



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

“You cannot conceive, nor can I...
the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God.”

Graham Greene

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 Meditation from *Thaïs* Massanet
Introit "Surely" Langston

* Call to Worship *Psalm 71:1-2, 5-6*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
People: **In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

People: **Upon you I have leaned from my birth.
My praise is continually of you.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 620 LAUDA ANIMA
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and holy God,
grant us eyes to look honestly at how we spend our days.
We are masters of self-deception,
convincing ourselves that our sin is not dangerous,
our motivations are not mixed,
and our love is not self-interested.
We have avoided people who are unlike us,
and have neglected to extend hospitality to strangers.
Forgive us, and grant us the courage and compassion we need
to walk in the footsteps of Christ.
Help us to reach out to those who are hurting,
even when doing so might cost us our time, our treasure,
our plans, our principles, or even our lives.
We ask all in the name of 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.***

Children in K5 – first grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson, *Romans 12:9-13* p. 922

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 10:25-37* p. 844

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “*The Other Side*”

Responding to **God’s Word**

* Affirmation of Faith From *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world

as God’s reconciling community.

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares
God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people
from God and from each other.**

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church’s mission.**

**His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.**

**His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

Choral Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Berthier

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 "Out of the Depths" Frost

* 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 “Community of Christ” LEONI
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* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response "Go Out with Joy" Davis

* Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Jordan

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Deirdre Hutton, *violinist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

Kathryn Loveland (9a), Parks Workman (11:15a), *lay readers*

Budd Reynolds (9a), Grier Clark (11:15a), *acolytes*

Brandon Coker (9a), Ross Glidewell (11:15a), *head ushers*

Michael Dixon, Tony Atkins, Jon McKnight, Meg McKnight, *(9a) greeters*

Brandon Coker, Durden Collins, Jay Culclasure,

Ashley Gettys, Lisa Mangione, *(11:15a) greeters*

Nursery/Children's Church

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

During worship, children in K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church. Children engage in worship education with Bible stories and crafts. Parents can pick their children up in the Children’s Church room across from the library following worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

As a congregation that prays with and for one another, Westminster invites you to share your prayer requests using the cards located in the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of each pew. You may complete a card and leave it in the offering plate so that the pastors and/or prayer chain team may pray for you. If you wish to join the prayer chain, please indicate that on your card.

Membership@WPC

INTERESTED IN JOINING
WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, September 26. Those who attend the class are invited to become members during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Julia Watkins (jwatkins@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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DISASTER RELIEF

In response to Hurricane Ida and the earthquake in Haiti, Westminster has made a special gift to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you would like to join in providing relief to those affected, you may designate today’s offering for “PDA.”

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.

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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Fall Schedule will resume this Sunday, September 12th, with worship at 9a, and 11:15a, and Sunday School at 10a.

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.

OPEN MINDS • Giving@WPC

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK
RETURNS SEPTEMBER 19-25

Extend hospitality to families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), which helps people experiencing homelessness achieve self-sufficiency and fulfillment. Through IHN, Westminster welcomes parents and children to stay in the church as they work toward sustainable independence. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight, prepare meals, extend fellowship, grocery shop, and offer on-call medical advice. Questions? Contact Kelly Taylor (bkewc.taylor@gmail.com).

In preparation for IHN, the Women of Westminster will be collecting the following items until September 15:

- travel sizes of deodorant,
- soap,
- shampoo/conditioner,
- male/female razors (disposable),
- shaving cream/gel,
- toothpaste/toothbrush/mouthwash,
- hairbrushes,
- shower caps,

as well as G-rated DVDs, new or like-new family games, craft items, and kid-friendly puzzles. Drop off outside the front office.

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BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Children and youth ages 5K-grade 12 are invited to register for the church basketball season. Online player registration opens Monday, September 13 and continues through Sunday, October 10. The Session will determine any appropriate pandemic precautions and protocols. WPC members interested in being a coach or assistant coach may contact the church office. Registration may be accessed on the church's website at wpc-online.org/events_registration/youth_basketball/.

GETTING RE-CONNECTED

The Connections lunch group will meet on Sunday, September 19 at 12:45 at The Iron Hill Brewery (741 Haywood Rd). A table on their patio has been reserved for us. Please RSVP by Friday, September 17 with Ruth Johnston (201-6117 or ruthjohnst51@gmail.com). Newcomers are always welcome!

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	Sunday, September 12 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00a Worship Service Witness & Service Committee Meeting 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship Service 4:00p Baptism Class 5:00 Middler Youth Group WoW Leadership Meeting 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal Senior High Youth Group
	Tuesday, September 14
	12:00p Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting Circle 3
	Wednesday, September 15
	2:20p WPC Kids Afterschool ACE 2:45 It's Elementary 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	Saturday, September 18 <i>WPCYG Apple Picking</i>
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From the Pews, Bill Ballinger

I work in healthcare, and am a Clemson alum. You might consider me a fanatic when it comes to Clemson athletics. My exam rooms and office have many Clemson pictures on the wall. This, of course, generates many conversations among fellow Clemson fans, but also among supporters of Clemson’s rivals South Carolina and Georgia. There’s often a joke of, “Oh, I don’t think I can be in this room with all of this Clemson stuff!” We have a good laugh and light-heartedly agree to set aside our differences for the sake of the encounter that day. While sometimes intense, collegiate rivalries and differences are ultimately trivial. Unfortunately, other differences between peoples can be more significant. Differences in religion, language, race, politics, and personal relationships can lead to great disagreement and pain if understanding and acceptance are not reached. Today’s scripture examines one example of setting aside differences for the good of someone’s well being.

Luke 10:25-37 is the ‘Parable of the Good Samaritan.’ In it, Jesus is speaking in response to questions from a lawyer. The lawyer asks, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He is told, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ When asked by the lawyer, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus proceeds with the parable we all know quite well.

A Jewish traveler came upon robbers while traveling along a road. He was beaten, robbed and left for dead. He was passed by not one, but two people. A Jewish priest did not stop; A Jewish Levite, a member of the priestly tribe of Israel, also did not stop. A third traveler, a Samaritan, passed the Jewish man, and not only provided assistance to him on the spot, but also transported the injured man to where he could receive further help and care. He even provided payment for this assistance. What makes this parable interesting is that Jews and Samaritans historically did not get along. They were unable to set aside differences. Despite this, the Samaritan chose to help the man in need.

As Christians, we are simply asked to love one another. We are not to pass judgment on others, regardless of our differences. “Love thy neighbor as yourself” and “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Our neighbor is not just someone who lives in proximity to us in our community. Our neighbor is really anyone, and everyone. We are to love everyone as we would ourselves, regardless of any differences we might have.

My wife and I have two young sons, who are almost 3-years and 1-month-old. One of the most important lessons we hope to instill in them as they grow is to always treat others with love, acceptance and equality. I hope they learn love above all else, despite any differences they encounter with people they meet along the way in life. What a wonderful world it would be if all children grew up to be like the good samaritan, treating all people with mutual love and respect. Amen.

welcome back!

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