



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

October, 2021



NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

VISION

Worship Prayer Community

The Wisdom of Rev. Maclean

I am not a Presbyterian, but some of my friends consider me an honorary Presbyterian of sorts because my favorite film is Robert Redford's 1992 masterpiece, *A River Runs Through It*. The film is based on the memoirs of Norman Maclean, the eldest son of a staunch Scottish Presbyterian minister in the scenic Montana of the 1910s and 1920s. The young Norman struggles to relate to his reserved and rational father, and he is often overshadowed by his wild and charming younger brother Paul, played by a 29-year-old Brad Pitt. Still, the Maclean brothers grow up in a loving home where their father teaches them the arts of elegant and succinct writing ("Half as long," the Rev. Maclean repeatedly advises Norman on his essays) and, most importantly, fly fishing.

My late twentieth-century Baptist family was, in many ways, quite different from the Macleans' early twentieth-century Presbyterian one. Sadly, I grew up lure fishing rather than fly fishing, and I haven't been in nearly as many boxing matches or speakeasies as the Maclean boys. But as an eldest child who loved to write, but often had trouble saying the most difficult or vulnerable things out loud, I learned early on to look at this film as a sort of roadmap. Certainly it influenced my impractical decision to be an English major in college, which is how I met my wife Julie.

With apologies for the spoilers, the key moment in *A River Runs Through It* comes after the two brothers' paths in life diverge, and Paul, the younger brother, is killed over a gambling debt. The Rev. Maclean is not an emotionally expressive man, and he never reflects directly on his family's great loss. Instead, he speaks of it obliquely in one of his stark, beautiful, understated Presbyterian sermons:

Each one of us here today will at one time in our lives look upon a loved one who is in need and ask the same question: We are willing help, Lord, but what, if anything, is needed? For it is true, we can seldom help those closest to us. Either we don't know what part of ourselves to give or, more often than not, the part we have to give is not wanted. And so it is those we live with and should know who elude us. But we can still love them - we can love completely without complete understanding.

This lesson has served me well over the past decade as God has led me to places this small-town Midwestern boy never could have expected, to situations for which I could never have prepared, among people very different from any I met in my first two decades of life. I have worked in factories alongside former bikers, and I've sat across a conference table from leading New Testament scholars. I have studied alongside drag queens and self-described pagans, and I've had Shabbat dinner with devout Israeli Jews in the Galilee. And still I'm learning how to love the people closest to me, how little I really know of them, how often I can be surprised. The Rev. Maclean simply keeps reminding me that complete love—whether of old friends or new, people who are like me or people very unlike me, Baptists, bikers, scholars, Episcopalians, construction workers, pagans, and now even Presbyterians—does not require complete understanding. I am honored to continue learning this lesson alongside the people of Westminster.

Vance

September 2021 Session Notes:

- Texas Night Out is Tuesday, October 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and plans for a gathering on our parking lot (as in the past) are being confirmed. Please plan to attend and invite your neighbors!
- Session has agreed to hire The Core TG, IT Support Company to assist our church. More information to follow.
- Session looks forward to greeting Larry Bartlett as elected 2022 Treasurer and to Becky Bittle as elected 2022 Clerk of Session. Becky has agreed to assume this position beginning in January 2022, replacing the current Clerk of Session Patricia Klint.
- Thanksgiving Holiday baskets will be gathered the entire month of October with dedication set for October 24. More information to follow at a later date.
- Our 2022 Pledge Drive will run from October 17 to November 14, Dedication Sunday.
- A special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be received from now through October 3 to be designated for the hurricane relief along the Gulf Coast. Please designate your contributions for this effort.
- Anyone willing to learn and/or help out with editing, posting and recording videos is encouraged to contact the church office.
- There are four tablets available for those who wish to participate in the Sunday worship and Wednesday midweek ministries but do not have a computer, tablet or other way to connect with our service online. Access through tablets is easily learned and there are tech people who can easily and quickly explain the process.
- Session thanks the continued commitment of the Worship Team and participants as well as the Tech Team involved to provide Sunday morning worship in several platforms for viewing.
- Please be in prayer as session and its Teams continue to discern God's will for Westminster, its mission and ministries.
- Please continue to join us in daily prayer at noon, or as close as possible, as we continue to lift our collective prayers for God's will for His church at Westminster, as well as prayers for our first responders.
- Reminder: Session minutes are available, upon request, through the church office.

