis Wright        | Karen Wacaster       | Tommy Waddell        |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** will be held following worship today at which time we will honor Rev. Bill Bailey and welcome him to Westminster with a cake on which we ask that he make the first cut. Our menu is hamburgers and hot dogs and a special treat of ice cream to accompany the cake.

**THE SESSION WILL MEET** in the Community Room at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 17 for its regularly stated meeting

**WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY** will resume with the study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Rev. Bill Bailey at noon on Wednesday, **August 19**.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN DINNER WITH FRIENDS** which will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, **August 20**, at Quetzal's Mexican Restaurant. If you wish to join us, please call the church office no later than Tuesday, August 18, so we can reserve a spot for you!

**THE ADULT DISCIPLES' CLASS** will resume meeting on **August 23** at 9:30 am in the Community Room with Charlotte Howell as leader. The class will be studying materials from *The Thoughtful Christian*.

**AUGUST DOLLAR GIVING** is designated to be donated to the new City of Hot Springs Community Resource Center (CRC), 109 Hobson, which provides services such as housing assistance, employment support, educational workshops, health initiatives plus a free food pantry and a cooling shelter in summer.

**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.