

Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 30, 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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

ALL: Serve the Lord with gladness!

ONE: Come into God's presence with singing!

ALL: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!

***HYMN**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 687

***OPENING PRAYER**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the World, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor first using the following corporate prayer, then in silence..

***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

Immortal Love

Philip R. Dietterich
WPC Chancel Choir

Immortal Love, forever full
Forever flowing free
Forever shared, forever whole
A never ebbing sea

Our outward lips confess the Name
All other names above
Love only knoweth whence it came
And comprehendeth love

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down
In vain we search the lowest deeps
For Him no depths can drown

O Lord, and Master of us all
What e'er our name or sign
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call
We test our lives by Thine

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-6

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ONE: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Thin Places

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 crea-
tures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

No. 310

*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 **Larry & Peggy Stanley, Gwen Stephens, Jeff & Cindy Stephens, Bob & Suzy Still, Sally Stoneburner, NiAnn Thompson, Connie Townley, Mark & Debbie Varnell, and the WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Wynne Presbyterian Church** of Wynne and for **Church Sessions.**

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**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet in the library following worship today.

THE MEN OF THE CHURCH will meet at 8:15 am at the Higdon Square Café to enjoy good food and even better fellowship on Wednesday, September 2,

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room on Wednesday, September 2, at 12 noon—1 pm with the study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Rev. Bill Bailey. **ALL** are invited to attend!

THE ADULT DISCIPLES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:30 am in the Community Room with Charlotte Howell as leader. The class is studying materials from *The Thoughtful Christian* which compares and contrasts the four Gospel writers and their works in the New Testament. **ALL** are invited to attend!!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

SIGN-UP SHEETS for the September 20 fellowship luncheon are on the table in the narthex.

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.

SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 8—Women of Faith Catherine Circle will resume monthly meetings at 1:30 pm studying “God’s Promise: I Am with You.” This *Horizon’s* study journeys “through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God’s promise of presence.” All WPC and PoP women, and their friends, are invited to attend.