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for
Sunday, October 10 immediately following the 10 AM worship service
for the purpose of electing 5 elders and 2 trustees for the Class of 2024.**

Online and In-Person Voting for Congregational Meeting

Members should have received an email with a link to an electronic ballot for voting in advance of the Congregational Meeting (see above) on October 10. The deadline for the electronic ballot is **5 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, October 6.**

Any members who did not receive the email with the link to the ballot can email the church office (contact@wpcfw.org) and request that the link be sent to them by reply email.

Any member who does not vote electronically will have the opportunity to vote in-person at the congregational meeting on October 10.

CCA Thanksgiving Bags 2021 Collection Day Sunday, October 24

Each November, Christian Community Assistance provides a Thanksgiving food bag and a \$10 gift card to help families in need have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Due to Covid and facility concerns, collection and distribution are a bit different this year. CCA will be receiving donated bags all through the months of October and November. Distribution of the bags will be done from the CCA facility beginning November 1 and continue until the supply is gone. Every client family will receive a bag and gift card in addition to normal food donation.

While monetary funds are always appreciated, CCA will not be able to build Thanksgiving bags with donated funds. For this Thanksgiving program, CCA needs complete bags plus the \$10 to purchase the gift card. The gift card helps families purchase meat or other items to complete the meal.

Giving for the gift card can be done on the Church Center app or by check. Make checks out to Westminster, label "Thanksgiving" on the memo line and drop the check in the offering plate. **Please do not put checks in the bags.**

Westminster's bag collection and blessing day is **Sunday, October 24**. We encourage you to bring bags to the church that day, but they can also be dropped off at the church during office hours any time in October or November. If you are unable to bring a bag to church, contact Susan Green to arrange a pickup.

Food assistance need is greater than ever. Westminster traditionally averages a collection of about 45 bags of the 300 needed. Our goal this year is to provide 60 or more bags. As always, CCA greatly appreciates the continuing support of Westminster.

CCA Thanksgiving Bags My Giving Thanks Shopping List



- 2 cans fruit
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can fried onion rings
- 1 bag/box stuffing mix
- 1 box instant potatoes
- 1 box tea bags
- 1 cake mix and frosting

Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil (in separate bag)

\$10 donation for gift card

Donate through Church Center or drop checks in offering box payable to the church, memo Thanksgiving. *Please do not put checks in the bags.*

Please use cloth/reusable bags.

October Birthdays

10/01 Vance Riedel
10/02 Virginia Thorsen
10/04 Rebecca Early
10/04 Darlene Broad
10/05 Amyra de Carion
10/06 Michael Preciado
10/08 David Williams
10/11 Jim Marx
10/11 Sam Ecton
10/12 Sherry Foster

10/12 Brad Estes
10/12 Randy Sapp
10/13 Debbie Bunch
10/14 Mary Nell Rush
10/15 Dawn Zepeda
10/17 Brian Swanson
10/19 Eva Riggs
10/21 Zachary Francis
10/22 Mirand Zepeda Diamond
10/25 Michael Francis
10/27 Elspeth Bittle
10/27 Stephen Younger
10/30 Bob Bittle



Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7pm in the Choir Room



It's October, so it must mean... It's time to begin Christmas Cantata rehearsals! Anyone and everyone who has the music in them is welcome to join us! There's a place for every age, skill level, and ability.

This year, we are doing the Cantata "Heaven's Child" by Pepper Choplin. Music can be checked out from Samantha beginning Sunday, September 19, 2021.

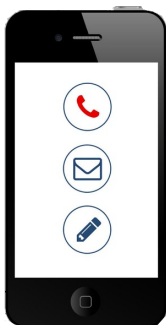
Rehearsals begin Thursday October 7, 2021 at 7 PM in the Choir Room (Room 300).

Christmas Cantata is Sunday December 12, 2021 during the 10am worship hour.

Choir rehearsals will follow Westminster's COVID policies and guidelines.

See the full rehearsal schedule on the next page.

Contact Information Changes



Dawn Zepeda

Please contact church office for updated information.

Bob and Joyce Hill

Please contact church office for updated information.

