



All Saints' Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

“In truth, all human beings are called to be saints, but that just means called to be fully human, to be perfect—that is, whole, mature, fulfilled. The saints are simply those men and women who relish the event of life as a gift and who realize that the only way to honor such a gift is to give it away.”

William Stringfellow

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

Josie Williams

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. T. Smith

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy" Schubert

* Call to Worship *Psalm 116:12-15*

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 326 "For All the Saints" *SINE NOMINE*

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised 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.

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 25:6-9* p. 568

New Testament Lesson, *Revelation 21:1-6a* p. 1007

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "All Things New"

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.

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: *Martha Blackwell, Howard Boyd, Tommy Cain, Virginia Coble, Mary Dill-Branch, Dave Edwards, Charles Gay, Carolyn Heaton, Margaret Hull, Ed Jones, Clara Lawson, Vernon Miller, Carl Nuttall, Peggy Park, Peggy Phillips, Mary Poe, Tim Raney, Joyce Saar, Eleanor ter Horst, Patsy Taylor, Patricia Tuck, Joe Whisonant, Marian Whitehill, Charlie Williams, and Bob Yeargin.*

Anthem "All Shall Be Amen" Keesecker

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 *9a* "Glorify Thy Name" Adkins

Offertory *11:15a* "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal!" Parker/Shaw

* 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. 375 "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response Gaelic Benediction Ulrich

* Postlude "Postlude on SINE NOMINE" arr. Smith

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble *(9a)*

Westminster Sanctuary Choir *(11:15a)*

Paul Grier *(9a)*, Will Edwards *(11:15a)*, *lay readers*

Brad Lucas *(9a)*, Grier Mullins *(11:15a)*, *head ushers*

Brian Blount, Bob Dellert, Jeff Beck, Russ Williams, Scott Clark *(9a)*, *greeters*

Anna Hanor, Ashley Gettys, Ross Glidewell,

Mary Ashmore, Carl Muller *(11:15a)*, *greeters*

Ellen Reynolds *(9a)*, Elizabeth Todd Mullins, Pearson Mullilns *(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.

We Remember in Prayer

Angie Carsten on the death of her father, Gerald Keith Carter, in Greenville, SC - 10/11/2021.

Angie Smith on the death of her father, Robert Gerald Thomas, in Tuscaloosa, AL - 10/20/2021.

Join Us in Welcoming

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.

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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 31. Have questions? Contact Lauren Hood.

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet again on Saturday, November 6, to hike at Whitewater Falls. Hike Leader: Bob Vannoy (bvannoy47@gmail.com). Those wanting to meet at the trailhead should be there at 10:30a. Those meeting at the church should be there at 9a.

**SERVE AS AN
ENTREPRENEUR MENTOR**

Westminster's partner, Mill Village Ministries, is seeking volunteer mentors 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 16. Contact Julia Watkins to learn more and RSVP.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will begin its work soon! If you have a name of someone whom you would like the Nominating Committee to consider as a ruling elder, please contact Neil Shurley, chair of the Nominating Committee, at nshurl@gmail.com.

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**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

WPC BOOK CLUB:

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 2, at 7p at McAlister's Deli (1708B Augusta St.). Arrive at 6:30p if you want to have dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Kathryn Algary will lead the discussion of *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Join us! New attendees are always welcome.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, at 4p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

**FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC
FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS**

Music this fall for the youngest voices at Westminster will be offered online, still as a part of the First Steps Music program. Register to receive access to on-demand links with Diana Dailey that explore music and movement through simple songs and activities. For more information, contact Mark at mkemp@wpc-online.org or visit the events registration tab on our website: www.wpc-online.org. Registration is free, but hurry! Video releases will begin the first week of November.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 31 - November 7, 2021

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

Tuesday, November 2

- 12:00p Administrative Committee Meeting
- Al-Anon Group Meeting
- 7:00 Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, November 3

- 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, November 6

- 9:00a Hiking Group to Whitewater Falls

Sunday, November 7

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Time ends

- 9:00a Worship Service
- Membership Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 2:00p Nominating Committee Meeting
- 6:00 November Nights Vespers
- 6:35 November Nights Classes

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday, November 7.

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From the Pews, Betsy Bloodworth

Home. I think all of us have seen a change in our perceptions of this word over the past year and a half. Home is your refuge, your quiet place, your peace. Until the world turns upside down and nothing seems to be what it was, including home.

Prior to the pandemic, our family had been slowly and methodically searching for a new church home. We weren't in a hurry and often joked that we had not been wandering in the "desert" for nearly as long as the Israelites, so we had plenty of time! Through friendships, both old and new, we had started attending WPC regularly in the previous year, and it was starting to feel like we had found the new church home that God intended for us.

Our oldest children are in law school and college, so our primary focus in our decision process was our son, Ben, who is in middle school. Getting our older kids to go to Sunday school was always a struggle. They avoided it any possible way they could. Ben took his lessons from them and acted accordingly. That is, until he went to Sunday school at WPC. Whereas I was used to hearing whining on Sunday mornings in the past, suddenly I was hearing "We are going to Sunday school tomorrow, right?" on Saturday evening! This was our first major clue that we were on the right path to a new church home for our family.

As we gently continued wading into the waters at WPC, Ben had started attending youth group in January of 2020. He loved it! MK, the leaders, and the other kids were so welcoming to him. He found a friend group almost immediately. We took this as yet another sign that we had found where we belonged. Our older son, Jay, was headed for a semester in Argentina, so we decided that we would wait until we had everyone back for the summer before we took the final plunge. But, of course, nothing is ever as easy as you think it's going to be.

The pandemic came and suddenly we found all five of us living at home trying to work through the logistics of two virtual schools and two jobs working from home all under one roof. It got complicated. It got crowded. But it turned into a tremendous blessing for our family to have this unexpected time together. We set new schedules. Our internet service got pushed to its limits. Our dogs got lots of walks. I cooked a lot. But one thing that did not change was WPC. Sure, we weren't worshipping in person, but it became an integral part of our weekly family routine. Ben even looked forward to youth group via Zoom! At that point, we knew for certain that we had indeed found our church home.

We are grateful for the journey that led us to WPC. It certainly wasn't the year that we had planned, but our family saw firsthand how God can use the most unusual of circumstances to lead you home. Thanks for being a congregation who rolled out the welcome mat!

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

• **Money and the Bible**

Leader: Ben Dorr
 Room: 209

What does the Bible actually say about money? Where does it tell us to tithe? How do we know how much to share? Does the New Testament take a different view of money than the Old Testament? The discussion of money in church is usually reserved for the fall stewardship campaign. But how we spend, use, and share our possessions is a subject woven throughout scripture and one that affects the daily decisions we make. Using Luke Timothy Johnson's book, *Sharing Possessions*, as the primary text for this class, we will explore the questions above and many others. There is no charge for this class.

• **Protecting Creation From Different Perspectives**

Led by WPC's Creation Stewardship Group
 Room: 212

Our dependence on fossil fuels is not just a rallying point for environmentalists. It is also a threat to our national security. The film, 'The Burden', introduces fossil fuel dependence as a burden on our military and guides us to common ground between those wanting to protect the creation and those wanting to protect our nation.

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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