



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Prelude On Eagle's Wings arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Stewardship Brian Blount
 Call to Worship Psalm 27:1, 7-8

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.
 Let us worship God!

Hymn #612 We Praise You, O God KREMSER

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Holy and gracious God,
we know that we have let our fears get the better of us.
Our generosity with other people has been slender,
and our patience with people we love has been thin.
We have held tight to pride,
and have forgotten to trust in your love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us a new heart today.
Set us on paths that lead to sacrifice and service,
to healing and hope,
so that the common good would grow
and the love of Christ be made known.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism Lila Merriwether Murphy

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
 Old Testament Lesson, *Ephesians 4:1-6*
 Gospel Lesson, *Genesis 32:22-31*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Night With No Sleep"
 Anthem Guide My Feet arr. Graves

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. Amen.

Hymn #819 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude God of Grace Manz

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
 Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*
 Emily Busby, *sponsor*
 Carrie Marguet, *lay reader*
 Nancy Smith, *organist*
 Allie Able, Katie Knauer, Diana Dailey, Derek Pitman, Mark Kemp, *vocalists*

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Lila Merriwether Murphy, daughter of Hunter & Erin Murphy.

We Remember in Prayer

Josie Williams on the death of her mother, Tandy Gilliland, in Greenville, SC - 11/8/2020.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

The marriage of Heidi Blossom & Erin Hutton on Saturday, November 7, in Swannanoa, NC.

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OPEN SANCTUARY

Our sanctuary is open for individual prayer and reflection on Monday and Tuesday (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/>.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP FROM HOME ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Our pre-recorded service will continue to air on our website at 9am, and on our social media platforms. Our in-person worship service will air on our website via livestream at 11:15a. The Harbinger that you receive in the mail will be for our pre-recorded worship. If you would like the Harbinger for our 11:15am livestream worship, you may download it from our website at <https://wpc-online.org/sermon-archive>.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

The Session will decide at its stated meeting in November whether or not Westminster will participate in church basketball this year. If you would like to register your child, in the event that WPC does participate, you may do so at our website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/youth-basketball/>. If the Session decides that Westminster will not participate, all fees will be refunded.

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will next hike at Paris Mountain State Park on Thursday, November 19. Hike Leader: Durden Collins, 414-6142 or dudden.collins@gmail.com.

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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!

JUSTFAITH: FAITH AND RACIAL EQUITY

Just Faith meets Mondays at 6p on ZOOM. For information, previously registered class members may call Susan McLeod (787-6262) or Bill Holt (982-3368).

GREENVILLE HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Through Westminster’s pledges and the work of our Witness & Service Committee, WPC supports the work of the Greenville Homeless Alliance. This year, the Alliance is hosting Greenville Hunger and Homelessness Awareness events. These will be for the week of November 15-22. Links to free community forums, a pop-up art show, and donation drives are located at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RFt0gSIVFSbyPLRQ6nSs06l5pVML7XjN_nbwFLivBRg/edit#gid=0.

WPC DRIVE SEASON BENEFITTING UNITED MINISTRIES

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 Serenity Place drive was a tremendous success. Young mothers and their children are already benefitting from the benevolences you offered.

This month, in celebration of their 50 years of service to the Greenville community, we have partnered with United Ministries. UM offers programs that serve and empower those in our community who are striving to achieve self-sufficiency. Programs include education and employment, crisis assistance, and services to those experiencing homelessness.

UM’s greatest non-perishable needs include canned meats and fruits, canned vegetables, grits, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, rice, ramen noodles, saltines, peanut butter, powdered milk, and cereal. They are also in need of items for individual hygiene: hotel-sized soap, shampoo, and lotion, small bottles of hand sanitizer, q-tips, standard sized spray deodorant, standard-size vaseline, hydrogen peroxide, and shaving cream, wash cloths, sunscreen, chapstick, and bug spray.

You are welcome to drop items by the church office or order directly from the Amazon Wish List (https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MNf6VPVU487F/ref=cm_go_nav_hz). Deadline for donations will be Tuesday, December 1.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15-21, 2020

- SUNDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
 - 10:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study
 - 11:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
 - 12:30 p.m. Zoom Stated Session Meeting
- MONDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in the Sanctuary (thru 1pm)
- TUESDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in the Sanctuary (thru 1pm)
 - 12:00 p.m. Zoom Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
- WEDNESDAY**
- 12:00 p.m. Zoom Luncheon Group Meeting
 - 6:30 p.m. Youngish Adults in the Green Lot
 - 8:00 p.m. Zoom Music Gathering
- THURSDAY**
- 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group
 - 3:30 p.m. Youth Service Project in the Green Lot

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From the Pews, Brandon Coker:

Togetherness My how that has become a meaningful word in 2020. I would assume all of us have experienced varied emotions during this strange year. The Cokers experienced a renewed togetherness that probably bounced back and forth between enjoyable and uplifting, to, at times, stressful and exhausting. Also, like most everyone, we’ve sadly missed seeing and being physically together with our extended family, friends, and WPC family.

Laura and I have been members of WPC for 14 years. During that time our family has been consistently engaged in congregational life and activities. Our three children, Lilly, Ellie and James have attended school, been baptized, and engaged in sports, church groups, and now youth group. Laura and I have made so many friends through church activities. We’ve also been supported by the church pastoral staff and congregation in times of worry and anxiety with surgeries, cancer and heart ailments. WPC has, without a doubt, had a significant impact on our lives.

When considering togetherness as a church family during these challenging times, I immediately thought of Leigh’s opening statement prior to starting a service in which she is preaching... *“Let’s transition from getting here to being here.”*

Often as a family with three children, the “getting here” includes so many things like brushing hair, changing clothes multiple times, not being able to find shoes, maybe eating breakfast, etc. The “being here” for me has always been a mental trigger to transition from being worried about James’ mis-matched socks and the three toys that he snuck into the sanctuary, to being mentally present and ready to receive the spiritual message of the service.

Our “getting here” has changed as a congregation over the past several months; however, the church staff has put forth great efforts in providing us with many different ways of “being here” mentally and spiritually. The connection we as a church congregation have through these alternate ways of “being here” is prayer. We are still “here,” together through our prayers. Prayer is where we connect to God no matter where we are physically. Prayer remains the central focus of our worship time whether we are in the sanctuary or in our living room.

As Laura and I consider our pledge to WPC, a church that has meant so much to our lives and our spiritual growth, we will pray together.