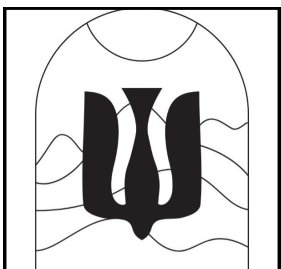


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From the Pastor

“Besides this, you know what time it is. Now is the moment for you to wake from sleep; for salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” ~ Romans 13:11-12

We are called into the “now!” When I began pondering an Advent series based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for this cycle, I recalled a marching band show West-Oak High School did a few years ago, called *Maxed Out*. The idea, or concept we were trying to portray is that humanity suffers from information overload: So much is coming at us all the time that we find it virtually impossible to embrace the present. I remember a really pivotal moment in the ballad when the voiceover bluntly announced: “BE HERE NOW!” and at that moment, we tossed our smallest color guard member into the air in a cheerleading type basket toss. At State contest, she seemed to almost *soar* into the air.

But these words from Paul speak to the same idea. We are so *busy*. Busy getting ready for holidays, busy working for the promotion, busy being re-tired, that we neglect to simply experience God in our midst *now*.

This Advent, I want us to imagine God in our midst. Not just in the mess, like we’ve talked about a lot lately, but also in the joy and delight. It is time for us to wake up, rise from our information slumber, and put on this armor of light that is Christ within us! I hope you’ll join me on this journey.

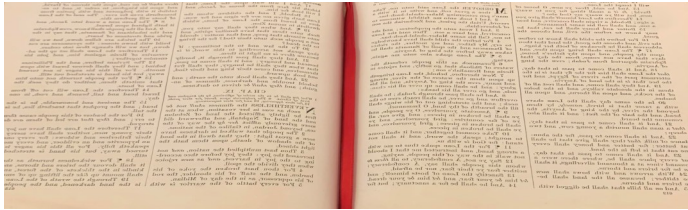
Grace and peace,
Rev. Audrey



If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on **December 7th** and **Christmas Eve** during Worship.



DECEMBER SERMONS

12/7: Called to a Time of Hope, Isaiah 1:1-10; Romans 15:8-13

12/14: Christmas Cantata

12/21: Called to a Time of Love, Matthew 1:18-25

12/24: Called to the Light, Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-14

12/28: Mel Davis preaching



NOVEMBER WORSHIP



“For unto us a Child is born. To us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor. Mighty God. Everlasting Father. Prince of Peace.” - Isaiah 9:6

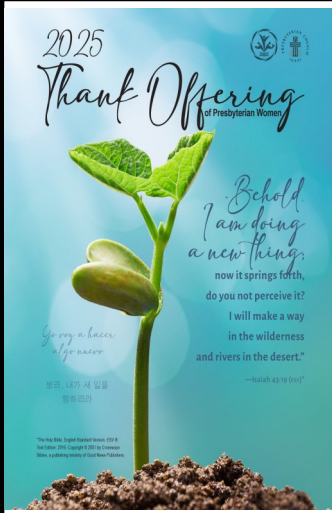
CHURCH WORK DAY!



TREASURER’S REPORT

October receipts: \$ 17172.38
expenses 16562.59
+ 609.79
YTD receipts: \$ 142,916.95
expenses 126,335.00
+ 16,581.95

We give thanks to God for the abundance of generosity displayed through the people of Westminster Presbyterian Church!



Our Mission project for this month was our contribution to the PW Thank Offering! Our circle sent \$200 to support this most worthy mission.



We were blessed with another evening of PW Circle sister love and fellowship. Kelly Liston, from the SHINE program was our guest speaker. We are looking forward to helping this most worthy mission. Many thanks to Nancy Johnston for preparing our Thank Offering service. And thank you to all the ladies for preparing our delicious dinner!

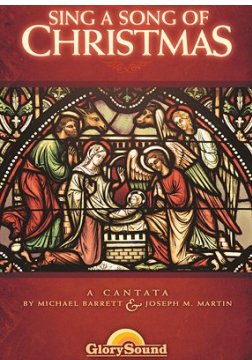
Our next meeting will be held on **December 8th**, 4:30 pm in Gossett Hall. We will be studying Lesson 3 “Inauguration” in our Luke in the Land study. Nita McMillan will be the Bible study leader. Join us! We would love to have you!



December Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, or if you would like to make a donation to our church for memorials or honorariums, please see Nancy Johnston.



We will present this to the congregation on **December 14th** during worship!

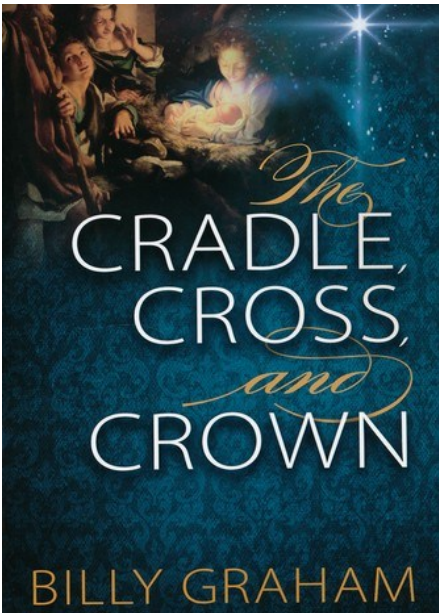
After worship, we will meet in Gossett Hall for a delicious Joy Offering potluck luncheon. Come join us for a great time of fellowship!



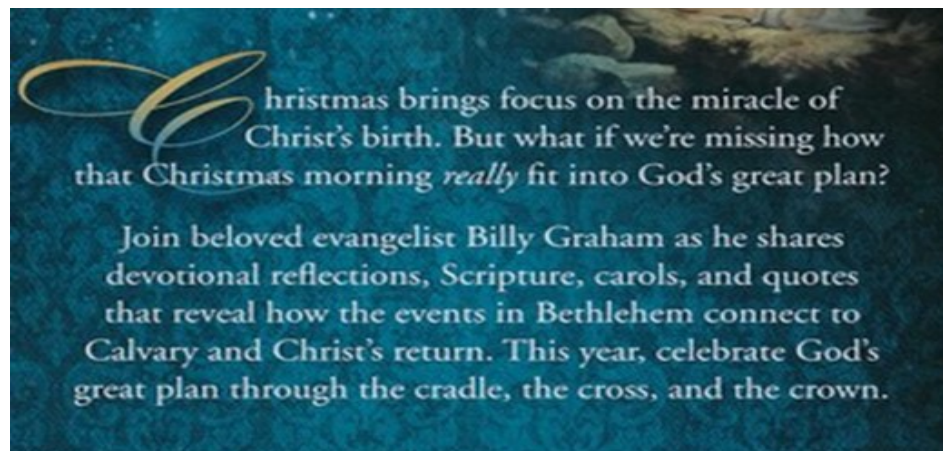
IT’S TIME TO RING THE BELL!! Many thanks to our own Joey Roeder, who works tirelessly if filling the slots for bell ringers for our friends at the Salvation Army!



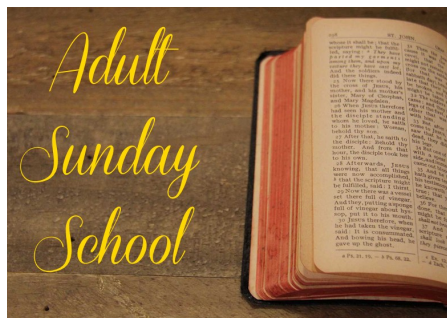
Get Into God's Word!



Don't forget to pick up your Advent devotional book! Session has purchased one for each family. This is a wonderful study from Billy Graham and one that we pray will bring you closer to Christ through the miracle of His Birth.



Our next **Men's Bible study** will be **December 7th**. All men will meet at Gossett Hall beginning at 10 am. God continues to bless us with Spirit-filled discussions and fellowship. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to share how God is working in your life, prayer requests and praise reports while diving into God's Holy Word!



