



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

Introit

"Surely"

Langston

* 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)

Glorify 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.

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**

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
FOR JULIA WATKINS

Sentences of Scripture

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Statement of Installation

* 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Charge to the Newly Installed

Charge to the Congregation

* Hymn No. 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

WALDVOGELEIN

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

* Choral Response

"Gaelic Benediction"

Ulrich

* Postlude

Fughetta on TRURO

arr. Helvey

*All who are able may stand

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LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Westminster Sanctuary Choir

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Rosemary Hughes, *pianist*

Ryan Nation, *soloist*

Daniel Knauer, Cam Warren, *acolytes*

Elizabeth Palmer, *head usher*

Jeff Beck, Ben Edwards, Hastings Blumer,
Caroline Clark, Kevin Lancaster, *greeters*

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.

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

At our 9a worship service this morning, we welcomed into our fellowship *Charlotte Vivianne Eckard*, daughter of Dallas & Erin Eckard.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
October 17 - 24, 2021

Sunday, October 17
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
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

Sunday, October 24
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
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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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.

