



Preparation for **Worship**

“The wild things roared their terrible roars
and gnashed their terrible teeth
and rolled their terrible eyes
and showed their terrible claws
but Max stepped into his private boat and waved good-bye
and sailed back over a year
and in and out of weeks
and through a day
and into the night of his very own room
where he found his supper waiting for him
and it was still hot.”

*Where the Wild Things Are,
Maurice Sendak*

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

Prelude Be Thou My Vision arr. Kelsey

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship Susan Jones

Call to Worship from Psalm 67

God is gracious.
Blessing us and shining upon us.
Let the peoples praise God and the nations be glad and sing for joy.
God judges with equity
and saves with mighty power.
Let all the ends of the earth worship the Lord!

Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
O God of life and holy mystery,
we know that you can do all things.
We admit that your purposes are true.
We regret speaking about things we do not understand.
We confess that we fail to appreciate the wonders of your creation.
Forgive our prideful arrogance, woeful misunderstandings,
and willful ignorance.
We humbly bow before your throne of grace
with hearts full of repentance.
May we continually grow in the knowledge of your grace
and power so that our hearts may be transformed
and in turn bring healing to the world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism *Cuyler Bradley Jensen*

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
First Scripture Reading, *Psalm 126*
Second Scripture Reading, *Job 42:10-17*
Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“Where the Wild Things Are”*
Anthem *All Shall Be Amen* Keesecker

Responding to **God's Word**

Affirmation of Faith, *excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve...

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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 #434 *Restore in Us, O God* BAYLOR

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Postlude in F Major Lubeck

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Brandon Coker, *elder sponsor*

Brandon Coker, *lay reader*

Nancy Smith, *organist*

Kathryn Knauer, Diana Dailey, Derek Pitman, Mark Stokes, *vocalists*

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our
fellowship *Cuyler Bradley Jensen*, son
Erik & Whitney Jensen.

With Thanksgiving

We Celebrate

Ellis Bellew and *Aly Friend* were
married at Westminster on Saturday,
September 12, 2020.

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OUTDOOR PRAYER SERVICE CONTINUES OCTOBER 18th, 9am & 11:15am

Our outdoor Sunday morning prayer services will be in the Green Lot at 9am & 11:15am. Up to 50 WPC members may sign up to attend each service. 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/>.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Our sanctuary is open for individual prayer and reflection on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (9a-1p). WPC members will need to sign up ahead of time at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/prayer-in-the-sanctuary-at-wpc/>.

HIKING GROUP

On Tuesday, October 27, the Hiking Group is scheduled for a hike to the Green River. Anne Holleman will lead the hike at the Blue Wall Passage Preserve, a 3.2 mile hike with a 250-foot elevation gain. Anne's contact information is 979-1606 or holl2759@att.net.

TRICK OR TREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Thursday, October 29, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home in a Halloween costume parade. Families can sign up to join the parade at 5p or 5:30p. We will meet at the Sanctuary Bell Tower to line up and walk over together. The parade will go through the parking lot and children will be able to pick up treat bags to take home. Space is limited to 50 people per parade, masks and social distancing required. Please sign up on the church website under events registration. Contact Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

NOVEMBER NIGHTS:

DRIVE THRU DINNER & ONLINE WORSHIP, CRAFTS, AND EDUCATION

We are thrilled to offer November Nights this year on November 1st and November 8th. You will have an option to reserve a meal to pick up between 4:00-5:00p on Sunday followed by an online Vespers worship service at 5:30p. Education options (including a special guest for a craft class!) will begin at 6:15p for WPC Kids and adults. Youth will participate in Shepherd Groups (watch for more information from MK for the WPCYG schedule). Watch the Harbinger and our social media for more information and to sign up.

WPC DRIVE SEASON
BENEFITING SERENITY PLACE

In this time of critical need, we are excited to expand our "Drive Season" initiative to offer monthly food and goods drives to benefit our mission partners across the city. The back to school Carolina Closet drive was a tremendous success, and students are already taking advantage of your generous donations.

