

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22, AD 2026



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Holy, Holy, Holy with Holy is the Lord
(Dykes, Schubert, arr. Fettke)

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(Hymn #380)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him
Words: Thomas Kelly, 1806
Music: Traditional German Melody

Praise the Savior, ye who know Him! Who can tell how much we owe Him?
Gladly let us render to Him all we are and have.

Trust is Him, ye saints, forever; He is faithful, changing never;
Neither force nor guile can sever those He loves from Him.

Keep us, Lord, O keep us cleaving to Thyself, and still believing,
Till the hour of our receiving promised joys with Thee.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:13-17

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

People: The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

All: But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

† Hymn of Adoration

Arise My Soul Arise

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† Invocation and the 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.

† Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*

***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† Gloria Patri

#572

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, amen.

Call to Repentance

Psalm 51:1-6, pg. 474

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 51:7-12, pg. 474

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:1-5, 8-11, pg. 590

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Jim Roberts

James Bijan Nemati

Covenant Child of Jonathan and Bethany Nemati

† Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd

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Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
(Joseph Hart, arr. Robert W. Lehman)

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms!
Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.
Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry til you're better, you will never come at all.
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Duncan Cantrell

“The Parable of the Gracious Father”

Luke 15:11-32

pg. 874

† Hymn of Response *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

#463

† Benediction

† Doxology

#567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Hornpipe I
(Handel)

Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

The LORD Is My Shepherd

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1. ¹The LORD is my Shep-herd; no want shall I know.
 2. ³My wan-der-ing steps he brings back to his way,
 3. ⁴Though I walk in death's val-ley, where dark-ness is near,
 4. ⁵In the sight of my en-'mies a ta-ble you spread.
 5. ⁶So sure-ly your cov-e-nant mer-cy and grace

²He makes me lie down where the green past-ures grow;
 in straight paths of righ-teous-ness mak-ing me stay;
 • be-cause you are with me, no e-vil I'll fear;
 The oil of re-joic-ing you pour on my head;
 will fol-low me close-ly in all of my ways;

he leads me to rest where the calm wa-ters flow.
 and this he has done his great name to dis-play.
 • your rod and your staff bring me com-fort and cheer.
 my cup o-ver-flows and I'm gra-cious-ly fed.
 I will dwell in the house of the LORD all my days.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free, roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings
(based on Ps. 84, S. Liddle)

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right
(Hymn #108)

Welcome and Announcements

† **Call to Worship**

Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD!

† **Hymn of Adoration** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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† **Invocation**

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of The Month *Hear My Words, O Lord* #5

† Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* #404

Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 53, pg. 945

Prayer of Intercession Mr. Nat Causey

Offertory

O How Good It Is
(based on Ps. 133, Gettys, Holmes, Townend)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Jim Roberts

“Dealing With Division”

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 pg. 952

† **Psalm of Response**

Psalm 133

† **Doxology**

#567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Postlude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Not I, But Christ
(Holck, arr. Fettke)

282 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place:
 • and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness:
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 • O com - fort us in death's ap - proach - ing hour,
 make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
 O grant to us such strong - er hope and sure

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

Hear My Words, O LORD

5

1. ¹Hear my words, O LORD my God; lis - ten to my sighs and groans.
 2. ⁴Sure - ly you are not a God who in e - vil takes de - light;
 3. ⁷But in your great love will I come in - to your house of grace.
 4. ⁹Not one word they say is true; from their heart de - struc - tion comes;
 5. ¹¹Let all those who flee to you find their ref - uge and be glad.

²Hear my cry, my king, my God, I will pray to you a - lone.
 e - vil shall not dwell with you, ⁵nor the proud stand in your sight.
 • Rev - 'rent, I will wor - ship there, bow - ing toward your ho - ly place.
 and their throats are o - pen graves, yet they flat - ter with their tongues.
 Let them ev - er sing for joy, o - ver them pro - tec - tion spread.

