

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Thank you so much to everyone who has already turned in their 2025 pledge card, either in-person or online! Your generosity is going to make a big difference through WPC this year, as we share the Living Water with all who thirst within our church, in Arlington, in Guatemala, and beyond.

In delivering the Toy Drive gifts this year, Rollin Phipps encountered a conundrum. The focus has always been on gifts for foster children, but one woman came to him wanting to donate baby clothes. He hesitated, but decided inwardly that if the PCHAS homes didn't need them, he could always donate them to Mission Arlington. One week before Christmas, he drove down to Itasca to deliver all these items. When the PCHAS staff opened the box of baby clothes, they were delighted! Unbeknownst to us, a one-year-old child was arriving at the home in two days, but PCHAS had nothing ready for them. The box had arrived just in time. As they stood there, one person remarked, "These are gifts for the Christmas child."

This is what it means to be woven together in faith: to offer what we have to God and trust that God will do more with it than we could ever imagine. This month, there are several special events showing that we are woven together with our community: Scout Sunday on February 2; Souper Bowl of Caring on February 9; and Debra's Retirement Reception on February 16, where we will celebrate her 14 faithful years of service.

So come, find your place in the tapestry of faith at WPC, where we are woven together by the Spirit - with God, with each other, and with our world. May this threefold cord never be broken.

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate



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WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, February 2 @ 11:00 AM - Communion - Scout Sunday
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 & Luke 4:21-30
Sermon: Hard of Hearing



Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 2
11:00 AM
 Come welcome our local Scouts
 as they lead us in worship!
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Sunday, February 9 @ 11:00 AM - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- Souper Bowl of Caring
Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: Hearing is Believing

Sunday, February 16 @ 11:00 AM - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Scriptures: Psalm 1 & Luke 6:17-26
Sermon: Hearing and Healing

Sunday, February 23 @ 11:00 AM - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Scriptures: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 & Luke 6:27-38
Sermon: Hearing One Another



Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM



We would love to have you join us. Please talk to our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet if you have questions.




TACKLE HUNGER
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
ARE YOU READY TO DONATE?
 What if every person watching the Big Game donates just \$1 or 1 can of food to their local food charity?

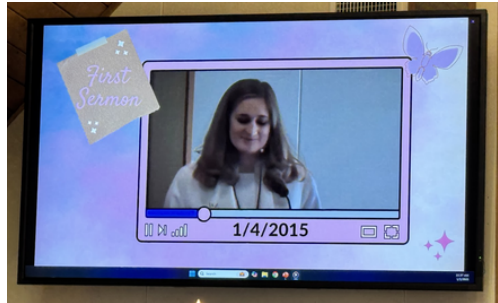
2025 Worship Flower Donations

The 2025 Flower Chart is up outside of the church office! You're now welcome to sign up for more than one Sunday! The donation price is \$30. Open dates: March 23, 30, May 18, June 15, August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 21, 28, October 12, November 2, 9, 23, 30, December 7, & 28. After you have signed on your chosen date, please take a donation envelope. There are 2 dates on the envelope: one for the date of your payment for the flowers, and one for the Sunday you want your flowers in the sanctuary. Payment must be received in the office 2 weeks prior to your donation date. The arrangements are yours to take after the service. If you are not going to be in worship on your donation date, please let Susan Johnson or the office know.



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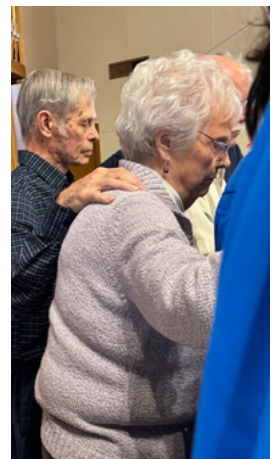
January Worship



Celebrating Pastor Kate's 10th Anniversary in worship



**Ordination & Installation
Class of 2026 Elders**
Jennifer Del Angel, Rob Henderson, Barbara Kennedy,
Erin O'Connor, April Poitras, and Teresa Sullivan



LEARN

February Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

Feb. 2-23 TBD



Youth (7th-12th Grade)

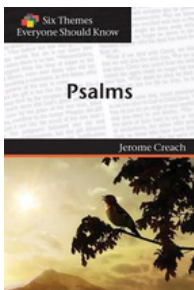
Faith Questions is a curriculum that explores questions asked by real youth about important faith topics. We will explore Faith Questions around relationships, politics, forgiveness, salvation, justice, faith and science, temptation and compassion. Each unit offers connections to media resources and great activities that are fun and enriching.

