

Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 20, 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

Sweet Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Morrison

ONE: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

ALL: God has shown us what is good.

ONE: What does the Holy One require of us?

ALL: but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 1

*OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. 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

Amazing Grace

**Arr. John Ness Beck
WPC Chancel Choir**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's grace
Than when we first begun

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
And grace will lead me home

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 19:30-20:16

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ONE: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Is God Fair?

Rev. Bill Bailey

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Kristen La Madrid

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

Take My Life

No. 697

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Hymns of Peace

Arr. Phillip Keveren

*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 **Patricia Bentley, Arul, Biji, Annie, Anju, & Anusha Jose, Carol Birmingham, Nadean Cannon, Rev. Jim Chaffin, David & Mary Cole, Betty Corley & Joe Colgrove, Jack Davis, and the WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for the **Strategic Planning Leadership Team** and for **First Presbyterian Church** of Jonesboro.

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

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.

JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY for fellowship luncheon following worship today. We have a Taco Bar with both ground beef and chicken with all the complements of tomatoes, onions, lettuce, shredded cheese, black olives, sour cream.

WEDNESDAY'S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room on Wednesday, September 23, 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 23, at 4:30 pm, and the **WPC Joyful Ringers** will hold rehearsals on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:45.

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..