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# HARBINGER

*open minds open hearts*

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*From the Pews, Elizabeth Timmons*

“God’s got this.” I saw these words on a small sign while driving through rural South Carolina on a winding, 2-lane road, on the way to my uncle’s funeral. These words really resonated with me. Even though our earthy selves may feel as though we aren’t strong enough to endure the loss of a loved one or follow a calling from God, God’s got this and he equips us with everything we could possibly need.

Inserting those words into the text for today makes it read like this...

“Because God’s got this, we can proclaim good news to the poor.”

“Because God’s got this, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted and give release to the captives.”

“Because God’s got this, he comforts those who mourn.”

“Because God’s got this, we have a crown of beauty, instead of ashes and have joy instead of mourning.”

Even with the loss of a beloved family member, because “God’s got this,” we have joy instead of mourning because we believe he is now crowned with beauty rather than ashes. As Christians, because we believe in God, we view the world through a different lens. It is because of God that we can do these things and view the world with a heavenly perspective. All things are possible with and through Christ. God’s got this.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 18, 2021 | In-Person at 10a | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



## Preparation for **Worship**

“Anger and violence are the last defense of those who are made to face the truth of their own tradition which they have long defended and embraced. Learning what we already know is often painfully difficult. All of us know what it is to be at war with ourselves, sometimes making casualties of those who are guilty of nothing but speaking the truth in love.”

Fred B. Craddock, *Luke*

## 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Forrest

Introit "Glory to God in the Highest" Haugen

### \* Call to Worship

**Leader:** The Spirit of God brings good news to the oppressed and release to the captives.

**People:** **Those who mourn are comforted and jubilee is proclaimed.**

**Leader:** This day the Word is being fulfilled!

**All:** **Alleluia, let us worship God!**

### \* Hymn No. 366

HYFRYDOL

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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\* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
your patience with us is never ending.  
You have shown us wonders and granted us liberty,  
yet we are complacent and constrained.  
You have laid before us a path, but we cower in fear.  
You have showered us with mercy, yet we withhold grace.  
When your word comes as challenge, we flee in anger.  
Replace our presumptions with your will.  
Move us to faithful action,  
and give us courage to follow joyfully.  
Grant us your grace, heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your liberating love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)

***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.***

The Sacrament of Baptism

Scott Calzada Loveless

Congregational Response

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the  
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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## Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Isaiah 61:1-3*

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Second Scripture Lesson, *Luke 4:14-30*

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"No Place Like Home"*

## 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

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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.**

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Offering

Anthem "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" Stopford

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

***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 No. 773 BELL

"Heaven Shall Not Wait"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction "Amen" Keen

\* Postlude Trumpet Tune in C Johnson

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading in Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*

Julia Watkins, *liturgist*

Susan Jones, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

Ross Glidewell, *head usher*

Neil Shurley, Keith Stevenson, *greeters*

# **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Join Us in Welcoming**

### **BAPTISM**

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Scott Calzada Loveless*, son of Ryan & Grace Loveless.

## **OPEN HEARTS • Gathering@WPC**

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

On Sunday, May 30, we began our summer schedule. We will live stream our services now at 10:00a. Please note the following changes:

- Our nursery has reopened.
- We will gradually introduce congregational singing back into our liturgy.
- We will have donuts and coffee following worship.

## **OPEN MINDS • Education@WPC**

### **JUSTFAITH:**

Sacred Air will be the next JustFaith program focus beginning in September. It will address climate change and energy through the lenses of faith, science, and environmental justice. Readings from Pope Francis, Hope Jahren, and others will help to guide this nine-week program. Stay tuned for dates/times of meetings. For more information, contact Meg McKnight (670-5078) or Bill Holt (982-3368).

### **WPC BOOK CLUB:**

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 3, at 7p at McAlister's Deli (Augusta St.). Arrive at 6:30p if you want to have dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Buffie Taylor will lead the discussion of *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Join us! New attendees are always welcome.

### **HIKING GROUP:**

The Hiking Group will leave on Wednesday, October 20, for a three-day trip to bike the Virginia Creeper Trail near Damascus, VA. For more information or to sign up for this trip, contact Anne Holleman by Saturday, July 31.

# **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **OPEN HEARTS • Giving@WPC**

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:**

Many local students have experienced disproportionate challenges as a result of the pandemic. Westminster has an opportunity to respond by partnering with The United Way on their School Tools event, which will support Greenville County students by providing students with completed backpacks on their first day of school. We invite everyone to donate supplies through August 4. Then, our children at VBS will pack into 150-200 backpacks on Friday, Aug.6 and include a personalized backpack tag they created. All backpacks will directly equip students for a year of academic recovery and success. Items to be collected include:

- Spiral notebooks
- Folders
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Glue (sticks)
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Packs of facial tissue
- Travel-sized hand sanitizer

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 18 - 25, 2021

### **Sunday, July 18**

#### **8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00a Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts

### **Tuesday, July 20**

7:05p WPCYG to Drive Game

### **Wednesday, July 21**

6:30p Middler Waffle Cone Wednesday (Spill the Beans)

7:30 Senior High Waffle Cone Wednesday (Spill the Beans)

### **Thursday, July 22**

12:00p Zoom Endowment Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, July 25**

#### **9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Senior Highs to Montreat*

10:00a Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts



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*Ashley Gettys*

*Scott Clark*

*Anna Hanor*

*Brandon Coker*

*Susan Jones*

*Bob Dellert*

*Becky Warth*

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*Kevin Lancaster*

*Tony Atkins*

*Lisa Mangione*

*Jeff Beck*

*Rob Morgan*

*Emily Busby*

*Carl Muller*

*Caroline Clark*

*Mae Todd Mullins*

*Durden Collins*

*Laura Williams Sanders*

### The Class of 2024

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*Toni Paylor*

*Jay Culclasure*

*Neil Shurley*

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