Feb. 2 - Justice: God Wants us to Help People, but Couldn't God Just Do It On God's Own?

Feb. 9 - Faith & Science: Is Science More or Less True Than the Bible?

Feb. 16 - Faith & Science Lesson 2: How Old Is the Earth?

Feb. 23 - Faith & Science Lesson 3: Why Do People Put Jesus and Darwin Fish on Their Cars?



Adult One - Bible Study

Feb. 2 - chapter 2 continued - Psalms

Feb. 9 - chapter 3 - Psalms

Feb. 16 - chapter 3 continued - Psalms

Feb. 23 - chapter 4 - Psalms



Adult Two - Reading Disciples

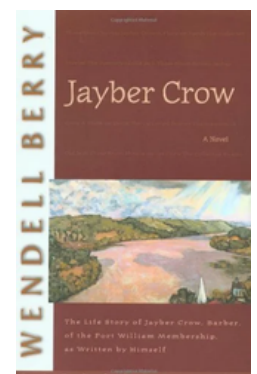
This class reads and discusses various inspiring, insightful and challenging pieces of literature, which present moral questions and explore what it means to live a faithful life.

Feb. 2 - *Jayber Crow* ch. 13-16

Feb. 9 - *Jayber Crow* ch. 17-20

Feb. 16 - *Jayber Crow* ch. 21-24

Feb. 23 - *Jayber Crow* ch. 25-28



LEARN



Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, February 18
@ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast)
@ 10:15 AM (study)



Join us as we continue our study, "Let Justice Roll Down" by Reverend Dr. Patricia K. Tull. We will begin with a light breakfast hosted by Sharon Owens.

Lesson Six: Climate Change

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 1:14; 2:24; 3:9-11; Isaiah 22:13; Jeremiah 37:11-16; Luke 12:16-21; 12:19; 1 Corinthians 13:12

Main Idea: Scripture teaches us to listen to prophets who warn of threats, avoid complacency and self-concern, and participate with joy in the work God has given us to do.



*Interested in joining
our family of faith at Westminster?*
Inquirers' Classes
Feb 16 & 23 @ 9:45 am
WPC Library

Inquirers' Classes

Join Pastor Kate & our Faith Formation elders to learn more about WPC and how to join! Reach out to Pastor Kate to RSVP or with any questions.



Save the Dates now!
Thursdays, March 13 - April 9
6:30 PM: Dinner
7:00 PM-8:30 PM: Conversation

"Crucial" comes from the Latin crux, meaning cross. The cross demands that Christians pay attention to the broken world around us and compels us to work for justice and righteousness. Join us for these important conversations with new guest speakers each week.

GIVE

NEW DAY Thanks You!

Thanks for everyone who joined us in the Jason's Deli fundraiser for NEW DAY! We raised \$317 for hungry AISD students. Our next fundraiser will be at On the Border on I-20 on **February 6 from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm**. Watch your email for a reminder!



NEW DAY Fundraiser

Thursday, February 6
11:00 am-9:00 pm





1121 I-20 West || 817-522-1990
Dine in or carry out!
Mention "NEW DAY," and we will get 20% of food sales!



Welcome Home Donations

The Welcome Home Offering provides basic necessity items to those who are dealing with homelessness and transitioning to stable housing. For the month of February, we are collecting individual size snack packs for our partners at When We Love (www.whenwelove.com).



Bring them to worship with you any Sunday and place in the marked bin by the entry doors. This goes right here to our neighbors in Tarrant County! Questions? contact Barbara Kennedy.



Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, February 2

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in January! We continue to help Arlington Charities provide for those in need by collecting non-perishables & monetary donations on the first Sunday of each month. The grocery basket can be found in the pass through and is always available for donations.




Mobile Food Pantry
Feb. 8 @ 8:00 am
St. Andrew's UMC



All hands needed to help pack boxes of food and put in the trunks of hungry people in Arlington!



Quilters

Monday, February 10

at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

NOTE WE ARE NOW MEETING ON SECOND MONDAYS
Come cut, tie, pin, and more to help our Quilters make a new batch of quilts for the Salvation Army Family Life Center in 2025.



GIVE

Financial Report - as of December 31, 2024

As we finish up the year on this cold day, we should be thankful for all we have been given (whether it be in time, talent, or resources) and the opportunities we have been given to help others.

