



Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. By your grace, help us to see our own needs, so that at the last we would be brought to your eternal realm, where we will cast our crowns before you, and adore you in everlasting joy. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Monsell

* Call to Worship Colossians 1:15-17, 19

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

Leader: Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" DIADEM

* Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,
we have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by his justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all.
Help us to see that his strength is found in our weakness,
his power is revealed in our helplessness,
and our salvation is found in his cross and resurrection.
We ask it in Christ’s holy name. 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.

11:15a Children in K5 – first grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, Jeremiah 23:1-6 p. 633

Gospel Lesson, Luke 23:32-43 p. 859

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "New Year's Eve"

Responding to God’s Word

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Call to Prayer 9a Psalm 141: I Cry to God Monsell

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 The King of Love My Shepherd Is Lee

Offertory 11:15a Concertato on Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Powell

* 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

Recognition of New Members 11:15a

* Hymn 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Grant Us Your Peace, O God" Taizé

* Postlude Father, We Thank You Farlee

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching

Mary Kathleen Duncan, liturgist

Laura Williams-Sanders (9a), Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), scripture readers

Creighton Likes (11:15a), sponsor

Chancel Choir (9a)

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Aaron Cizon (9a), Bill Young (11:15a), head ushers

Bill Ballinger, Kathryn Freedman, Ben Bloodworth,

Tim Reed, Coleman Dixon (9a), greeters

Tony Threatt, Kathryn Freedman, Betsy Raines,

Roger Gower, Susan Robbins (11:15a), greeters

Luke Pruitt (11:15a), acolyte

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prelude is the latest arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members and friends. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name was requested by and is dedicated to Ruth Collins.

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.



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

We Remember in Prayer

Ben Gary and his family on the death of Ben's father, Homer Gary, on Monday, November 10, 2025.

WESTFEST XIII
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Join us for the thirteenth annual WestFest from 5-7p in the main parking lot. We'll have live music from Trey Duncan Sings and food from the Knight Bites and Local Pie Pizza. Kick off Advent with your church family for one of our most beloved traditions!

SOTERIA WOMEN'S HOUSE

We are looking for women interested in participating in our monthly dinners/fellowship nights with the residents of the Soteria Women's House. Dinners take place on the second Monday evenings of each month. Please contact Brooke Culclasure (bculclasure@mac.com or 864-593-8912) if you are interested in learning more!

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.

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:
Connect
Serve
Grow

2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

By mid-November, WPC had received 84% of anticipated pledge income. Please check your quarterly giving statements to see where you stand with your 2025 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster.

2025 GIVING

Please have any contributions you wish to show on your 2025 contribution statement postmarked by December 31, 2025, or you can hand deliver to the Church office on or before December 31. You can also place your offering in the plate by Sunday, December 28. By fulfilling your pledge, you enable us to keep faith with our mission partners.

GIVING TO WPC

Did you know that you can fulfill your pledge or give an unpledged gift to Westminster online? Your gift helps our church keep faith with community partners and maintain excellence in our programming. To learn more about online giving, or to make a gift, follow the prompts from the QR code below.



RETIREMENT GIVING

Make Qualified Distributions from your IRAs: Westminster members age 70.5 and older can support the church with a gift from their Individual Retirement Account. Qualified charitable distributions from IRAs may offer tax advantages while benefiting WPC's local and global ministries. Contact the church office for more information.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY@WPC
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

To Schedule, call: 864-675-4875
**tell the scheduler that you wish to be scheduled for the WPC Mobile Event.

2026 OPEN STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

As of Thursday, November 20, we have received 81% of our pledge goal for 2026! If you have not yet turned in your 2026 pledge, we need you! If half the congregation raises their pledge by \$1000, and the other half by \$500, we will reach our goal. Every pledge is important, and no pledge is too small!

MAGI MARKET

It's time for the annual Magi Market on Saturday, December 13. Help us stock the shelves of our one-day toy store hosted at Pleasant Valley Connection. Children will receive three gifts (one small, medium, and large) and a stuffed stocking. Each family goes home with a Christmas book. We need volunteers to help set up the store, provide hospitality as families shop for gifts, and break down after all the shopping has ended. Find out more about the Market by scanning the QR code above or contact Carrie Marguet (carriemarguet@gmail.com).



THE CAROLINA BRONZE
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

The Carolina Bronze Handbell Ensemble will present a concert titled "Joy to the World" on Monday, December 8 at 7p in the WPC Sanctuary. The concert will feature fresh arrangements of familiar and traditional Christmas songs. Several other instruments and percussion will be featured in many of the pieces. There is no admission cost for this concert. You are invited to attend and bring friends to ring in the festive season!

