

Dear WPC Congregation,

The Elders of Westminster Presbyterian have been working diligently to follow the Presbytery's process of seeking a transitional pastor (Interim). The process is long, detailed, and requires a lot of patience and prayer, but it is in motion! In addition to monthly Session meetings, the INPC Team (made up of Session members), is working to go through applicants and set up interviews. The Elders are in constant communication to stay on top of this process. We are at an exciting point in this transitional journey where we now get to discern who God is calling for us! Thank you for your patience as we are learning and growing through this process.

The applicants look promising and we hope to have a transitional pastor in the near future, but we do not know when that date will be. In the meantime, please come to the Elders if you have any concerns or need prayers. We are a welcoming group that is dedicated to our church family. We want to hear from you, listen, learn, discuss, and pray with you. We want to keep sailing forward and trusting in the Holy Spirit as a united group.

The Elders would also like to remind you that we are aware and onboard with changes in worship. Rally Sunday was the first week of a new worship layout. Prior to that there were conversations between the Ministry team and Elders. The changes were thought about, discussed and prayed over. There was input received from the Session's Commission on Ministry (COM) Presbytery moderator. The Session took the changes very seriously considering the church's state of transition. After a time of questions and more prayer, Session voted to approve the changes in order for the worship service to flow more naturally. The vote passed with the understanding that Session will take feedback from the congregation into consideration and the changes are a work in progress. On occasion the guest pastor or speaker may have their own suggestions for the order of worship. The Session and Worship Team are having conversations about how the services are going and will continue to adjust as needed. If you have any feedback; positive comments or concerns, please reach out to us. We can't discuss or change what we don't know about. We look forward to input from our transitional pastor when that time comes!

Lastly, but most importantly, we want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation of the congregation. The support you have given us during this process is humbling. Whether it has been a nice word, a prayer, an acknowledgement of the process, yummy treats, or a kind gesture, we have been blessed by you. We are a strong congregation who supports each other and leans into the Father during difficult times. The weekly attendance is encouraging and the continued work of the Ministry Teams show us that WPC strives to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We may not have a pastor but we are never without God and He is at work in our church!

Sincerely,

*WPC Elders Bathory, Bean, Brewer, Colbern, Mages, McManus*