This month we have partnered with Serenity Place, a residential treatment center for pregnant women, young mothers, and their preschool aged children. We have long supported Serenity Place through The Family Effect. As we head into the colder months, the team at Serenity Place is in particular need of items for their Welcome Baskets. Welcome Baskets are given to moms when they are admitted to Serenity Place with their children and to those who give birth while in the program.

Serenity Place's greatest needs include newborn baby clothes, infant grooming kits with nail clippers, infant bathtubs, diapers, wipes, bottles (packs of three or more), baby wash, baby lotion, baby powder, wash cloths, bibs, socks, mittens, burp cloths, and crib sheets. Watch our Facebook page for a link to an Amazon wish list or bring items by Westminster for collection. The Serenity Place Drive will run through October 20th.

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ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS THIS FALL!

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 Thursday in the weekly newsletter and each Friday with the weekly emailed Harbinger. 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.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet in the Green lot on Tuesday, November 3 at 6pm (NEW TIME: to be able to be done before it gets dark!). In case of rain, we will hold the session on GoToMeeting. Send Ellen Stevenson an email (ellens7377@gmail.com) if you want the log in information to join the meeting.

This month, Kathryn Algary will lead our discussion of *The Yellow House: A Memoir* by Sarah Broom. A brilliant, haunting and unforgettable memoir from a stunning new talent about the inexorable pull of home and family, set in a shotgun house in New Orleans East beginning in 1961.

Please join us - new people are always welcome.

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STEWARDSHIP SEASON

IS HERE!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS
NOVEMBER 8th.

Stay tuned for more details on how to pledge - including a new "Pledge Thru" option this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 18-24, 2020

SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Online Worship Service Green Lot Prayer Service
	10:00 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study
	11:15 a.m.	Online Worship Service Green Lot Prayer Service
	12:30 p.m.	Zoom Stated Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	WPCYG Middler Shepherd Groups
	6:30 p.m.	WPCYG Senior High Shepherd Groups
MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary (thru 1pm)
TUESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Gifts & Gratitude Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary (thru 1pm)
	12:00 p.m.	WPCYG Senior High Lunch in the Green Lot
	4:30 p.m.	Ukelele Club (grade 1-5)
	8:00 p.m.	Zoom Music Gathering
THURSDAY	12:00 p.m.	WPCYG Senior High Lunch in the Green Lot Zoom Endowment Committee Meeting
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary (thru 1pm)

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From the Pews, Alissa Edwards:

What day is it again? How long have we been experiencing this "different" sort of living of social distancing, and masks becoming the norm? When will it end? During the last few months, since March 13th to be exact, our city, our state, and our country have been rocked in a way that has challenged us like no other time in our lives. The fear of contracting Covid-19 or possibly being a carrier has been so very real for me. As a first grade teacher I worry about this daily.

But through these uncertain times, one part of our busy lives has been constant. It has been normal. Well, as normal as it can be right now. The normalcy has been our church and church family. Yes, watching our amazing pastors on the computer has been different than being in our beautiful sanctuary. Yes, not shaking Ben Dorr's hand at the end of a worship service has felt strange to me. The amount of dedication, love, and energy put into our virtual worship experience has been amazing to me. Each week that passes, our family gets to enjoy Westminster. We get to enjoy the beautiful music, the scriptures, and the wonderful sermons. This is what makes me feel "together". While we cannot be in the sanctuary together physically for our worship service, knowing that the members of Westminster are joining me virtually is a great feeling. The strides the church has been taking in offering outdoor prayer services, Zoom bible studies, and opportunities for fellowship have been great during this time.

As a Youth Advisor, being together with my small Shepherd Group has been so fulfilling. Getting to know the girls in my group has been yet another part of how Westminster makes me feel together, and part of something pretty great. I am also a part of the Youngish group at Westminster. A few weeks ago, we met outside at Leigh Stuckey's house for fellowship and discussion. On our way home, I told my husband how great it was to be back together in person with our friends. This part of my Westminster family brings a lot of joy. It's that feeling of togetherness that keeps me coming back. Together. That is how I feel about our church family. We're all in this together.