THE SESSION

The Class of 2026

Ben Bloodworth	Walker Miller
Emily Cole	Stan Pendergrass
Ingrid Erwin	Betsy Raines
Roger Gower	Jeff Reynolds
Amy Hawkins	Susan Robbins
Anne Howson	Zach Weaver
George McLarty	

The Class of 2027

Ben Dillard	George Howell
Will Edwards	Creighton Likes
Mary Mac Fairey	Carrie Marguet
Kathryn Freedman	Trey Morrow
Mary Gentry	Mandy Pruitt
Claire Gilliland	Sam White, Jr

The Class of 2028

Bill Ballinger	Mike Peters
Denise Broderick	Tim Reed
Coleman Dixon	Stephen Ridgeway
Pam Evans	Tony Threatt
Blake Hoffman	Amanda Warren
Nancy Johnson	Tiffany Williams

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 23-30, 2025

Sunday, November 23

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Worship Service
	Education Committee Meeting
	New Member Class
10:00	Sunday School
10:15	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:15p	New Member Reception
12:30	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
4:00	First Steps in Music (Class 1)
4:30	First Steps in Music (Class 2)
5:00	Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00	Youth Group Gym Night w/snacks

Monday, November 24

7:00p	Monday Game Night
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 25

12:00p	AI-Anon
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Wednesday, November 26

Weekday School Closed

Thursday, November 27

Weekday School Closed

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

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Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

9:00a	Worship Service w/communion
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	Advent Wreath Making Workshop
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5:00p	WestFest XIII

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From the Pews, Tim Reed

A prayer as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday:

A Simple Prayer of Gratitude

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life.

You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions. They lift me up in ways that keep my eyes focused on you and make my spirit soar.

Also, thank you, Lord, for keeping me safe.

You help me make better choices and provide me with advisors to help me with life's difficult decisions.

You speak to me in so many ways so that I always know you are here.

And Lord, I am so grateful for keeping those around me safe and loved.

I hope that you provide me with the ability and sense to show them every day how much they matter.

I hope that you give me the ability to give to them the same kindness they have provided to me.

I am extremely grateful for all of your blessings in my life, Lord.

I pray that you remind me of just how blessed I am and that you never allow me to forget to show my gratitude in prayer and returned acts of kindness.

Thank you, Lord.

—Kelli Mahoney

*Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery,
but today is a gift, that's why it's called the present.*

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Sharing a meal is one of the best ways to establish and renew relationships with members of the Westminster church community. "Suppers With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 15.

Name(s): _____ (include both names, if a couple)
Phone: _____ (will be shared with your group)
Email Address: _____ (will be shared with your group)
Preferred Method of Contact: __ email __ phone call __ text
Please check as many as apply:
_____ I/We can host and lead the first gathering of Suppers with Seven.
_____ I/We cannot host the first gathering - would consider a subsequent one.
_____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

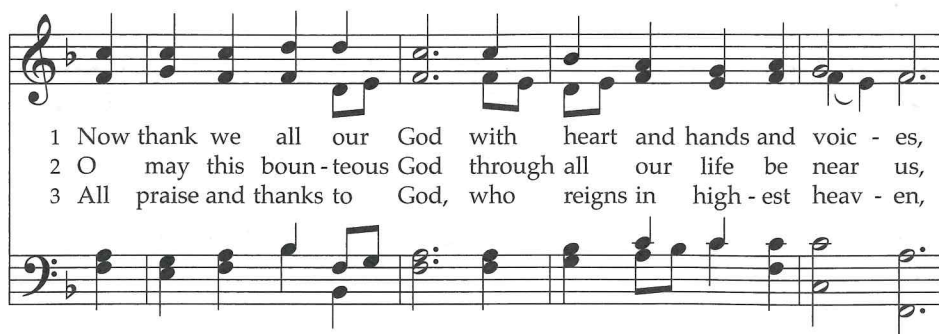
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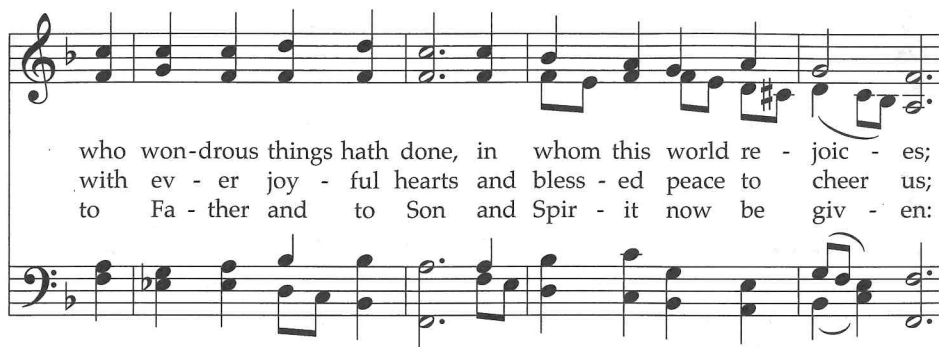
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice, es,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.