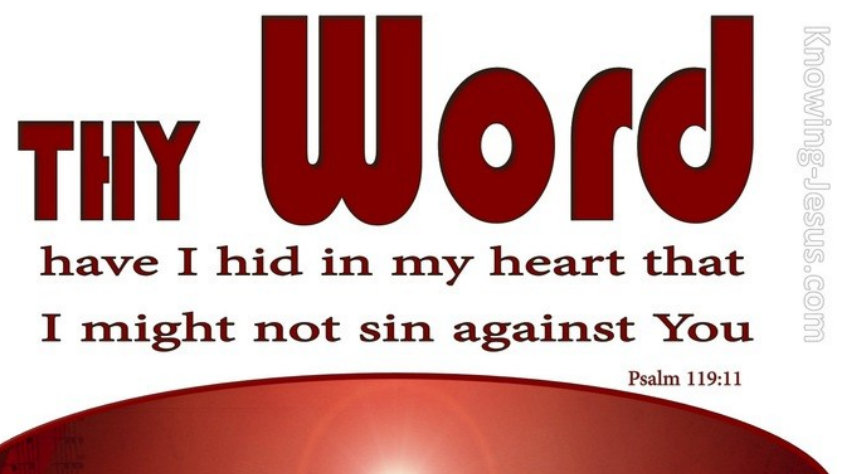
This month our Adult Sunday School class will meet on **December 21st**. We will have a time for prayer requests, fellowship, Bible Study and share how God is working in our lives. Come be a part of this awesome offering for us all to grow in Christ!



All Ladies are invited to attend Circle meeting! We will meet in **Gossett Hall at 4:30 pm December 8th**. We will be studying Lesson 3 "Inauguration". Nita will be the Bible study leader. Lakeview Assisted Living will be our mission project. We will also take poinsettias to our shut-ins during the month and add their names to the Angel Tree along with Lakeview.



Keep reading your Bible daily! It's a "Life Instruction Manual" and one we need to get into **EVERYDAY!!!!** Can you believe it's been a year??



Rev. Audrey will offer morning devotionals for us each week. Don't miss this most special time to worship together virtually! Rev. Audrey will preview the scripture readings for her sermon the following Sunday. We hope to see you on line!!

Dates to Remember!

- 7 Men’s Bible Study 10 am
- 7 Communion Sunday 11 am
- 8 PW Circle 4:30 pm
- 3&9 Dot’s Kitchen
- 21 Adult Sunday School 8:30 am
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7pm

Yoga with Kate

Grab your yoga mat and come on to Gossett Hall for “Yoga with Kate



December Birthdays

- 6 Ford Pearse
- 16 Willem Orlowski
- 28 Nita McMillan
- 29 Russell McCall



Angel Tree

Our Angle Tree recipient this year will be our friends at Lakeview Assisted Living and also our shut-in members. More information will be coming soon!