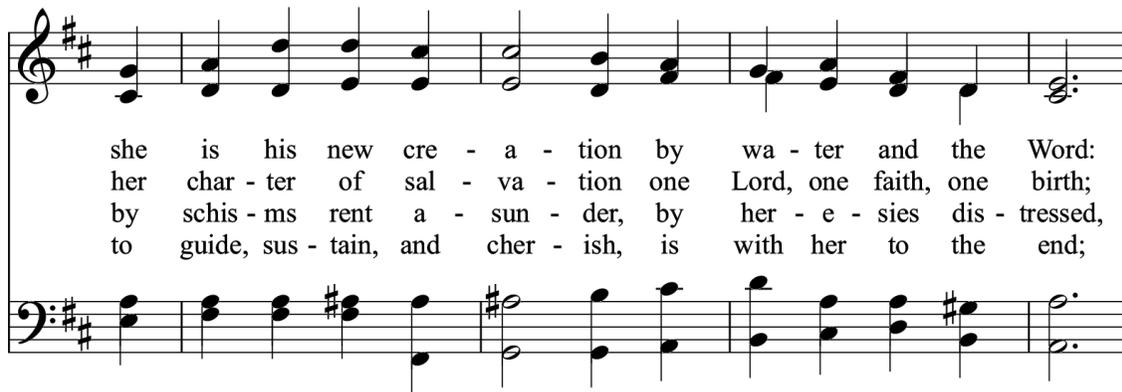
³When the morn - ing comes, O LORD, you shall hear my plead - ing cries;
 E - vil - do - ers, LORD, you hate; ⁶ly - ing ones will you lay waste.
 • ⁸Guide me safe - ly, O my LORD, in your per - fect righ - teous - ness;
¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them by their coun - sels fall;
 Those who tru - ly love your name mag - ni - fy you with their praise.

I will watch when comes the dawn; I will bring my sac - ri - fice.
 Men who mur - der and de - ceive, God, the LORD, ab - hors and hates.
 • since my en - e - mies are near, make straight paths be - fore my face.
 snare them in the schemes they plan, for a - gainst you they reb - el.
¹²You will bless the righ - teous, LORD, shield - ing him with all your grace.

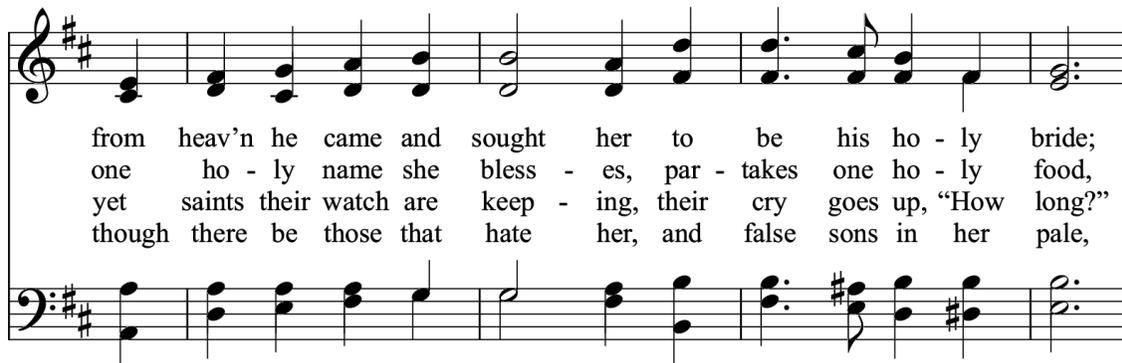
The Church's One Foundation



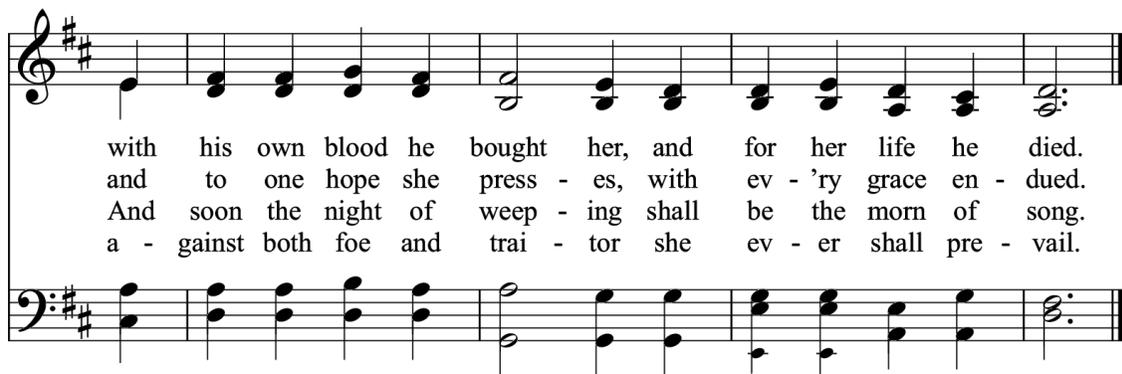
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Psalm 133

to the tune of "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON CM (133A)

Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

D G D G Em D G D⁷ G D

1. Be hold how good a thing it is, And how be - com - ing well To -
2. Like pre - cious oint - ment on the head, That down the beard did flow, Ev'n
3. As Her - mon's dew, the dew that doth On Zi - on's hill de - scend; For

G C G/D D⁷ G

ge - ther such as breth - ren are In un - i - ty to dwell.
Aar - on's beard and to the skirts Did of his gar - ments go.
there the bless - ing God com - mands, Life that shall nev - er end.

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, February 25, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. The meal will be served in the Narthex beginning at 5:15 PM. The meal this week is **Marco's Pizza** and the cost is **\$6 per person, with a \$24 per-family cap**. Use the QR Code or Realm to register and pay (Paying online saves you time in line on Wednesday evening). Meals need to be ordered by Tuesday at 10 am.



New Members Class: Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Our next New Members Class is scheduled to start on **March 1**. We will meet on Sundays at 11 am during the Sunday School hour. This class is designed to help you learn more about our beliefs, values, and service opportunities. It also serves as the first necessary step toward membership. If you are interested in attending, please register using the QR Code or on the Blue Sheet.



Communicants Class 2026: WPC is offering a class for children interested in becoming communing members of our church. Parents are strongly encouraged to enroll children in this class only if their children are demonstrating a Spirit-driven desire to profess faith in Christ and receive the Lord's Supper. As a general rule, the communicant's class is designed for children in fifth grade and above, as this age group typically possesses the maturity needed to articulate a profession of faith and regard the Lord's Supper with due reverence. We recognize that children younger than this may have genuine faith in Christ. Still, the ability to make a clear and mature profession of faith and partake in the Lord's Supper in a manner that discerns the Lord's body often develops later. Your Session approaches these matters with sensitivity, understanding that this is not a judgment on the faith of younger children but rather an acknowledgment of their developmental stages. Exceptions exist for younger students who demonstrate exceptional understanding and readiness. The class will run for 9 weeks during the Sunday school hour, with weekly reading and homework assignments. The first class will meet on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Contact Sydney Knight (sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org) or Pastor Joe (joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org) if you have any questions.



Lincoln Village Student (Youth) Workday: The Outreach Team and Student Ministry are holding a morning workday at Lincoln Village on February 28th at 8 am to support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees will need to be prepared to

handle tasks such as cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. Please RSVP with Mark Ballard at mark.ballard@wpc-hsv.org by Wednesday, February 25th, and let him know if you have any questions.

Interested in Learning about Biblical Counseling? Biblical counseling aims to restore people to a right relationship with God and others by applying the truths of Scripture to the struggles of life. In March, Pastor St. John will begin a Biblical Counseling Training for WPC members. He will be joined by Jan Barker, an ACBC Certified Biblical Counselor. The goal of the training is to equip WPC members to serve other members through Biblical Counseling ministry. If you would like to participate, please log into Realm and click "I'm Interested" on the newsfeed post or email Pastor St. John (stephen.stjohn@wpc-hsv.org). We'd also love to hear from any WPC members who already have training in Biblical Counseling.

Women's Tea: Ladies 5th grade and up, join us for a sweet time of fellowship celebrating God's eternal faithfulness on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. for our annual multi-generational tea. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., and we will have open seating this year. You can register through Realm or at the table in the Narthex starting today! The cost is \$10, and gluten/dairy/nut-free options are available. Registration cutoff is March 22 or when all seats have been filled. We have limited space, so grab a spot while you can! Scholarships are available. Contact Laura Jean Wilson with any questions, or if you need to cancel your reservation to the Tea, please contact Francesca Finch.

