



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

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 *Lauren Doar*

Prelude "God the Father, Be Our Stay" *Buxtehude*

Introit "Where Charity and Love Prevail" *Chapin*

\* Call to Worship *Micah 6:6-8*

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord,  
 and bow myself before God on high?  
**People: Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,  
 with ten thousand rivers of oil?**

Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is good:  
**People: And what does the Lord require of us,  
 but to do justice, to love kindness,  
 and to walk humbly with our God?**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn No. 315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" *NEW DIMENSIONS*

\* Prayer of Confession  
**Holy and gracious God,  
 we have lived as if we alone know what is best for our lives.  
 In our minds, the judgments we make are righteous,  
 gracious, and fair.  
 In our hearts,  
 we have been faithful to you and forgiving to others.  
 But we know in our souls that we only fool ourselves.  
 Forgive us, O God,  
 for pretending that we know more than we do.  
 Help us to see the nature of your love in sacrifice,  
 to express the character of your love in service,  
 and to walk toward the destination of love,  
 which is the cross.  
 In Christ's name 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 9a *Brian Calhoun King*  
 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

Epistle Lesson, *Romans 14:7-12* p. 923

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 25:31-46* p. 807

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Symphony of Ignorance"

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.**

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles *11:15a*

Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a "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 "No Hands But Yours" *Williams*

\* 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. 301 "Let Us Build a House" *TWO OAKS*  
 \* Charge and Benediction  
 \* Choral Response "Amen" *Keen*  
 \* Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune *German*

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Julia Watkins, *liturgist*

LeAnne White, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Judy McKenney (9a), *soloist*

Westminster Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Wayne Brown (9a), Sue Inman (11:15a), *lay readers*

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

Emily Busby, Scott Clark, Kate Weaver Patterson,

Bob Dellert, Ross Glidewell (9a), *greeters*

Jay Culclasure, Mae Todd Mullins, Susan Jones,

Lisa Mangione, Jeff Beck (11:15a), *greeters*

Bobby Hartman (9a), Grier Clark, Caroline Dixon (11:15a), *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.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH

The birth of a son, *Bennett Craig Waller*, to Marshall & Kate Waller on Monday, April 5, 2021.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Brian Calhoun King, son of John & Cameron King.

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE

This 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.

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.

**SERVE AS AN ENTREPRENEUR MENTOR**

Westminster's partner, Mill Community Ministries, is seeking volunteermentors from a variety of business-oriented backgrounds that can help cultivate and support adult entrepreneurs in the West End communities of Greenville. Mentors commit to participating in a 10-week cohort to help entrepreneurs launch their businesses. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, you are encouraged to attend an informational event at Poe West from 5:30-7p on November 16th. Contact Julia Watkins to learn more and RSVP.

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21**

*No More Mr. Nice Guy: Hard Sayings and Good News*

Is it easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the Kingdom? How exactly are the dead meant to bury the dead? Wondering if you should buy a sword or leave behind your family? Join Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey for a series of lectures on Jesus' most difficult sayings in the Gospels – and, critically, their relevance to modern disciples. Fellowship Hall

**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 24 - 31, 2021**

**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

**Tuesday, October 26**

- 12:30p Worship Committee Meeting (by Teams)

**Wednesday, October 27**

- 12:00p Luncheon Group Meeting in the Green Lot
- 2:15 WPC Kids Afterschool
- 2:45 It's Elementary
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:00 JustFaith Meeting
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 28**

- 12:00p Endowment Committee Meeting (by Zoom)
- 5:00 WPC Kids Trick or Treat Costume Parade

**Sunday, October 31**

**All Saints Sunday**

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 6:00p Youth Halloween Event in the Green Lot

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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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***From the Pews, Joey & Polly Fievet***

A few years ago, thanks to our children, we made Greenville our new home and WPC our new church home. We moved to a vibrant city and a vibrant church. What a blessing it has been!

What makes WPC home to us? The genuine friendship and fellowship of our members and staff, the budgeting priorities that we pursue every year, the quality of our leadership, the enlightening and diverse subjects covered in our Sunday School classes, the many programs offered to all ages, the meaningful and thought-provoking messages that Ben brings to us in his sermons, the opportunity to make a difference in our community through our missions and priorities...

WPC is a place where we feel comfortable to live, laugh and learn. We have been accepted and supported and stretched and given opportunities to serve. We have become immersed in the church family by participating in JustFaith, the Circle, the Hiking Group, Sunday School, Supper with Seven, IHN, Thornwell Camp working group and Sunday services... and what a joy it has been to watch our grandsons grow in the youth choir, church league basketball and in other youth programs. We have truly been made to feel "at home."

What makes WPC important to us? The very fabric of what WPC is... the priority placed on missions as evidenced by the percentage of the budget... the welcoming inclusiveness of so many diverse people in our community of faith... our involvement in worthwhile community ventures... the willingness to reach out into the community to help wherever help is needed... the individual small groups such as the home improvement that our men provide for our widows and the elderly... the fact that the church makes social services so important... This list goes on and on.

So finally, what makes us give and why should we? We count it a privilege to give to WPC in order to show our appreciation to God for the many blessings He has given us and to return a portion of those blessings. We give to help others. By supporting Westminster Presbyterian Church we support all that it does to be a church of "open mind and open heart." We all need to invest in WPC so that every person who comes will find a place of refuge to have his/her needs met, be nurtured, be challenged and be made to feel just as at home as we have been.

**NOVEMBER NIGHTS**  
**NOVEMBER 7 AND 14, 2021**

Join your church family the first two Sunday evenings in November for worship, fellowship, and education. **A Vespers Service** begins in the Sanctuary at **6p**. Programs and classes for all will begin at **6:35p**. We are all finished by **7:30p**. A nursery is available for those K2 and younger.

**VESPERS WORSHIP & MEDITATION**

This year's service will focus on home and eschatology, the theological construct that God's purpose for the created world will be achieved, and that in it we can hope to find unsurpassed communion with God. Vespers services are brief evening services that focus on prayer and contemplation and include secular and sacred music, liturgical prayer, and a brief meditation.

**ADULT CLASSES**

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 Room: 209  
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- **Protecting Creation From Different Perspectives**  
 Lead by WPC's Creation Stewardship Group  
 Room: 212  
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**ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH**

All youth are invited to Vespers (look for Lauren Hood to sit together), and then we will head over to the Fellowship Hall for Youth programs. Both Middlers and Sr. High will begin and end in the Fellowship Hall but will be separate for the majority of the education program hour (6:35-7:30p). During November Nights, Mill Village Ministries will join us for conversations around food insecurity and how our faith informs our response.

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