

Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 13, 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

Solemn Procession

Michael Burkhardt
WPC Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Morrison

ONE; God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble

ALL: Therefore we will not fear

ONE: though the earth should change, though the mountains
shake in the hearts of the sea;

**ALL: Though its waters roar and foam, though the
mountains tremble with its tumult.**

ONE: the Body of Jacob is with us

ALL: We will not be afraid.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 32

*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 hold name. 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

I've Got Peace Like a River

Arr. Kevin McChesney
WPC Joyful Ringers

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 50:15-20

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ONE: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

It Ain't Over 'til It's Over

Rev. Bill Bailey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 269

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Cindy Berry

*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 **George, Brook, Gunner & Brody Whisler, Libby Willett, Curtis & Susie Wright, Terry Young, and the WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **Central Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff and for Church Camp Ministries.**

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**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are dedicated to the glory of our Heavenly Father and given by Billie Wetzler in loving memory of John Wetzler.

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

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.

FREE BOOKS TODAY—you are invited to take home any of the library books that are on a table in the narthex.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE will meet in the library following worship today.

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room on Wednesday, September 16, at 12 noon—1 pm with the study of the Gospel of Matthew led by Rev. Bill Bailey. **ALL** are invited to attend!

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will hold rehearsal on Wednesday, September 16, at 4:30 pm. However, the **WPC Joyful Ringers** will **NOT** hold rehearsals again until Wednesday, September 23

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN DINNER WITH FRIENDS at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, at JB (Southern Creole) Bar & Grill, 5431 Central Avenue. If you wish to attend, please call the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday, September 15.

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

SEPTEMBER 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 or warming shelter during winter..