First, know that we have finished the year in excellent financial shape. Your generosity to help run the day-to-day operations of the church is important, but not as important as your generosity to help those around us. For Example Mission Committee has a budget of around \$6,800 (think NEW DAY, Quilters, community outreach). In addition, you made contributions to causes that are dear to you and funneled those funds through WPC. At year-end, I try to highlight some of those causes you support:

Pastor Discretionary Fund \$5,788	Pres. Children's Home \$960 (+ gift cards and many, many toys)
New Day \$3,515	Memorials \$2,007
One Great Hour of Sharing \$1,381	Quilters \$1,038 (included \$903 from auction)
Christmas Joy \$1,985	Pres. Disaster Assistance \$707
Pentecost Offering \$590	Youth Mission Trip \$4,957
Peace/Global Offering \$560	Living Water for the World \$147
Arlington Charities \$625	TOTAL \$25,211
Souper Bowl of Caring \$951	

WPC's pledges toward Camp Gilmont's Capital Campaign reached nearly \$44,000 and set the standard for other Presbyterian Churches. The funds will be used to improve their facilities and make camps and retreats available for more kids, youth, and adults to communicate with God through the beauty of nature.

There are many other opportunities that don't require financial support. NEW DAY volunteers who pack and deliver supplies. Quilters who use their talents to warm those in need. Swift Elementary volunteers who give their time to support teachers and students. Talented workers who make our grounds inviting to visitors and keep our building looking good. Volunteers in our media center use their talents to enhance the worship service.

We all play our part and help each other feel our relationship with God grow stronger. Thank you for all you do.

David Rawhouser
Church Treasurer



Stewardship 2025

God brings us together in a threefold cord of unity; we are woven together with God, with each other, and with our community. Don't miss out on being part of this tapestry of faith! Remember there is no gift too small (and no gift too big!) God will take all our gifts and weave them together for the good of the kingdom of God as we continue to share the Living Water with all who thirst. Check out our stewardship packets & pledge cards online to be part of what God is doing in, through, and with WPC: wpcarlington.org/stewardship

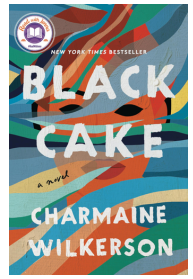
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Bookworms

Wednesday, February 5 @ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)

Join us as we discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson



Black Cake is Wilkerson's debut novel. It's a multigenerational family story that takes place over 50 years. It follows two siblings as they navigate their relationship following their mother's death and as they try to uncover her past.

Bookworms reading group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 PM via Zoom. The Zoom link is sent out that morning each month for easy access. We read a variety of genres based upon members' recommendations and suggestions and library availability. We would love to have anyone join us either every month or as a particular book appeals to you.

Our March selection is *The Good Left Undone* by Adriana Trigiani. This is a historical fiction novel that spans generations of the Cabrelli family, Italian Jewelers from before World War II to the present.

April - *The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen

May - *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Frederik Backman

June—*The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman and Her Incredible Fight for Freedom and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear* by Kate H. Moore



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday, February 12 @ 1:00 PM

at Jamaica Gates (1020 W Arkansas Ln)

We enjoyed lunch with 14 of our friends last month at The Porch. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.



Beer Tasters

Friday, February 21 @ 7:00 PM

in Fellowship Hall

Come warm up this winter with an array of beers. All members and friends age 21+ are welcome to try six beers for only \$5. Questions? Contact Keith Richardson. P.S. Don't forget your prayer partner!



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WPC Littles
(0-5 yrs)



WPC Kids
(K-6th grade)



WPC Youth
(7th-12th grade)

Scout Sunday

Calling all Scouts of all ages! Join us in worship on **February 2**. Scout Sunday is a special day to recognize the contributions of scouting programs to the community & the church. Scout Sunday fosters a deeper connection between scouts & their faith community.




Souper Bowl of Caring

The youth group will be collecting donations on **February 9** for The Souper Bowl of Caring. The campaign's goal is to help people think about the children who go hungry while others enjoy the Super Bowl.

Save the Date: MISSION TRIP 2025

July 6-11

Calling all 6th-12th graders!!

We will be headed to Tulsa, OK with "Be the Neighbor" to build on last year's experience. A \$150 deposit by Feb 28 secures your spot. Questions? See Brooklyn or Miranda!



MLK Ecumenical Worship Service 2025



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Annual Staff Reviews

Do you have some constructive feedback to provide WPC staff from 2024? Did someone go above and beyond what you thought possible? Was there something that would be helpful for us to know that didn't go ideally that we can improve going forward? We'd like your feedback in helping the Personnel committee as they draft the annual performance reviews for Brooklyn Richardson (Director of Children & Youth Ministry) and Kate McGee (WPC pastor). You can find blank pages to fill in posted on the tall board by the church office and an envelope to submit your feedback (it will not be shared directly with staff.) The Elder to Personnel and the Personnel committee will review and incorporate your feedback into their overall assessment. If you'd rather just email a brief input, feel free to forward your answers to Jennifer del Angel, Elder to Personnel and Nominating. These are the simple questions we ask you to consider and provide as specific information as possible to:

- What did this staff person do really well this year?
 - What is something that did not go ideally this year?
 - How can Session, their supervisor, the church, etc. support this staff person going into 2025?
- Your feedback and responses are super helpful in letting the staff know how they're doing. Thank you!



