



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

"True service is not a relationship between an expert and a problem; it is far more genuine than that. It is a relationship between people who bring the full resources of their combined humanity to the table and share them generously. Service goes beyond expertise. Service is another way of life..."

The best definition of service I have come across is a single word, BELONGING. Service is the final healing of isolation and loneliness. It is the lived experience of belonging."

—Rachel Naomi Remen, *My Grandfather's Blessings*

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.**

Minute for Stewardship

Will Quinn

Prelude

Prelude on ST. DENIO

Graham

\* Call to Worship

from Psalm 1:1-3

**Leader:** Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People:** **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

**Leader:** They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

**People:** **and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn No. 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

\* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, you have granted each of us unique gifts and called us to participate in your mission of justice, mercy, and peace, yet we so often neglect your invitation. We seek easy certainty, rather than remaining open to mystery. We see ourselves as separate from our neighbors, rather than reaching for connection. We rely on our own strength, rather than trusting you. When we lose our way, O Lord, forgive us. Return us to your path of more abundant possibility that we would be beacons of your light in the world. In Christ, we pray. 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

Charlotte Vivianne Eckard

Congregational Response "Baptized in Water"

Bunessan



Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 13:10-17*

p. 848

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 58:9b-14*

p. 601

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Wholly Reframing"

Responding to **God's Word**

\* Hymn No. 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

WALDVOGELEIN

\* Profession 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.**

Offering

Offertory

"Rise, Shine!"

Garrett

\* 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. 772

"Live into Hope"

TRURO

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

Fughetta on TRURO

arr. Helvey

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Rachel Vogado, *guest pastor First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Talitha Allen, *sponsor*

Julie Florin, *guest organist*

Deshia Breaux, *lay reader*

Brandt Givens, *head usher*

Mae Todd Mullins, Tony Atkins, Sarah Beasley

Brandon Coker, Jay Culclasure, *greeters*

Harrison Dillard, Thomas Dillard, *acolytes*

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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.

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.

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Charlotte Vivianne Eckard*, daughter of Dallas & Erin Eckard.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

This Sunday, October 17, there will be no Sunday School. Between 10-11a, you are invited to come by the Green Lot (weather permitting) for a time of fellowship and donuts outside! Come visit with friends, reconnect with WPC members, and celebrate Julia's installation as our Associate Pastor for Mission and Congregational Life.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write a short devotional to be included in the 2021 Advent Devotions series. Email Josie Williams (josiegwilliams07@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this.

VOLUNTEER WITH WPC AT THORNWELL'S FALL FESTIVAL

Join other folks from WPC to volunteer at Thornwell's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 23, from 11a-3p. Carpool to Clinton will be available at 10a. Volunteers will help with ticket purchases, concessions, the corn maze, and hayrides. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and four complimentary tickets to the festival. Contact Julia Watkins to get connected.

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE

On Sunday, October 24, we recognize a milestone for our third graders with the presentation of a new Bible at the 11:15a worship service. Third graders may also participate in a Bible workshop during the 10a Sunday School hour in room 209.

TRICK OR TREAT MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Thursday, October 28, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home in a Halloween costume parade. We will meet at the Sanctuary Bell Tower to line up and walk over together at 5p. The parade will go through the parking lot and children will be able to pick up treat bags to take home. Please sign up on the church website under events registration. Contact Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

YOUTH HALLOWEEN EVENT

All Middler and Sr. High Youth are invited to a night full of Halloween fun! We'll have games, treats, dinner, a costume contest, and so much more. Come by the Green Lot anytime between 6-7:30p on October 31st. Have questions? Contact Lauren Hood.

THE SESSION  
The Class of 2022

Talitha Allen	Michael Dixon
Sarah Beasley	Ben Edwards
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Scott Clark	Anna Hanor
Brandon Coker	Susan Jones
Bob Dellert	Becky Warth

The Class of 2023

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Emily Busby	Carl Muller
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The Class of 2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
October 17 - 24, 2021

Sunday, October 17

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9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Reception in Green Lot (No Sunday School)
11:15	Worship Service - Installation of Julia Watkins
12:30p	Stated Session Meeting
12:45	Connections Group Meeting

Monday, October 18

Weekday School Closed for Fall Break

Tuesday, October 19

Weekday School Closed for Fall Break

Wednesday, October 20

9:30a	Weekday Chapel
9:45	Weekday Chapel
10:00	Weekday Chapel
2:15p	WPC Kids Afterschool
2:45	It's Elementary
4:30	Junior & Senior Choristers
6:00	JustFaith Meeting
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 23

9:30a	WoW Meditation Class in Green Lot
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Sunday, October 24

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9:00a	Worship Service
	Education Committee Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
	Third Grade Bible Workshop
11:15	Worship Service
5:00p	Middler Youth Group
5:15	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:30	Middler Choir Rehearsal
	Senior High Youth Group

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**HARBINGER**  
open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Walter Hinton

According to a well-worn saying from Robert Frost, "home" means the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.

I believe the saying rings true in life experience. In our childhood home, if we are fortunate, we receive unconditional love and caring from our parents. Once grown, we settle in a separate dwelling place, perhaps with a significant other, and we set about to make that place a home of our own. There we endeavor to recreate the love we experienced as children. Whether childhood home or grownup home, the saying still applies; when we show up, our parents or our partners have to take us in.

The home you came from exerts a magnetic pull. Raised in a small town, my grandfather left there a century ago for opportunities in the big city far away, in time becoming a business leader. But after 10 years in retirement, he returned to his birthplace to live out his days. By then the town had visibly gone downhill, but to him it was still home.

Is Westminster succeeding as a church home? Does it continue to be a welcoming place? Carol and I believe so. On moving to Greenville, we sought a church where we could learn and grow in faith and understanding. We chose WPC and have stayed ever since. In adult Sunday school, Bible study, Theology Reading group, November Nights, worship, Heritage lectures, Movie group, Hiking group, IHN, ChristCare, pastor's breakfasts and other church activities, all members and visitors as well are welcome. All points of view receive a fair hearing; listenership is practiced. Others would appear to agree, as the congregation continues to grow. Rejection is not among our practices.

The life of any church requires a space adequate to the population. WPC's original worship space was modest, a tent pitched in an empty roadside lot. Since then the physical plant has progressed in stages. In more recent years, with the congregation growing steadily, it became clear that the increasing worship attendance could soon overcrowd the sanctuary. In response, the church launched a capital campaign to enlarge the space. The daunting task charged to designers was to leave the space looking esthetically just the same as before, only a good deal larger. In a labor of love, the designers succeeded. I have always thought that campaign, "A Place for Everyone," was aptly named for our church. If you show up, you see, they take you in.



