



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

“However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own. The question, therefore, is not 'How can we make community?' but, 'How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?’”

*Henri Nouwen*

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

*Keith Stevenson*

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Young

Introit

“How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord”

Tallis

\* Call to Worship

*Psalm 112:5-6, 8-9*

**Leader:** It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People:** **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

**Leader:** Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

**People:** **They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.**

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

\* Hymn No. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that far too often, our fear triumphs over our faith.**

**We become scared of the future, and invest too much energy in our own security.**

**We become fearful of the stranger,**

**focusing on our own interests, and failing to look out for the interests of others.**

**We become worried about our loved ones,**

**believing that they belong to us,**

**forgetting that they are your gift to us.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, and turn our hearts around.**

**Lead us in new paths of righteousness,**

**so that we would strive for generosity,**

**gentleness, and grace.**

**Let your Holy Spirit guide our minds and hearts,**

**so that we might share all that we have,**

**always grateful for the love we have received.**

**Through Jesus 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)

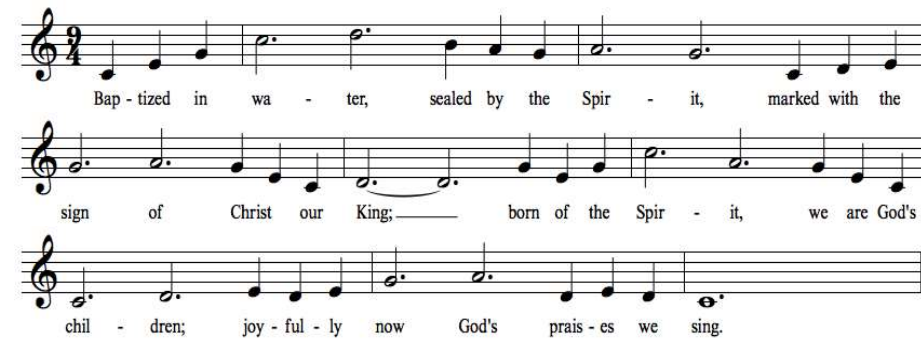
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism 11:15a

*Edson Gray Giguere*

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

Old Testament Lesson, *Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

p. 150

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 12:22-34*

p. 847

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

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

Sermon

*"There Your Heart Will Be Also"*

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.**

Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a

"Nothing Can Trouble"

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

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Kohrs

\* 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. 296

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

WONDRIOUS LIGHT

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response

"Go With Us, Lord, and Guide the Way"

Tallis

\* Postlude

"Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound"

Handel

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Nancy Giguere, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Mark Kemp, *soloist* (9a)

Westminster Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Ruth Collins (9a), Elizabeth Clark (11:15a), *lay readers*

Michael Hoffman (9a), Coleman Kirven (11:15a), *head ushers*

Kevin Lancaster, Durden Collins, Jara Jones,

Keith Stevenson, LeAnne White (9a), *greeters*

Rob Morgan, Lisa Mangione, Meg McKnight,

Emily Busby, Tony Atkins (11:15a), *greeters*

Madeline Hardaway (9a), Daniel Knauer, Capitola Riley (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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

We welcome *Edson Gray Giguere*, son of Kent & Caroline Giguere, in our 11:15a worship service this morning.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTHS

The birth of a son, *William Banks Evans*, to Clay & Hayley Evans on Monday, October 25, 2021.

The birth of a son, *Ethan Campbell Rogers*, to Nate Rogers & Allidah Muller on Sunday, October 31, 2021 in Brooklyn, NY.

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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**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.

**HIKING GROUP**

The Hiking Group will meet again on Friday, November 12, to hike the Dismal Trail at Caesars Head State Park. Hike Leader: Kathryn Algary (kaalgary@gmail.com). Those wanting to meet at the trailhead should be at Raven Cliff Falls at 9:15a. Those meeting at the church should be there at 8a.

**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.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 14**

Now more than ever is the time to support our church home. Your contributions fight housing and food insecurity, they help children in the foster care system, they provide hurricane and emergency relief. Your contributions help build Habitat Homes, and they provide support for It's Elementary and our Youth Programs. They maintain our beautiful campus, ensure the sound of the organ fills our sanctuary, and support our pastoral staff. When you pledge to Westminster you are helping us build and create a home for our entire community, and a spiritual home for thousands.

We hope that you will return home on November 14th and offer a pledge to support Westminster in 2022. Even if you have never pledged before, we hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help us be a home for our city.

If you are unable to be here...

