



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

INTRODUCTION

Westminster Presbyterian Church, a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), is a vital, vibrant body of believers which by God's grace has enjoyed a rich spiritual heritage. Founded in 1901 in northeast Atlanta, GA, Westminster has faithfully served the Lord and proclaimed the Gospel of Christ for more than a century and continues to thrive today. We are grateful to God for the blessings our congregation has enjoyed from His hand over our 122-year history, and we humbly recognize that His spiritual blessings have been unmerited and are rooted solely in His mercy.

At Westminster, our desire is to call people into reverent, joyful worship of our triune God through the ordinary means of grace (Reading and Preaching of God's Word, Prayer, Sacraments of Baptism & the Lord's Supper). It is through these ordinary means of grace that the lost are called into salvation through repentance and faith in Christ and the people of God are equipped for lives of holy service.



MISSION AND VISION

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to:

Glorify God

- worshiping God with joyful reverence that embodies Biblical principles

By Gathering and Perfecting the Saints

- seeking to grow in holiness and reach the lost through the Gospel

Through the Ordinary Means of Grace

- focusing on the authoritative Word of God in our preaching and teaching;
- emphasizing prayer throughout the church community and in our ministries; and
- faithfully administering the sacraments of Covenant Baptism and the Lord's Supper

In the Context of Relational Fellowship

- connecting and caring for one another through discipleship and intentional fellowship

Unto Faith, Repentance, and New Obedience

- realizing our fallen condition and the unmerited redemption we have in Christ through faith, we therefore endeavor to daily repent of our sins and pursue new heart obedience in Christ as we await our future rest in eternity with our Savior.



WORSHIP

Westminster seeks to praise God with reverent and joyful worship. Our Sunday morning services are traditional in nature. We worship by praising our creator God, confessing our sins before Him, confessing our faith, reading the Bible, singing hymns and psalms, and hearing sound, expository preaching based on and faithful to God's holy and inerrant word. Our music is traditional/classical, featuring organ, piano, and choir, with occasional use of handbells and other orchestral instruments. We have recently made a multi-generational commitment to our music ministry by installing a new 38-rank Schantz pipe organ.

LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Aaron Messner

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carlton Wynne

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Rush Hill

MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

ORGANIST:

Dr. Sung Kyung Chang

Pianist:

Rosemary White

Westminster Strings Director:

Dr. Benjamin Dawson

Westminster Singers Director:

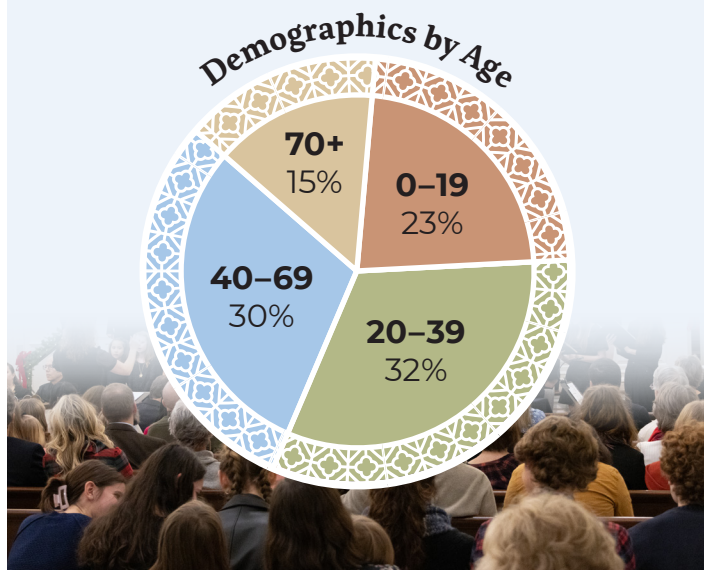
Sarah Hilscher

PEOPLE

Total Members: 550

Family Units: 250

Average Weekly Attendance: 360



MINISTRIES

Westminster is an active community involved in many different areas of ministry, both internal and external. We have active ministries for men, women, youth, children, college students, and young professionals, as well as ministries that serve our local community and the world through mercy and missions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Martin Luther wrote, "Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." As Christians, we sing because there is a biblical calling to do so, and as musicians, we strive to tune our instruments of praise for God's glory.

Nothing in church music is more important than the singing of congregational hymns and Psalms in worship which involves people of all ages each week through our corporate worship. The training of choirs, beginning with preschool and ending with adults, promotes musical leadership and provides exceptional experience in the praise of God for our people.

Chancel Choir (currently 60+ members)

The Chancel Choir is the primary worship choir of our church, singing every Sunday morning to lead worshippers in praise to God. Several times each year the choir performs larger programs or works at Christmas, Easter, or special events and concerts. Our Lessons and Carols service each Christmas Eve has become our church's most attended service. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the choir suite.



Westminster Ringers

The Westminster Ringers handbell choir is one of our premier instrumental groups. The choir rings three octaves of Schulmerich handbells, choir chimes, as well as Orff and other percussion instruments. Ringers should be able to read basic music and have good counting ability. Westminster Ringers rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.



Westminster Singers

The Westminster Young Singers are made up of boys and girls in grades 1–7 and are directed by Sarah Hilscher. They rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm. Older boys in this group whose voices have changed are encouraged to move up to Chapel Choir. The choir is the core group for our Young Voices at Christmas program in December each year.

Chapel Choir

The Chapel Choir, grades 8–12, rehearses Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm. They continue to build on the fundamentals taught in earlier choirs and concentrate more on choral singing, especially multi-part such as SA, SAB, and SATB.



Westminster Strings (currently 14 members)

The Westminster Strings is a string ensemble, directed by Dr. Benjamin Dawson. They rehearse at 9:00am on Sunday Morning once each month and play for worship on the day of their rehearsal. Musicians seeking to participate should be able to play at an intermediate or higher level.