

Westminster Presbyterian Church



We are excited you are here!

Please look through this information to learn a little bit about what WPC is all About!

Our Purpose: *Bringing the Word of the Living Christ to all people through service and love.*

Our Mission: *To sail in discipleship to offer opportunities for all to hear and experience the Word of God.*

Our Vision: *Westminster is a welcoming place of love and faith where we are led by the Holy Spirit to serve our community.*

Sailboat Church- Sailboat Church, by Joan S. Gray was read by our staff, elders, deacons, and congregation in the Fall of 2021. We strongly suggest this quick read, as we refer to it often and strive for the mindset of a sailboat church. It is available in the church library if you would like to borrow a copy. The main idea is that “*sailing is a metaphor for the church as we choose to operate in a way that allows the Holy Spirit—the wind of God—to become its power source*”. Join us as we take up the oars, hoist our sails, and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us!

Prayer- Our goal is to make prayer the center point of our lives and for each of us to grow in the spiritual discipline of prayer. ***Prayer is the foundation of all ministries of the church and of our personal Christian living.*** We strive to be a church where we truly ‘pray without ceasing’. When we pray, we invite God’s graceful power into our lives, the church, and the world. We understand the power of prayer. In that spirit, we invite you to pause to pray every day at 4:01 the following prayer:

Thank You, God, for this day and for Your presence in my life.

It is our hope that this prayer time will draw us closer together as we share in a daily prayer covenant. Why pray at 4:01? 401 is an important number to Westminster Presbyterian Church. It is our address—401 W. 13th Street. It identifies where we gather for worship and renew our faith in our God. It is where our cornerstone is set firm in the ground, just as prayer is the cornerstone of our ministry.

If you are looking for a quiet place to pray, connect with God, and reflect, please visit the Courtyard Prayer Garden or Room 4 in the north hall which has been converted into a Prayer Room. Contact the office for information on availability.

Discipleship- We believe that discipleship is important and we can spread the Word of God by being the hands and feet of Jesus. The various Ministry Teams often have wonderful opportunities for discipleship and need your help! Look for sign-up sheets on the coffee bar as well as announcements in the Messenger. There are many ways inside the church and out in the community that your time and talents are needed!

Ministry Teams- How much do you know about the Ministry Teams of Westminster Presbyterian? Did you know that in addition to the Session there are 10 Ministry teams? Our Ministry Teams include; Deacons, Personnel, Mission & Outreach, Worship, Christian Education, Music, Fellowship, Building & Grounds, Finance, and Ushers. WPC offers a wide variety of opportunities for you to get involved and use your God-given talents. If you feel you are being called to serve on one of these teams or would like to attend a meeting, please contact the office to request information. There will be a time and talents drive soon, please be in prayer about how you are being called to serve. We always welcome fresh ideas and joyfully celebrate a call you have discerned!

WPC Worship Services, Classes and Groups

Worship Service- Join us on Sunday mornings for worship service! Service begins at 10:30. We also offer live streamed worship! <https://www.facebook.com/westpresottawa/>

Sunday School Classes- Classes are able to stand alone, so even though weekly attendance is encouraged, it is NOT required to participate and understand the weekly lessons! Even if you can only come on occasion we invite you to join us for these classes! The more the merrier; bring a friend or relative to class with you!

Adult & Youth Combined (6th grade-adult) Sunday Class- Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Fireside Room.

Child Care- The nursery is staffed with 2 loving caregivers every Sunday. The nursery opens at 9:15 during Sunday School Classes for parents attending. Please pick up children at 10:15 for church.

(Summer nursery hours open at 10:15.)

Child Care/Nursery- Parents are asked to walk their children to the nursery room in the mornings and help them sign in. Please make contact with the nursery staff. If it is the child's first time, please fill out the informational page.

***Dropping off for Adult attending Sunday School-** Sign them in. When Sunday School classes are over please pick up your child in their classroom and check out with the teacher. They will return after the Children's Message. Infants are allowed to stay in the nursery for the duration.

***Dropping off for church service-** Sign them in- When service is over please pick up your child in the nursery (possibly classroom if school age) or on the playground and inquire about their experience and Bible lesson.