- send your pledge card directly to the church office
- make a pledge via our church website, at [wpc-online.org/give](http://wpc-online.org/give)
- send an e-mail to [sherri@wpc-online.org](mailto:sherri@wpc-online.org), and Sherri Owens, our Financial Secretary, will be happy to record your commitment.

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**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.

**CHERUB CHOIR**

It's time for Westminster's young voices, ages 4 and 5, to register for this fall's Cherub Choir. Children's Choir Coordinator Katie Knauer will provide videos of Advent and Christmas songs for you to view at home as often as you wish. Please visit the 'connect' tab at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org) to sign up to be a part! Contact Katie ([kknauer@wpc-online.org](mailto:kknauer@wpc-online.org)) for more information.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES**

- **Circle #3**, at the home of Barbara Wallace (220 Shannon Lake Cir) at 2p. Dee Malone, chair ([dee05m@gmail.com](mailto:dee05m@gmail.com)).
- **Circle #7**, at the home of Terri LeGrand at 6:30p. Talitha Allen, chair ([best29617@bellsouth.net](mailto:best29617@bellsouth.net)).

**Wednesday, November 10**

- **Circle #6**, at the home of Liz Einstein at 9:30a. Sherry Tate ([sherrytate63@gmail.com](mailto:sherrytate63@gmail.com)) and Liz Einstein ([liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com](mailto:liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com)) co-chairs.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER**

*Save the Date!*

**ADVENT GATHERING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
November 7 - 14, 2021**

**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

**Tuesday, November 9**

- 10:00a Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian-Sptbg.
- 12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting
- 2:00 Circle 3
- 6:30 Circle 7

**Wednesday, November 10**

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

**Thursday, November 11**

- 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting

**Saturday, November 13**

- 9:00a Hiking Group to Dismal Trail

**Sunday, November 14**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Stewardship Commitment Sunday**

- 9:00a Worship Service
- Witness & Service Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 5:00p WoW Leadership Planning Meeting
- 6:00 November Nights Vespers
- 6:35 November Nights Classes

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour [this](#) Saturday night, November 6.

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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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**From the Pews, Anne Howson**

Have you ever thought about the connection between the two words “home” and “stewardship?” As a retired librarian, I was delighted to have an excuse to take a deep dive into *The Oxford English Dictionary* to explore the history of these two words, knowing it would provide a treasure trove of historical information.

According to the *OED*, the first use of the word “stewardship” appeared in print in 1465 in “Manners and household expenses of England in the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries.” It took another 400 years or so to apply the concept of stewardship to the church, however. In 1884, the following entry appeared in the *OED*: “Ecclesiastical Stewardship is the responsible use of resources, esp. money, time, and talents, in the services of God; spec. the organized pledging of specific amounts of money etc. to be given regularly to the Church.”

The *OED* also references Charles Monroe Sheldon, a Congregationalist minister, who in 1899 introduced the social gospel movement, calling upon the church to use its money to care for the members of the wider community. By 1980 the *OED* notes, the concept of Christian stewardship had grown to include man’s attitude about the natural world and his use of its resources.

I pulled myself away from the *OED* with regret—on to 21st century resources to explore what the Presbyterian Church says about Christian stewardship. The PCUSA maintains several excellent websites that explore this topic. Farley Lord and Christian Peele sum up the true meaning of stewardship in their article in the February 19, 2019 issue of the PCUSA magazine, *Presbyterian Outlook*: “If we quadruple our church bank accounts but aren’t transformed into a community of people who are kinder, gentler, more ready to welcome the stranger, more forgiving and more committed to justice, then we may have practiced fundraising, but we didn’t find ourselves playing in the deepest wells of real stewardship where real change lives.”

The *OED*’s definition of “home” is even more expansive than that of “stewardship,” but for the sake of brevity, I’ll focus upon two that seem particularly apt: A place where something originates, flourishes, or is most typically found; the seat, centre, or birthplace of an activity and A refuge, a sanctuary; a place or region to which one naturally belongs or where one feels at ease.

Westminster Presbyterian Church exemplifies the vibrant intersection of “home” and “stewardship.” It is here that we find a sense of belonging. It is here that Christian stewardship flourishes, calling us to take care of our church, our community, and our planet. It is here that we are challenged to be the change we seek in the world.

**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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Children are invited to an Advent Workshop where we'll learn about the season of Advent and prepare our hearts by creating visual reminders of the words and symbols of the season.  
 3K and 4K Children's Church Room  
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