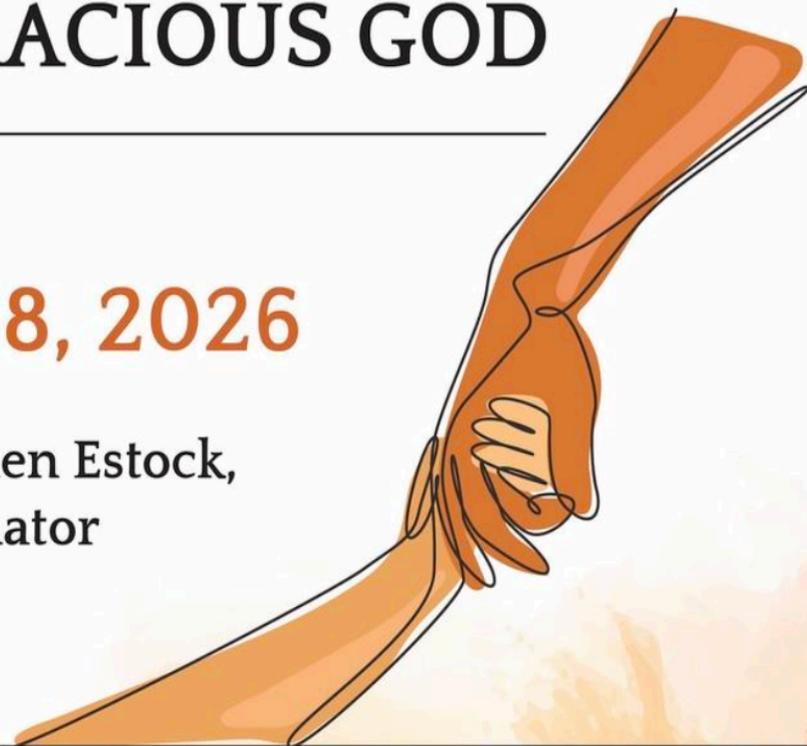


WPC Parenting Conference

PARENTING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH A GRACIOUS GOD

March 27-28, 2026

SPEAKER: Dr. Stephen Estock,
PCA - CDM Coordinator



SESSION TITLES:

- First Tracks Cut Deepest
- Children and the Covenant of Grace
- Church and Home: A Partnership
- Biblical Discipline: Give Me Grace!

SCHEDULE:

Friday - 5:30-7:30

Saturday - 8:00-12:00

Register Here



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2026 Upcoming Events

- February 28: Lincoln Village Student (Youth) Workday
- February 28: Baby Sprinkle at WPC 2:00 pm
- March 1: New Members Class Starts
- March 23 Let's Talk: Caring for Elderly Parents
- March 27 - 28: Parenting Conference
- April 18: Women's Multigenerational Tea

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	4 th Grade:	WCA 108
4-year-olds:	WCA 105	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA 210
Kindergarten:	WCA 100	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA 211
1 st Grade:	WCA 101	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA 207
2 nd Grade:	WCA 102	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA 209
3 rd Grade:	WCA 103	9 th – 12 th Grade:	WCA Library

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 2/22/26	Next Week: 3/1/26
Coffee Fellowship	Paul D & Jan P	Amy H & Katherine S
Evening Prayer	Nat Causey	Aaron Finch
Head Usher	Zane Wilson	Josh Brown
Nursery	AM: Mary Lou Cantrell, Wendy Pearce, Deb McFadden, Beverly Parker SS: Jacob Knowles, Allen Zumbach PM: Robin Roberts, Amy Ward, April Stegman, Hannah Smith	AM: Cameron Baird, Taylor Thompson, Nancy Oberheide, Leanne Brackin, Seth Schmidt, Beth Schmidt SS: Taylor Thompson, Tracey Zumbach, Noelle Thompson PM: Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, Fred Diaz, Pat Corder, Annie Padgett, Lois Carl
Sexton Counter	Josh Buhl	Nate VanKirk
Sound Booth	AM: Eric Fulcher PM: Christopher Thompson	AM: Keith White PM: Scott Paulson



February 22 – March 1, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 22, 2026

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

7:00 AM - Men's Dead Theologians Society @ WPC

7:00 AM - Men's 'Counterfeit Gods' Book Study @ Blue Plate Café

9:15 AM - Ladies Intercessory Prayer Time @ WPC

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

7:30 PM - College & Career

Friday, February 27, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's James Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Saturday, February 28, 2026

8:00 AM - Lincoln Village Student (Youth) Workday

Sunday, March 1, 2026

12:30 PM - 40s/50s Lunch

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)