



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

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

The Ream Family

Prelude

"Sinfonia"

J.S. Bach

* Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Leader: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.

People: **We will keep these words in our hearts.**

Leader: Recite them to your children
and talk about them when you are at home
and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.

People: **We will bind them as a sign on our hands,
we will fix them as emblems on our foreheads,
we will write them on the doorposts of our house
and on our gates.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No.1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we know that our obedience has been half-hearted,
and our commitment to you has been weak.**

**We are experts in making idols
out of that which increases our comfort,
but we scorn the kind of sacrifice
that puts the needs of others before our own.**

We are awash in fear, and childish with our faith.

Forgive us, cleanse us, and restore us, gracious God.

**Create within us the desire to love as Christ loved,
and the will to walk where Christ walked,
so that his compassion would guide us
and his cross would ground us.**

In his holy 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)

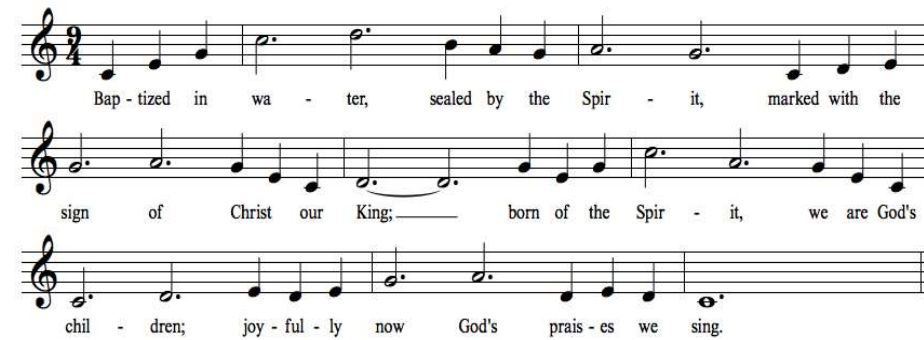
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism *11:15a*

Sawyer Steele Powell

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, *Isaiah 42:5-9*

p. 584

Gospel Lesson, *Mark 10:46-52*

p. 823

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"He Threw It Off"

Anthem *11:15a*

"Unclouded Day"

Kirchner

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.**

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sorensen

* 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. 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

St. ANNE

*During the hymn you are invited to bring your pledge card forward.
Please come to the chancel by way of the center aisle
and return to your pew from the side aisles.*

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response *11:15a*

"Amen"

Keen

* Postlude

Postlude on Old 100th

Bock

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Mary Ashmore, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble ^(9a)

Westminster Sanctuary Choir, The Senior Choristers ^(11:15a)

Stephen Woods ^(9a), Elizabeth Metherell ^(11:15a), *lay readers*

Ross Glidewell ^(9a), Zach Freeman ^(11:15a), *head ushers*

Kate Weaver Patterson, Jara Jones, Kevin Lancaster,

Ben Edwards, Sarah Beasley ^(9a), *greeters*

Mary Ashmore, Toni Paylor, Anna Hanor,

Lesley Usher, Mae Todd Mullins ^(11:15a), *greeters*

Emmie Paradise ^(9a), Mary Evans Howayceck ^(11:15a), *acolytes*

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. 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. 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.

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

We welcome Sawyer Steele Powell, daughter of Michael & Kaley Powell, in our 11:15a worship service this morning.

Membership@WPC

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 21. Those who attend the class are invited to become members during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Julia Watkins (jwatkins@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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.

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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.

LUNCHEON GROUP

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, November 17, at 11a in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet again on Thursday, November 18, to hike Lee Falls. Hike Leader: Ralph Bouton (ralphbouton@yahoo.com). Contact Ralph if you are interested in participating.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, 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
- send an e-mail to 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 to sign up to be a part! Contact Katie (kknauer@wpc-online.org) for more information.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

ADVENT GATHERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:30P

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 14 - 21, 2021

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
12:30p	Session Meeting
6:00	November Nights Vespers
6:35	November Nights Classes

Tuesday, November 16

12:00p	AI-Anon Group Meeting
	Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 17

9:30a	Weekday Chapel
9:45	Weekday Chapel
10:00	Weekday Chapel
11:00	Luncheon Group Meeting
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 18

8:00a	Hiking Group
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Sunday, November 21

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Worship Service
	New Member Class
10:00	Sunday School
11:15	Worship Service
4:00p	Baptism Class
4:30	WoW Leadership Planning Meeting
5:00	Middler Youth Group
5:15	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:30	Middler Choir Rehearsal
	Senior High Youth Group

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

During the Sunday School hour on December 19, you're invited to the International Christmas Festival, a churchwide event! All ages can explore traditions from various countries as we prepare our hearts this Advent. Visit the different countries in classrooms to learn about the origins of some of your favorite traditions and how people around the world celebrate the coming of the Christ child. There will also be an alternative gift market with gift ideas from local mission partners and fair trade items from around the world. There are also lots of ways to give your time to help make this event a success! If you're interested in helping with this event, learn more and sign up using the link on our website.

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From the Pews, Jennifer McDavid

I didn't grow up at Westminster. My parents and sister joined after I had gone off to college, but when I moved back to Greenville almost 12 years later, this beautiful church was where I felt most at home. At first, it was the familiar faces: our neighbors and friends. Then, I started going to Sunday School and meeting new people there. When I joined my mom and sister on one of the mission trips to the Dominican Republic, I met and formed bonds with so many other people in the congregation of all ages. It was only one week spent doing some incredibly hard, incredibly dirty, and incredibly valuable work alongside some incredibly awesome people, but that week cemented this church and its people into my life.

My husband and I were married here. We helped build a Habitat house. My children have been baptized here. I see friends from church all over town, even when they bring their pets to see me at work. I see people from this congregation in the news, doing good things in Greenville and beyond. I see other members quietly doing work that is vitally important, yet not as visible. Just seeing the blue Westminster magnet and/or sticker on fellow members' cars gives me an immediate rush of community.

The past (almost) two years have been so difficult in so many ways. Our family has struggled to stay engaged with life outside of our physical home. Fear of this virus, spreading it to our loved ones or causing harm to others, has had a near total grip on our lives. I have lost clients to it and seen friends debilitated with longterm health problems. It has been hard to creep back toward "normal," especially when it feels like there could be another surge around the corner.

Throughout this time, Westminster has been a beacon of calm, peace, and care for others. We kept moving steadily forward, under the guidance of our ministers, Session, and COVID response team. When in-person worship resumed, we all rejoiced. We have had to step back to mostly virtual again within our own family for the past couple of months, but how grateful we are that we have worship options.

Our church does so much good in our world. Each person in this congregation brings gifts to our collective table. By joining this community of faith, we each take on a responsibility to bring God's goodness into the world around us, into creating a home for God's creation. Home is more than a building or a location on a map. Home is a feeling of being where you are welcomed and valued and loved. Westminster is that place and community for our family.

NOVEMBER NIGHTS
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Join your church family this Sunday evening, November 14, 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
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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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