



Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

We pray to you, O God: be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted, have mercy on the lowly, raise up the fallen, help the needy, humble the proud, return the lost, feed the hungry, release the captive, heal the sick, revive the weak, and comfort those in fear. All this we ask for the sake of the world you love, and in the name of the one you sent to save us: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clement of Rome, 1st century

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

Carrie Marguet

Prelude "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" arr. Page

Introit *11:15a* "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Bourgeois

* Call to Worship *Colossians 1:13, 15, 19-20*

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

People: **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

Leader: In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

People: **And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

* Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by his justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Raise us to new life, so that the imagination of Jesus would be our guide, and the gentleness of Jesus would be our way.

Give us courage to accept his authority over our rebellious hearts, and help us to be loyal ambassadors, bearing witness to his promised kingdom.

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.

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 42:1-4* p. 584

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 27:11-14* p. 810

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Silence of Jesus"

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.

Call to Prayer *11:15a* "O Savior in this Quiet Place" Green

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 "The God of Love My Shepherd Is" Hayes

* 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

Recognition of New Members *11:15a*

* Hymn No. 378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" MERLE'S TUNE

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response *11:15a* "Amen" Harling

* Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Lowe

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Brian Blount *(9a)*, LeAnne White *(11:15a)*, *sponsors*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Mark Kemp, *tenor* *(9a)*

Westminster Sanctuary Choir, *(11:15a)*

Gayle Key *(9a)*, Sara Betts *(11:15a)*, *lay readers*

Jason Farmer *(9a)*, Bryant Puntch *(11:15a)*, *head ushers*

Emily Busby, Keith Stevenson, Laura Williams Sanders,

Kevin Lancaster, Carl Muller *(9a)*, *greeters*

Talitha Allen, LeAnne White, Russ Williams,

Anna Hanor, Caroline Clark *(11:15a)*, *greeters*

Charlotte Willis, Molly Willis *(9a)*, Daniel Knauer *(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.

Membership@WPC

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This Sunday in the 11:15a worship service, we welcome new members into the Westminster Church family. All are invited to greet them in the Atrium following worship.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

ADVENT LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:30P

SIGN UP ONLINE TO PURCHASE LUNCH OR TO REQUEST CHILDCARE. DEADLINE IS 12/2.

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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NEW CLASS
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

11/21-12/12: JESUS' WOMEN
ROOM 209 &
STREAMING AT WPC-ONLINE.ORG

If you've grown up in the church you know the story of Christmas well – shepherds watching their flock at night, angels announcing good news, a fearful family watched by Rome, and an outpost shed turned into a nursery for the Messiah. But how well do you know Jesus' genealogy? In Matthew, Jesus' lineage is traced through Abraham, and includes four Gentile women – an unusual addition for an ancient genealogy. Join us as we consider the strange characters of Christmas, and what these women can teach us about God's work in the world.

November 21: Tamar

November 28: Rahab

December 5: Ruth

December 12: Uriah's Wife
(Bathsheba)

WESTFEST IX:

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POINSETTIA/ENDOWMENT/HERITAGE LECTURE MEMORIALS

Those who wish to remember loved ones during the Christmas Season may do so in three ways. Poinsettias for the sanctuary may be purchased for \$15.00 or you may give to either the Endowment or Heritage Lecture Funds. Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary at the Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve Services. Please fill out the slip below or contact the church office, 232-2424. Donors may pick up their poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service you choose to attend. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, December 8.

Donor _____

In Memory of _____

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In Honor of _____

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Poinsettias x \$15.00 = \$_____ Endowment:_____ Heritage Lecture: _____

ANCIENT SYMBOL,
PRESENT WORD

11/28
ROOM 212

Every year our Chrismon trees go up and become a backdrop for treasured family photos. Filled with ancient symbols, they teach us about Jesus the Christ, but do you know how this tree came to be and the meaning of the symbols? Come learn all about Chrismons and possibly try your hand at making a few! This intergenerational class will deepen your appreciation for the trees and maybe inspire some for your own family tree.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21 - 28, 2021

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday

- 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

Tuesday, November 23

- 12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00a Worship Service - communion
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:15 Worship Service - communion
- 5:30p WestFest IX

THE SESSION The Class of 2022

Talitha Allen	Michael Dixon
Sarah Beasley	Ben Edwards
Brian Blount	Ashley Gettys
Scott Clark	Anna Hanor
Brandon Coker	Susan Jones
Bob Dellert	Becky Warth

The Class of 2023

Mary Ashmore	Kevin Lancaster
Tony Atkins	Lisa Mangione
Jeff Beck	Rob Morgan
Emily Busby	Carl Muller
Caroline Clark	Mae Todd Mullins
Durden Collins	Laura Williams Sanders

The Class of 2024

Hastings Blumer	Toni Paylor
Jay Culclasure	Neil Shurley
Ross Glidewell	Keith Stevenson
Jara Jones	Lesley Usher
Meg McKnight	LeAnne White
Kate Weaver Patterson	Russ Williams

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open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Jacob Barker

The word home can mean different things to different people. For me, home is a place where I feel at peace and feel comfortable with those around me. Home is a place where I can escape the stress of everyday life and connect with the things and people that are most important to me.

My family and I feel so fortunate to be able to call Westminster Presbyterian Church home. For over 12 years, WPC has been a place that has welcomed our family with open arms and provided a refuge for our family to grow and be nurtured by God's love as well as the love of the other members of the church. We gather at the church to share stories, we gather for encouragement, and we gather for support. We also gather as a family for the many wonderful programs offered at Westminster including Sunday school, It's Elementary, church basketball, November Nights, and many others.

Over the past two years we have not been able to gather as a church family as regularly or as comfortably as we all would have liked. It has been during this time that I have come to truly understand just how important my church home is to me. I have missed my church family very much and I am so grateful today things are getting back to normal. I have learned that I very much need the comfort, support, and encouragement WPC provides.

The pandemic has also given me a chance to reflect on how important a church home is to not only to me and my family but also so many other people. WPC and its programs impact so many people not only in Greenville but around the world because our members take an active role with their time and money to ensure WPC is a place of refuge and love. The process of making a church a home for so many people, however, is not something that happens by chance or some stroke of luck. It requires all of us all working together, listening to one another, grieving, laughing, and rejoicing together, and giving of our time and money.

I am so thankful for WPC and my church home. As we transition back to a more normal way of life at the church I look forward to taking the gratitude I have gained over the last two years and putting it to action to help ensure WPC continues to be an amazing home for others in the years to come.



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