

Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 18, 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 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

NiAnn Thompson

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 heart of the sea;

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

ONE: The God of Jacob is with us

ALL: We will not be afraid.

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

No. 275

*OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Take, O Take Me as I Am

No. 698

Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

ANTHEM

Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy

Arr. Gordon Young

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing, doubt no more

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the spirit's glimmering beam

Saints and angels joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with His name
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Sinners here may do the same

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 10:23-26 NT Page 272

ONE: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Provoking One Another to Goodness* Rev. Bill Bailey

HYMN OF REFLECTION Victoria Harden

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

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

No. 69

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

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

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 **Kristen LaMadrid, Jill Lancaster, Susan Lascaro, Claude, Tara, Carmen Lealie, Malachi Tackett, Ezekiel, & Mila Mahend, Mary Marasco, Bill & Mariko McCallum, and the WPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **First Presbyterian Church** of Benton and for **Central Presbyterian Church** of Russellville.

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST Victoria Harden who has previously served as the WPC Organist/Choir Director (1969-1972) and has since substituted for WPC occasionally.

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.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED a congregational meeting following worship today, October 18, for the purpose to elect Elders to the Class of 2029.

JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY following worship today for our annual chili cook-off. Vote for your favorite. We also have soups for those who do not wish to eat chili.

THE YOUNG ADULTS will meet in Room 10 after worship for lunch and discussion, led by Larry Stanley, of the Adam Hamilton book “Creed.”

WEDNESDAY’S VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Community Room on Wednesday, October 21, 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 AND THE JOYFUL RINGERS will both hold rehearsals on Wednesday, October 21, at their respective times of 4:30 and 5:45 pm.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER DOLLAR GIVING is designated to purchase twin-sized blankets and throws to be divided among residents at Potter’s Clay and Samaritan Ministries and clients at Jackson House.