



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

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Introduction

Mission Statement:

Westminster is a community of Christians that exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and influence the Delta for the glory of God.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, founded over 40 years ago, is a gospel-centered community of Christians located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta.

WPC gathers for Sunday morning worship each week from 10:00-11:00 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and Sunday School. Our music team uses their gifts to lead us in worshiping the Lord with Biblically-sound and God-honoring songs of praise.

At present, WPC has approximately 200 members with our worship service attendance ranging from 120-150 each Sunday. God has blessed our church with members and attendees of many ages. Our largest two age groups are members between 29 and 46 years of age (46%), and members between 62 and 81 years of age (28%). With such a strong group of young adults, we have been consequently blessed with many children at WPC. God has truly been faithful to us throughout the generations.

Financially, God has blessed WPC with an exceptionally generous membership. With an annual budget of over \$600,000, WPC consistently maintains expenditures within budget and has built a significant financial cushion. During the past year, over \$125,000 has been spent on building renovation, updates, and maintenance without the need for a fundraising campaign.

WPC seeks to influence the Delta for the glory of God and does so through the support of local missions, our counseling ministry, and church events which draw people of all ages and backgrounds into the family of WPC. We are always looking to improve our support of local mercy outlets, and have a special relationship with Delta Streets Academy, a local non-profit academy for at-risk young men of the Delta.

When asked what makes the WPC community so special, most will tell you it is the people. We are a melting pot of Greenwood natives and transplants, and we come together to learn, love, serve, and sacrifice for the sake of Christ. We are grateful for God's faithfulness to WPC for over 40 years. As we enter a season of calling a senior pastor, we do so with full confidence and hope in His faithful providence.

A History of Westminster



1984

Westminster Presbyterian Church was founded in Greenwood, MS on February 13, 1984, when a group of individuals gathered to discuss their desire to align with the Presbyterian Church in America. Approximately 110 people gathered at the old Greenwood train depot for the first worship service.

1984 - 1989

In its early years, the congregation experienced steady growth and established its own permanent facilities. In 1989, WPC relocated to its current campus on the north side of Greenwood, where it built the sanctuary and ministry facilities that continue to serve the church today.

1984 - 1993

Rev. George Coxhead served as the founding pastor and his tenure coincided with the congregation's initial development and the establishment of its ministries and facilities.

1995 - 2011

Over the next sixteen years, WPC was served by three pastors: Rev. Randy Thompson (1995-2003), Rev. McKay Caston (2003-2007), and Rev. Brad Mercer (2008-2011). During their collective ministries, the church experienced membership growth while strengthening its leadership through the development of new leaders on both the Session and the Diaconate.



2012 - 2025

Rev. Richard Owens faithfully served WPC for approximately fourteen years. During this time, the congregation experienced renewed growth, particularly among young families. His ministry was marked by faithful preaching of the gospel and an emphasis on community life within the church. In February 2024, WPC celebrated its 40th anniversary, marking a significant milestone in the life of the church.

2025 - Present

In April 2025, Rev. Owens accepted a call to Lakeland Presbyterian Church in Flowood, MS. Later that summer, Associate Pastor and Youth Pastor Rev. Josh Reagan announced his departure to plant a church in Georgia. With over 30 years of experience preaching, planting churches, and serving as a missionary, Dr. Ed Hartman currently serves as Interim Pastor to help lead and guide our church during this season of transition. WPC continues to remain faithful to its founding commitments: the faithful preaching of Scripture, the teaching of reformed theology, and the mission of making disciples in the Mississippi Delta.

Church Profile

Church Community, Culture, and Connections

WPC believes in Scripturally based teaching. We demonstrate this from the pulpit, during Sunday School, within our small group studies, in our youth group, and throughout our Rooted Children's Ministry. God's holy and inerrant Word is the cornerstone of our church.

While The Word of God is studied and preached faithfully, we also recognize the second command of Matthew 22; "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." WPC is a body of believers with a genuine sense of fellowship and community as we seek to "do life" with one another. While WPC feels like a family, we aim to welcome newcomers and offer them the hope of Christ through our genuine curiosity and love for them.

We make fellowship a priority as we seek to love God and love our neighbor, and we offer a variety of opportunities to accomplish this goal. Our elders actively seek to meet the needs of our congregation, and shepherding groups offer a time to connect individually with church leadership and other members in a smaller group setting.

We love the children of WPC, and our members are instrumental in their spiritual development from the moment they are born until we send them out into the world. We aim to teach our children diligently, as we are called to do in Deuteronomy 6.

Opportunities to Serve

WPC believes we are not to merely be hearers of the word, but also doers (James 1:22). We have two Christian counselors on staff who faithfully meet the mental health needs of WPC and the Delta. We seek to serve Greenwood children and youth through the mentoring, tutoring, and discipleship of the young men of Delta Streets Academy. Our mercy ministry is active in meeting needs within the community, and as a church, we seek opportunities to serve through local missions, such as the Greenwood Community Kitchen and Greenwood Salvation Army. Our children's ministry, music team, usher teams, security team, mercy ministry, and many other committees offer opportunities for believers of all ages and giftings to serve the people of Westminster and our community.



