



Preparation for **Worship**

Loving God, you want us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you,
knowing that you care for us.

Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties.
Grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide
from us the light of your immortal love, shown to us in your Son,
made known to us when we love our neighbors. Amen.

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

Prelude *Beautiful Savior* arr. Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from *Philippians 4:4-5, 7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn #804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Holy God, you are the author of our lives and the giver of our days.
We know we have poor memories, and have failed to be the
people you have called us to be.
We tell ourselves false narratives.
We imagine that we can solve our own problems,
and we forget that we are helpless without your grace and your guidance.
We are blind to our own selfishness. We are deaf to our neighbors' needs.
Turn us around, O Lord, so that we would stop being distracted.
Remake us into the image of your Son,
so that we would share our love generously, give our gifts abundantly,
and become a source of hope for everyone in need.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism *James William Dennis, Jr.*
Grant Colyer Eades

Presentation
Questions
Question to the Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Prayer

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 11:28-30*
Epistle Lesson, *Galatians 5:22-25*
Sermon "Making a List"
Anthem *Christ Be in My Waking* arr. Shackley

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.

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.

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Lowe

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*
Jean Parker, *lay reader*
Talitha Allen, *sponsor*
Nancy Smith, *organist*
Emily Sweezey, Judy McKenney, Hunter Ditsch, Mark Kemp, *vocalists*

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISMS
This morning, we welcome into our
fellowship by profession of faith and
baptism:
• James William Dennis, Jr., son of
Will & Amanda Dennis.
• Grant Colyer Eades, son of Dan &
Kimberly Eades.

We Remember in Prayer

Michael Cogdill on the death of his
mother, Marjorie Pauline Cogdill, in
Greenville - 9/6/2020

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**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS FALL!**

Beginning this Sunday, September
13, you are invited to participate in a
Zoom Bible study at 10am on Sunday
mornings, led by Ben and other
members of the pastoral staff! The
Zoom information will be sent the
preceding Friday. We will take a look
at the texts that are being used in that
particular Sunday's worship service.
Please join us!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

It's that time of year again when we
are looking for volunteers to write a
short devotional to be included in
the 2020 Advent Devotions series.
Email Joanne Sweeny (swejoa38@
gmail.com) if you would be willing to
help with this. Thank you.

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**OUTDOOR PRAYER SERVICE BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13th, 9am & 11:15am**

Our outdoor Sunday morning prayer
service will begin on September
13th in the Green Lot at 9am &
11:15am. Up to 50 WPC members
may sign up to attend each service.
If you sign up for one week, please
do not sign up for the next week,
so that others can participate. No
childcare will be provided. Please
bring your own chair. Masks and
social distancing will be the rule! We
hope this time together will allow
us to see one another in person, in
a safe way, while worshipping God
and growing together in our faith.
Sign up at [https://wpc-online.org/
events-registration/outdoor-prayer-
services/](https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/outdoor-prayer-services/).

OPEN SANCTUARY

Starting September 14, our sanctuary
will be open for individual prayer and
reflection. WPC members will need
to sign up ahead of time at [https://
wpc-online.org/events-registration/
prayer-in-the-sanctuary-at-wpc/](https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/prayer-in-the-sanctuary-at-wpc/).

PRAY FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS
IN THE CARIBBEAN

In the past days communities in the Dominican Republic and Cuba have been devastated by Hurricane Laura. The Dominican Republic, a country with whom we have had a long shared history, was hit particularly hard. On Thursday, August 27, Witness and Service voted to send funds to Foundation for Peace, an on-the-ground relief and medical organization, to aid in relief efforts. Westminster's contribution, made possible by your faithful pledges, will ensure that Dominicans in Barahona, Port au Plata, and Santo Domingo receive the food, shelter, care, and provisions they need in the days following the storm. Witness & Service also allocated funds for relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief in Cuba and the Caribbean. We hope that you will continue to hold the people of the Caribbean and the Gulf Coast of the United States in your prayers, particularly the mission partners and communities with whom we have worked in the past.

CAROLINA CLOSET FOOD
& GOODS DRIVE

Carolina High School, located just off of White Horse Road, has a diverse student population, many of whom live under the poverty line. As our backyard neighbors, we are proud to have partnered with them for Hands on Greenville Day in 2018 and 2019 and for the 2017-2018 Carolina Westminster Connection. COVID-19 has brought profound challenges to the many families who rely on Carolina for food and basic necessities, and as students head back members of the CHS community find themselves in particular need.

The "Carolina Closet," run by teachers and students, provides clothing, supplies, and non-perishable food to any student in need. After a spring of heavy use, Carolina's supplies are critically low. The most popular food items are macaroni and cheese, small boxes of cereal, grits, oatmeal, hamburger helper, ravioli, fruit cups, pudding cups, crackers, cookies, canned vegetables, ramen noodles, canned chicken, and canned tuna.

Westminster will accept donations ordered via the Amazon Wish List or dropped off at the church office Monday - Friday, 9a-4:30p until Monday, September 14. If you order via the wish list, make sure to designate "Westminster Pres c/o Carolina Closet's Gift Registry Address" as your shipping address. Thank you for your generosity!

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FALL MUSIC GATHERINGS

The Music Ministry at Westminster will certainly be present this fall, exploring new ways to faithfully respond to God's presence through music. Keep watch for information for adults, children, and even the smallest musicians of Westminster. Regular schedules include Wednesday Online Music Gatherings (adults) Ukulele Club (children 1-5) and Cherub Choir and First Steps registration. Visit Wpc-online/music for more information.

IT'S ELEMENTARY

Activities for each age group, including Preschoolers, to explore the books of the Bible through stories, games and crafts will be provided to use at home. There will also be fellowship opportunities! Sign up today at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/its-elementary-tweens-sign-up>.

CALLING ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS!

Register to be a part of a Shepherd Group this fall. These will meet on Sunday nights. - <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/youth-group-registration/>.

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From the Pews, Cathy Bailey:

“Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11: 28-30

We are weary. So many carry heavy burdens. I do not need to list them here. We know those burdens well. And Jesus does too. He is with us now, offering us His yoke, just as He did with those recorded with Him in the book of Matthew. His word proclaims it. As we remember our history, beginning with Genesis, we have sacred bearers to remind us of our journey forward.

We are caught up in our own lives of our own time. The pandemic seems to have brought into focus parts of who we are that we need to address. Our daily tasks must still be done. We still connect with our church family to worship, to rejoice and to grieve. Our babies continue to be born and our children continue to grow and to be nurtured.

Many listen to His words, and understand, and they go to Him. They take His yoke and they find rest for their souls. They are taught by our Savior! This cannot be an idle time for them. They leave the things of this world that have dragged them down and they gain His courage and His strength. They are never left alone, never asked to do what He would not do with them. They share His yoke! They are His disciples and they are doing our Father's business. Young people, older people, people from every background, every ethnicity. All are welcome and many are accepting His gift.

Barbara Brown Taylor preaches in her sermon, *The Open Yoke*:

“Plenty of us labor under the illusion that our yokes are single ones, that we have to go it alone, that the only way to please God is to load ourselves down with heavy requirements- good deeds, pure thoughts, blameless lives, perfect obedience-...while all the time Jesus is standing right there in front of us, half of a shared yoke across his own shoulders, the other half wide open and waiting for us, a yoke that requires no more than we step into it to become part of a team.”

To those of you that have stepped in to become part of His holy team, I thank our God for you.

Cathy January Bailey

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