Christmas Cantata 2021
“Heaven’s Child” by Pepper Choplin

Date	Day	Time	Description	Notes
10/7/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Music Pickup/ Initial Run Through	Music marking, rough rhythms check, hear the piece start to finish
10/14/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
10/21/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
*10/28/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Sectional	Sopranos & Altos
11/4/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
*11/11/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Sectional	Tenor, Baritone & Bass
11/18/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
11/25/2021	NO REHEARSAL - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!			
12/2/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
**12/9/2021	Thursday	7:15 – 7:45 PM	SA Sectional	
		7:45 – 8:15 PM	Full Rehearsal	
		8:15 – 8:45 PM	TBB Sectional	
12/11/2021	Saturday	10:00 AM	Dress Rehearsal	
12/12/2021	Sunday	9:00 AM	Warm ups begin	Please be ready to begin singing at 9:00 AM
	Sunday	10:00 AM	Christmas Cantata	

Please note: Rehearsals will generally run from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

*Sectionals & Special Notes –

- 10/28/2021 Sectional Sopranos and Altos, only - men, enjoy the night off
- 11/11/2021 Sectional Tenor, Baritone & Bass only - ladies, enjoy the night off
- 12/9/2021 Long rehearsal - as needed
 - Broken up into sections of about 30 minutes; SA, everyone, TBB
- 12/11/2021 Dress Rehearsal

This choir is open to anyone that has the music in them! There’s a place for every age, level, and ability. If you are participating, please let me know as soon as you can about any possible scheduling conflicts.

I so look forward to working with you again (or for the first time)!

- Samantha

Email: music@wpcfw.org

WPC Mission:



Every year, Outreach & Mission designates part of our budget to organizations we believe are making a difference to those in need in our community. We'll highlight these throughout the year so you can better know their mission and why we support them. One is Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Since 1984, Presbyterian Night Shelter (PNS) has worked to eliminate the cycle of homelessness in Tarrant County. PNS was started by a group of Presbyterian churches as an overnight shelter for men, women and children. Today, PNS retains many of the elements that gave the agency its name, providing spiritual guidance to those who seek it.

Here's how PNS – and you – are helping those who need shelter:

- True Worth Place meets immediate physical needs, like safety, food and hygiene. Facilities are designated for single adults, families, veterans and those struggling with behavioral issues.
- The “housing first” philosophy prioritizes case work that removes barriers to permanent housing such as obtaining appropriate documents like Social Security cards. Once stable housing is attained, other challenges can be addressed.
- Through UpSpire, PNS provides gainful employment opportunities to guests who are willing and able to work.

Learn more by visiting <https://www.journeyhome.org/>.



2021 SESSION MEMBERS

Larry Bartlett (T)	Alex Seleny (T)
Becky Bittle	Barbara Wheeler (T)
Bob Bittle (T)	Rick Bargas
Alice Carter	Gordon Couch (T)
Kaye George	Mark Judice
Donna Christian	Barry Miller
Becky Earley	Chris Sullivan (T)
Susan Green	

2021 TEAMS and LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Bob Bittle
Christian Education	Alice Carter
Finance	Barbara Wheeler
Membership	Mark Judice
Outreach & Mission	Susan Green
Personnel	Alex Seleny
Worship	Chris Sullivan

<div>  <h1>October 2021</h1>  </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
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9:00 AM Pathfinders' 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Friendship Class 11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15 PM Team Leaders 7 PM Session Teams	10 AM PW Coordinating Team 5 PM National Night Out	6 PM Mid-Week Ministries 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal	7 PM Cantata Rehearsal		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Wednesday, October 20
is the deadline for the November
Newsletter and Calendar

Serving the Church

Sermon: "Praising God in Hard Times"
Scriptures: Job 1:1, 2:1-10
 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Judy Ewald
Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Linda Moore, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Ann & Herman Wardlaw
Counters: Bob Bittle & Rosie Vela
Elder on Call: Becky Bittle

Sermon: "Received by God's Grace"
Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Barry Miller
Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette, Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner
Greeters: Peggy & Teddy Claus
Counters: Mickey Rigney & Shar Werner
Elder on Call: Rick Bargas

Sermon: "Called By God"
Scriptures: Mark 10:35-45
 Hebrews 5:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist:

Usher Team: Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin, Mickey Rigney, Susan Green
Greeters: Kim Judice
Counters: James Werner & Kirsten Adams
Elder on Call: Gordon Couch

Sunday, October 24

Sermon: "The Truth About Dust and Ashes"
Scriptures: Mark 10:46-52
 Job 42:1-17
Preaching: Vance Halfaker
Liturgist: Donna Christian
Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Linda Moore, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Linda Puckett, Rosie Vela
Counters: Bob Bittle & Barbara Wheeler
Elder on Call: Mark Judice

Sunday, October 31

Sermon: "Purified from Dead Works to Worship"
Scriptures: Mark 12:28-34
 Hebrews 9:11-14
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Bob Craig
Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette, Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner
Greeters:
Counters: Mickey Rigney & Rosie Vela
Elder on Call: Barry Miller

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Main: (817) 292-1155
 10:00 am Worship Service
 9:00 & 11:15 am Christian Education

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