Staff & Ministries

Staff

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Ministry Programs



Counseling
Services



Dinners
for Eight



First Sunday
Feast



Men's
Breakfast



Shepherding
Groups



Women's
Book Club



Women's
Studies



Worship &
Wonder Podcast

Supported Missionaries

Nate & Nikki Bonham, *Columbia*

Mark & Jaclyn Sievert, *Latin America*

Brian & Mandy Stock, *Thailand*

Ballas Family Community Kitchen

Delta Streets Academy

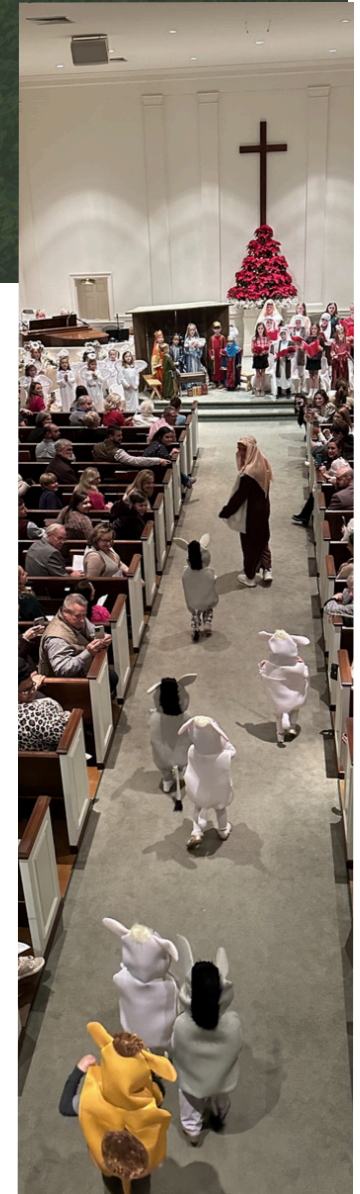
First Presbyterian Church, Ellijay, GA, *Church Plant*

Reformed Youth Ministries

RUF Mississippi Christian University

RUF Mississippi State University

RUF University of Mississippi



About Greenwood

Greenwood, Mississippi, founded in 1844, located on the Yazoo River, is the county seat of Leflore County and the commercial, cultural, and civic heart of the Mississippi Delta. Greenwood and the surrounding areas serve a population around 45,000 with the actual city at 13,180.

Greenwood typifies a small city with an outsized cultural identity, a deeply rooted faith community, and an economy that is actively investing in its own future. Agriculture, food, and “the blues” are defining features of our historic town. The city blends its profound and complicated historical legacy with robust modern amenities, offering residents the unique dichotomy of a low cost of living combined with a deep quality of life.

Greenwood and the surrounding Delta region offer many recreational opportunities. Mississippi is a literary goldmine and Greenwood’s own Turnrow Bookstore hosts internationally recognized authors with readings and book signings. Global company Viking Range offers first rate cooking classes and culinary shopping at the Viking Cooking School in our walkable, historic downtown Greenwood. Historic Greenwood is anchored by The Alluvian Hotel and Spa, a great meeting spot when enjoying one of our many annual festivals. The Que on the Yazoo BBQ Festival, 300 Oaks Road Race, “Bikes Blues and Bayous” bike race, and the Roy Martin Band Festival (Christmas Parade) are all wonderful events for families in the region.

Stribling Park has modern soccer and baseball fields for both recreational teams and travel team participation. Twin Rivers Recreational Center has an Olympic sized swimming pool, an indoor lap pool and very active, award-winning tennis and pickleball teams. Golf can be a year-round sport in the Delta. The Greenwood Country Club has a beautiful course and the Dogwoods Golf Course at the Hugh White State Park is only a short drive to Grenada.

The Delta region also enjoys many world-class museums and cultural heritage sites. The Grammy Museum is a short drive to neighboring Cleveland, MS and is the first Grammy Museum outside of Los Angeles in the nation. The B.B. King Museum is a thirty-minute drive, and honors one of music’s great artists. If you have any budding thespians, Greenwood has a prolific community theatre and if you prefer to view from the audience, nearby Bologna Performing Arts Center (Cleveland, MS) hosts world-class productions.

Foodies will not be disappointed. We have our own James Beard nominated chef Taylor Bowen Rickets cooking up something fabulous for us at Fan and Johnny’s. From fine dining in your own private room (a Greenwood specialty) at Giardina’s or Serio’s Italian Steakhouse to classic Mexican, BBQ or Mai Little China, we’ve got you covered. Our Downtown Farmers Market helps busy families provide their own farm to table dining. Zoe Coffee and Turnrow Books serve up a lovely tea or steaming latte with ample comfortable seating for laptop time with speedy Wi-Fi.

