

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 25, 2026 | On Demand on YouTube | 9a & 11:15a



Third Sunday after Epiphany Preparation for Worship

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

arr. Carter

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of compassion, set us free from a past
that we cannot change,
and open us to a future in which we can be changed.

Grant us grace to grow more and more
into your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581

GLORIA PATRI

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.

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

Second Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 5:21-26*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Leaving Before the Benediction"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

Offering

Offertory 9a

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Schelat

Offertory 11:15a

Salvation Is Created

Tchesnokov

* Doxology Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

* Charge and Benediction

Trumpet Tune

Young

* Postlude

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Chancel Choir (9a)

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Todd Monsell (9a), *percussion*

Paul Grier (9a), Jade Fountain (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Aaron Cizor (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*

Bill Ballinger, Trey Morrow, Ben Bloodworth,

Sam White, Jeff Reynolds (9a), *greeters*

Tony Threatt, Denise Broderick, Zach Weaver,

Roger Gower, Mandy Pruitt (11:15a), *greeters*

Manning Dailey, Bowen Mullins (9a), *acolytes*

Andie Williams (11:15a), *acolyte*

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WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card from the Ritual of Friendship pad and place it in the offering plate to express interest or sign up for an opportunity.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

No Children's Church
this Sunday, January 25.

SPRING SERMON SERIES

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT:

BUT I SAY TO YOU

This spring, we will explore the Sermon on the Mount, found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew. These three chapters contain some of Jesus' best-known teachings, such as the Beatitudes, and some of his most difficult teachings, such as his instruction about anger and loving one's enemies. To help you follow along, our scripture passages for the next three weeks are the following:

Jan 25: Matthew 5:21-26

Feb 1: Matthew 5:13-16

Feb 8: Youth Sunday

PANCAKE LUNCH

The Men of Westminster will be serving a pancake lunch following worship on February 8. RSVP on the website, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and pancakes!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 1, immediately following the 11:15a worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of elders and one trustee, to hear the report of the Finance Committee, and to vote on the 2026 terms of call for the pastoral staff. The elder nominees are the following: Christopher Carsten, Brooke Culclasure, Mason Donlan (class of 2028), Trey DuBose, Jason Farmer, Nancy Giguere, Ragan Kirven, Jennifer McDavid, Judy O'Neal (class of 2027), Josh Riley, Jennifer Shurley, Clay Smoak, Whit Walker, and Josie Williams. The nominee for trustee is Carl Muller.

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WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30p in Room 212. Please note that this is a location change for February's meeting only. The book is *Leaving Edgefield: Carrie Booker's Story* by Carolyn Hooker, and Carolyn plans to attend the discussion. All are welcome to attend.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. We will next meet on Friday, January 30, at 6:30p at the home of Charles & Janie Little (107 Welling Cir). Watch your email for more information or check the church's website ("Connect", "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

MEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Men of Westminster will be attending the Swamp Rabbits hockey game at 7p on Wednesday, February 11. To facilitate community, this will be box seating. Spots are limited to 18 men. The cost is \$35 and includes admission and snacks. Sign up online before Sunday, February 8.

CHERUB CHOIR

Registration is now open for Cherub Choir! Cherub Choir is a music opportunity for children in K4 and K5. Under the direction of WPC member Diana Dailey, children will learn a variety of musical skills culminating with a Spring Musical in April. Children in Cherubs will meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4p beginning February 11.

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Music is an important way to communicate with young children even before they are able to sing alone. First Steps in Music is an opportunity at Westminster that provides an important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child/grandchild. Led by Diana Dailey, the First Steps classes teach simple songs, games, and prayers for 2-and 3-year olds and adults to experience together. Classes begin Sunday, February 1, at 4:30p.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

An estimated 124 million people will watch the Super Bowl every year. Imagine what we could do to help end hunger if each person just gave 1 dollar or 1 can. The youth will be collecting donations on Youth Sunday 2/8 during both services. Please consider bringing the following: canned mixed vegetables, hearty soups, individual tuna packets, canned chicken, saltine crackers, rice, apple juices, ramen noodles, peanut butter. Cash donations will also be accepted. Donations will be divided between United Ministries and the free pantries at Pleasant Valley Connection and WPC.

CHANCEL BELLS

Chancel Bells is a part-time handbell choir that rings periodically in worship at the 9a Sunday service. The next opportunity to ring will be Sunday, February 22 with rehearsals on Tuesdays, February 10 and 17 from 6-6:45p. Participants must commit to be present for both rehearsals. Prior handbell ringing experience is helpful but not required, but music-reading proficiency is a prerequisite. To take part, please e-mail Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, by Monday, February 2.

Magi Market Recap

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Magi Market a massive success. We provided gifts for 104 kids (48 families) as well as two truck loads full of gifts for Thornwell. Planning for 2026 is already underway and we are looking forward to another great Market.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8-12, 2026

FOR RISING KINDERGARTENERS -
RISING 5TH GRADERS

MORE INFORMATION & SIGN UPS
COMING SOON!

Adult Sunday School Term

Discussion Sunday School Class:

Led by Anna Hanor (1/25)

Room 211

Join us each week for a discussion-based Sunday School class to dive into a weekly topic and scripture passage. All are welcome to join us on a journey of faith and fellowship - come every week or come when you can. Topics change every week, and the class is facilitated by rotating members.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25-February 1, 2026

Sunday, January 25

No Children's Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00a Worship Service
Creation Stewardship Committee
Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
5:00p Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middlers Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, January 26

10:00a Staff Meeting
4:30p Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 Game Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, January 27

12:00p Al-Anon
5:30 Community Gifts & Needs Task
Force Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

9:30a Weekday Chapel
2:30p It's Elementary
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

10:00a Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 30

6:30p Lightly Seasoned

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Confirmation Class Retreat
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p Annual Congregational Meeting
5:00p Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middlers Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

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Our Vision:

Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:

Hospitality

Generosity

Justice

Imagination

Joy

Our Goals:

Connect

Serve

Grow

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

E^b

(G)

A^b

(D/F#)

E^b/G

(A7)

B^b7

(D)

E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

B^b

(D)

E^b

(G)

A^b

(A)

B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

A^b

(D)

E^b

(F#m7)

Gm7

(G)

A^b

(A)

B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

Cm

(D/F#)

E^b/G

(G)

A^b

(D)

E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.