



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W.A.L.C. in Jesus' steps:
The Story of Westminster
Presbyterian Church Gainesville
2024

**WPC's ministry focuses on four areas:
Worshiping, Accompanying, Learning, and Caring.**

Worshiping

Each week we gather to worship God. While some of us join the gathering by Zoom, worship remains at the heart of who we are as a church; serving as the primary way we celebrate and teach about our faith. Worship provides a time for sacraments, learning, and fellowship. Music is an integral part of worship as provided by our music director and choir.



**COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS**

Westminster has been a long time member of CNP which is committed to celebrating the gifts and extending authentic welcome to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Accompanying / Advocating

Accompanying / Advocating means speaking up as a church while we work with those suffering injustice or need. This includes the unhoused, disenfranchised, and people experiencing discrimination, and others. Changes in state laws find us responding with the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County to alleviate the resulting impact on people.

Our support of an asylum-seeking family is a recent example. We accompany this family through the asylum process by covering housing and utility costs while we work with the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice to develop their self-sufficiency.



WPC provides meeting space for community and self-help groups as evidenced by our overflowing parking lot any time during the week. Numerous program such as AA and Al-Anon use our facilities at little cost.

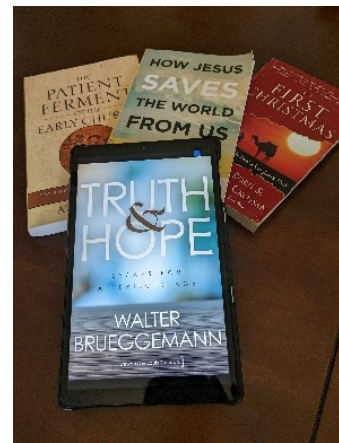
As we speak out against discrimination, we find ourselves marching for social and racial justice. Our efforts include support for the National Farm Worker's Ministry.

WPC has long history of partnering with Family Promise to provide temporary housing for unhoused families.



Learning

At WPC learning comes in many forms (e.g., Sunday school, zoom evening book groups, worship, retreats, vacation Bible school and Bible study). Learners of all ages benefit from the opportunities to grow in their faith.



Caring



Our Pastor and members of several committees (e.g., congregation care, building and grounds and earth care) all work to care for each other and for our environment. This includes the parish nurse, disaster preparedness, family assistance, fellowship opportunities, member recognition, memorial garden. We also show care for the members community through projects like The Preserve, Family Promise, and Food4Kids.