Families have access to Pillow Academy preparatory school. Pillow Academy has 99% of students entering college upon graduation and students consistently achieve above the state and national average on their ACT scores. Leflore Christian Academy and Delta Streets Academy offer faith-based options with a strong emphasis on academic performance. Greenwood also has homeschooling opportunities including Archway Charter School, a hybrid homeschool system.



Quick Facts

Business in Greenwood

Heartland Catfish Company - Seafood wholesaler
John Richard Collection - Luxury home furnishings and décor manufacturer
Milwaukee Tool - Multi-national company that develops, manufactures, and markets power tools, hand tools, tool accessories, and tool storage
NPL Construction - Manufacturing operations supporting utility and energy infrastructure
Saylor Wheel - American made wheel manufacturer
Staplcotn - America's oldest and largest cotton co-op
Viking Range - International commercial grade appliances for the home

Education

Archway Charter School (hybrid homeschool)
Delta State University
Delta Streets Academy (all male 1-12)
Greenwood Public School District
Leflore Christian Academy (K-12)
Mississippi Delta Community College
Mississippi Valley State University
Pillow Academy Preparatory School (K-12)

Attractions & Recreation

300 Oaks Race
The Alluvian Spa
B.B. King Blues Museum
Bikes, Blues, and Bayous Cycling Event
Grammy Museum
Hunting and fishing galore!
Museum of the Mississippi Delta
Que on the Yazoo BBQ Festival
Roy Martin Band Festival
Star and Stripes Festival
Viking Cooking School
Viking Half Marathan
Yazoo River Arboretum and River Trail
Yazoo River Boat Ramp

Candidate Profile



Qualifications

- Reformed (WCF, good-faith subscription), grace-oriented, and gospel centered.
- Experienced, relational, and willing to engage personally with his congregation.
- Willing and able to disciple, coach, and mentor both our congregation and leadership.
- Ordained minister in the PCA (or eligible for ordination in Covenant Presbytery).
- Complementarian convictions that value and empower lay leaders in non-officer roles.
- Capable of active listening and possessing calmness and peace to assist WPC during this time of transition.
- Preaches the whole gospel, boldly convicting WPC of our sin and then practically communicating the beautiful grace that we are given through Jesus.
- Values the multiple generations that exist at WPC and is able to adaptively engage across age lines.
- Emotionally and spiritually self-aware.
- Confident yet not domineering.
- A humble and encouraging spirit with the resilience to navigate the unique challenges of ministry at WPC.

Prayer for our next Senior Pastor

With prayerful and expectant hearts, we trust fully in God's sovereign will for Westminster Presbyterian Church.

This prayer reflects the deep hopes and longings of the congregation at Westminster Presbyterian Church for our next senior pastor.

With humility and faith, we bring these requests before God, knowing that He hears our prayers and right now the Holy Spirit is interceding on our behalf, even when we do not know what to ask for.

Lead us, O Lord. Bring us the leader and shepherd that You have chosen for us.



Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who watches over your flock with steadfast love. You know each member of our congregation, and Your Word tells us that not a hair can fall from their head outside of Your will. You know our hurts, our weaknesses, our longings, and You hear every prayer we present before You. We thank You that for more than forty years, You have guided and blessed Westminster, through its founding, through seasons of change, and even now in the midst of us waiting for a new senior pastor. We know that You are faithful; we have seen it in the past, and we know that You will continue to be faithful to Westminster.

As we go through this time of pastoral transition, we come to You expectantly, knowing that we can boldly approach Your throne. We know that You are already preparing the man who will be our next senior pastor, and we pray for him and his heart. May he be a man who walks closely with You, who loves Your Word and preaches it with boldness and faithfulness, and who reflects Jesus in his character, leadership, and everyday life.

We pray for a pastor who will not only deepen our knowledge and love for You in his preaching and teaching, but who will walk alongside Your church here at Westminster. Give us someone who will join in the rhythms of community and fellowship, who will grow to know and love our church body. Give us someone who longs to love and serve faithfully in Greenwood, who sees the need for Your Word to be preached in our town. Give us a leader who can lead with wisdom, who longs to love our church as Christ loves us.

Father, we pray for the heart of our next senior pastor. Give him a heart of humility, and a desire to know and love deeply the people of WPC. We know that you have this man already for us and give us patience as we wait expectantly. Through all of this, may You be glorified. May all the parts of this process, the waiting, the uncertainty, the hoping, and the ultimate excitement of a new leader bring glory to Your name. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

Our Process



Application Process

To refer a candidate, please email Brian Finnegan or fill out our [Pastoral Candidate Information Form](#).

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To Apply

Applicants, please fill out our [Pastoral Candidate Information Form](#).

Expect to provide Biographical Information as well the information below:

- 1 Page Cover Letter
- Resume/CV
- 1-2 Page Testimony
- Links to 2 Sermons
- 3 References and Contact Information