WEEKLY BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

1. Luke 12:1-59,Jeremiah 42:1-43:13,Lamentations 2:11-16

2. Luke 13:1-14:14,Jeremiah44:1-30,Lamentations 2:17-22

3. Luke 14:15-15:32,Jeremiah 45:1-46:12,Lamentations 3:1-9

4. Luke 16:1-17:19,Jeremiah 46:13-28,Lamentations 3:10-24

5. Luke 17:20-18:43, Jeremiah 47:1-48:10,Lamentations 3:25-39

6. Luke 19:1-48,Jeremiah 48:11-27, Lamentations 3:40-54

7. Luke 20:1-47,Jeremiah 48:28-47,Lamentations 3:55-66

8. Luke 21:-22:23,Jeremiah 49:1-11,Lamentations 4:1-8

9. Luke 22:24-23:12,Jeremiah 49:12-22,Lamentations 4:9-16

10. Luke 23:13-24:12,Jeremiah 49:23-39,Lamentations 4:17-22

11. Luke 24:13-32,Jeremiah 50:1-7Lamentations 5:1-22

12. Acts 1:1-2:13,Jeremiah 50:8-19,Psalm 78:1-16

13. Acts 2:14-3:11,Jeremiah 50:20-32,Psalm 78:17-31

14. Acts 3:12-4:37,Jeremiah 50:33-46,Psalm 78:32-55

15. Acts 5:1-6:7,Jeremiah 51:1-14,Psalm 78:56-72
16. Acts 6:8-7:53,Jeremiah 51:15-28,Psalm 79

17. Acts 7:54-8:40,Jeremiah 51:29-44,Psalm 80

18. Acts 9:1-43,Jeremiah 51:45-58,Psalm 81

19. Acts 10:1-11:18,Jeremiah 51:59-52:34,Psalm 82

20. Acts 11:19-13:12, Jonah 1:-2:10,Psalm 83

21. Acts 13:13-14:7,Jonah 3:1-4:11,Proverbs 6:1-11

22. Acts 14:8-15:21,Galations 1:1-2:10,Proverbs 6:12-19

23. Acts 15:22-16:40,Galations2:11-3:22,Proverbs 6:20-35

24. Acts 17:1-18:17,Galations 3:23-4:31,Proverbs 7:1-20

25. Acts 18:18-19:41,Galations 5:1-6:18,Proverbs 7:21-27

26. Acts 20:1-21:14,Philemon 1-25,Proverbs 8:1-11

27. Acts 21:15-22:21,Titus 1:1-2:15,Proverbs 8:12-21

28. Acts 22:22-23:35,Titus 3:1-15,Proverbs 8:22-36

29. Acts 24:1-25:22,Philippians 1:1-30,Psalm 97

30.Acts 25:23-27:12,Philippians 2:1-30,Psalms 98:-99:5

31. Acts 27:13-28:31,Philippians 3:1-4:23,Psalms 99:6-100:5



Join us for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We will fill our beautiful sanctuary with lights and truly know the Light of the world is alive and well and dwells within each of us! Don’t miss this most special service in the life of our church.

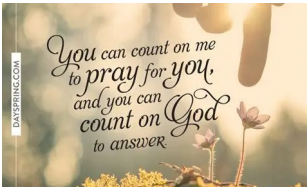
“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2





Town Prayer Meeting! Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster.

In Our Prayers



Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam’s brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen’s niece), Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey’s parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Marie Dunnam, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry’s grandson), Nancy Dougherty, Martha Reid, Lou Haynes, and Ed Black.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MISSIONS IN YOUR
DAILY PRAYERS**



Your Session continues to serve our wonderful church family in so many areas in the life of our church. Session met on Sunday, November 9th after worship. Thoughtful discussion and planning went into the 2026 budget proposal for our church. Please continue to keep your Session in your daily prayers. As always, please contact any Session member with ideas, concerns or praise reports to continue WPC shining the Light of the World in our community, country and world!

SESSION

- Clerk: Brad Stancil
- Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan
- Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault
- Property: Shepherd Chuites
- Stewardship/Finance: Michael Meades
- Congregational Care: Joey Roeder





Don’t you just love when God speaks to you !



On October 18, 2025 I gave blood at the Chickasaw Point annual blood drive. I have O+ blood and The Blood Connection was offering \$80 for O+ blood. I have donated in the past but have never taken the offer for money for my blood donation. This time I decided to accept the money because God put it on my heart to use it to help someone. I did not know for sure exactly who I might help.

On Monday, November 3, I attended the Westminster Presbyterian Church Ladies Circle Meeting. At that meeting it was mentioned that some adult diapers had been donated to Lakeview Assisted Living and that there was an ongoing need for adult diapers. I knew right away that this was the way that I wanted to use the \$80. It was almost like God was holding up a neon sign and giving me my answer.

On November 5th, I was shopping for cleaning supplies and food at Walmart. Upon checking out my new credit card would not work. Apparently, the chip in the card was defective. My bill came to \$61.00. The cashier was very kind but could not get the card to work. She suggested that I take it to the Customer Service counter to see if they could help. Yikes!!! There was a line of 15 or more people in line at Customer Service at that time.

Behind me in was a gentleman who spoke up and said, “Don’t worry. I have just paid your bill.” “No sir”, I replied. “I think that I may have enough cash”. The gentleman would not back down and said that he was happy to be able to help and would not take no for an answer. He told me that it was his priviledge to help out.

I knew right away that God was giving me another opportunity to give to Lakeview Assisted Living. I asked the gentleman his name and I believe that he said it was Dan Wilson. When I told him that I planned to add his \$60 to my donation to Lakeview Assisted Living, he gave me the biggest smile and said that in return all he wanted was a hug. There were a number of customers in line and as I looked back everyone was smiling.

God gives us such a happy heart when He speaks to us so clearly!



(Many Thanks to our dear friend, Paula Meades, for sharing this beautiful story!)