December Session Highlights

1. The Session welcomed the elders-elect to have voice at this meeting.
2. Pastor Kate led them in a heart-mapping exercise to determine core values at WPC.
3. The Session reviewed the first draft of the 2025 budget.



The More You Know

Did you know...our own Callan Kennedy was featured on Louisville Seminary's Facebook page at the end of last year?! Thank you for all your prayers for them!

Louisville Seminary
December 20 at 2:25 PM · 🌐

☀️ Plant the Seed for Scholarship Support ☀️

"In my time at LPTS, this community has been a place where passionate people come together in the name of weird and mischievous theologies and ministries. Scholarships are what allows so many of us from different backgrounds to share ideas and push each other into new directions we hadn't yet considered." – Callan Kennedy, MDiv '26, Student Body President



WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in February

Liturgist

Carrie Leverenz



February 2

Communion Servers

Teresa Sullivan, Niña Henderson, Chris McMurrugh, David Rawhouser, Jill Rawhouser, & Robert Wilson



Media Center

2/2- Harry Staley, Steve West, Niña Henderson, & Chris Simpson

2/9 - James Harris, Teri Wardrup, & Chris Hatcher

2/16 - Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Niña Henderson, & John Garcia

2/23 - Jill Weststrom, Carol Raburn, Steve West, & Keith Richardson



Greeters

2/2 - Karen & Orine Chisi

2/9 - Justin, Ben, Audrey, & Evelyn Chapa

2/16 - Caitlin Cooke

2/23 - Maggie & Jennifer Del Angel



Flowers

2/2 - Sally Wright in memory of Betty Mills

2/9 - Teresa Sullivan in honor of her daughter Gracie's birthday

2/16 - Jim Dugan in memory of Nancy Dugan

2/23 - Jim & Susan Johnson in honor of Jo Schauwecker's birthday

Want to be involved in Worship?

Are you interested in serving on the Worship Committee? Or leading worship as a liturgist, hall monitor, greeter, usher, or Media Team member? Reach out to our Worship Elder Yleen George, and she will get you connected!



WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Members/friends in need of prayer: Carol Raburn; Don Morris; Les Brooks; Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Janet Kovatch's friend Melva; Pat Staley's nephew David Garrison; Doris Holland's daughter Cathy Holland; Sara Molina's mother-in-law Carmen Molina; Susan Johnson's nephew Scott Cohenour & her friend Carole Martin; Michael Carr's brother Chris; Charles & Linda Bridges' daughter Tara Lewis; Erin Baltensperger's friends the Vanacek family; Stephanie West's friend David; Sandra James' friends Jeremy Hamon & Eileen Kloos; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie; Erin O'Connor's uncle Michael O'Connor; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; Linda Wilson's friend Donna Austin; Harry Staley's sister Kate Marymont; Catherine Fritz's friends Jason Johnson & mom Pam; Charles Bridges' sister-in-law Linda Bridges; Jim & Susan Johnson's neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family



Celebrating Birthdays in February

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| 1 - Donna McDonald | 17 - Judy Hart &
Chris Hatcher |
| 7 - Carter Dennis | 19 - Benjamin Nelson |
| 8 - Grace Sullivan | 21 - Kelly Canterbury |
| 10 - Matt Baltensperger | 22 - Walter Osadchuk II |
| 11 - Morgan Dennis | 23 - John Garcia, Betty Makileni
& Jo Schauwecker |
| 12 - Jimmy George, Sarah
McMurrough & Mary
Montague | 25 - Robyn Hurd |
| 15 - Odessa Baltensperger | 27 - Anna Anderson &
Bardin Nelson |
| 16 - Selah Hathaway | 28 - Pattie Hardin-Marshall |

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday February 8th 4:30 pm

Dinner - Music - Games - Memories

RSVP by 2/5/2025

Sign up sheet outside the office or email

**Celebrate Pastor Kate's 10
years at WPC with us!**

Mission Statement

Rooted in God's love and grace, we worship, learn, give, and connect, refreshing people with Living Water. We reach out to share the Water with all who thirst.

Deadline for next issue: February 15, 2025

Turn in all articles & photos to the church office.

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