Children's Church- During service, after the Children's Message, children who are in **Pre-K through 5th grade** are invited to leave the sanctuary for a Children's Church Bible Lesson and snack with the teacher. They will follow a PCUSA curriculum, play games, and have free play. They will have an opportunity to learn songs, participate in a children's Christmas program, and participate in the worship service throughout the year.

Nursery and Children's Church Rules- 1.) Honor God by Making God our Focus 2.) Show Kindness to All 3.) Use Hands and Feet for Good 4.) Do Your Best 5.) Follow Directions

WPC Kids & Youth Opportunities- We love our kids and encourage children to be a part of the service. There will be opportunities for them to sing, greet, and lead. Participation in the reading Scripture and hearing the messages are very important, if your child (or yourself) need a Bible please contact Megan Bathory. We invite children to participate in communion. Our 3rd graders will receive Bibles as a transitional gift here at WPC. And 8th graders (or around that age) are invited to participate in a communicant's class to learn more about the church, dig deeper into their faith, ask questions, and become a member if they wish.

Youth Ministry- Westminster youth are invited to participate in the exciting, energetic, and faith-based CYG (Community Youth Group). The location and activities frequently change. Contact the pastor for more details!

Prayer Group- If you are interested in joining a prayer group, please contact Deanna Fox.

Men's Bible Study- If you are interested in digging deeper into the word, the Men's Bible study group meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am, in the Fireside Room.

Weekly Bible Study & Other Small groups- These groups are in the works! Keep watching for updates on these groups. If you would like to lead a group please contact Megan Bathory or a CE Team member. Pastor Darron is starting a book study soon!

Helpful Information

Messenger- The Messenger is a weekly newsletter that can be mailed to your home or e-mailed to you. It contains information about the life of the church! Updates from the Session, Ministry teams, church families, prayer requests, and other important information are all in the Messenger! Please be sure to read it so you don't miss any important announcements! If you aren't signed up, call the office today!

Announcements & Prayer Requests- Weekly announcements and prayer requests will be posted in the weekly Messenger, in emails, and on our church's webpage, <https://westpresottawa.org/> If you do not receive the Messenger or e-mails and would like to, please call the office at 242-1824. If you have prayer requests, please contact Donna in the office as well.

Facebook- Westminster Presbyterian Church has a Facebook page! Check it out for live streamed services on Sunday mornings and information posted about upcoming events. Our Facebook page is a great way to participate in the church if you are not able to attend in person! Share the page with your family and friends! <https://www.facebook.com/westpresottawa/>

Coffee Counter- Stop by the coffee counter on Sunday mornings and fill a Westminster cup with your choice of fresh brewed coffee or hot tea! If you are here during the week and need a pick-me-up, there are coffee pods under the Keurig for your enjoyment! What a blessing the coffee counter has been to us! It is a great drink station but more importantly gives us a place to have fellowship before and after service! We hope you will stop by for a drink and say hello to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fellowship Hour- Immediately following the worship service there will be treats and drinks in the foyer. This is a great time to catch up with your church family and friends on what is going on in their lives and maybe meet someone new! We hope you will consider staying during this fellowship time and maybe even volunteering for treats as well. A volunteer sign-up sheet can be found on the coffee counter.

Library- We have a church library! The WPC Library is located at the corner of the educational halls across from the Courtyard Prayer Garden. You can check out books, movies, and puzzles! Stop by and browse our library selection! If you borrow something, please return it where you found it!

Hope House- Westminster partners with Hope House of Ottawa to help serve people from our community who are in need. There is a Hope House donation box in the foyer and a list of the weekly needs of the community. You might consider adding some of those items to your grocery list and make a donation. Hope House is a Christian Care Center "Meeting the ongoing crisis and emergency needs of people in Franklin County through Christ-centered giving and caring." For more information visit: <https://www.hopehouseottawa.org/>

Small Steps Preschool- The Small Steps Preschool resides in the WPC building. We are delighted to have the children of this preschool in our church and using our facility. They provide a great service to the Ottawa area for families needing child care. Each week they participate in a Christian children's message given by the Pastor or Christian Education Director of WPC. We are so blessed to be a partner in Christ and education with them!

Church Rooms- If you need a space to host a gathering, have you considered one of the church rooms? Some of the rooms (Fireside and Robert's Hall) can be reserved for your gathering. Contact the office to ask about pricing and availability.

Miscellaneous Information

WPC= Westminster Presbyterian Church

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