



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Youth Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

“God once spoke to people by name.
The sun once imparted its flame.
One impulse persists as our breath.
The other persists as our faith.”

- Robert Frost, *Sitting by a Bush in Broad Daylight*

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.**

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Forrest

* Call to Worship Brice Woodhouse

Leader: We are called to follow God's commandments.
All: **We are called.**
Leader: We are all the beloved children of God.
All: **We are beloved.**
Leader: We are saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.
All: **We are saved.**
Leader: God has chosen us to be his people.
All: **We are chosen. Let us worship God.**

* Hymn No. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

* Prayer of Confession Witt Dickens

God of love, we confess that when we feel anxious or uncertain, when we are grieving and weary, we often forget the divine spark that connects us to you and one another. Instead, we retreat into patterns of animosity, exclusion, and cruelty. We harm one another, and in doing so, we break your heart. In these moments of uncertainty, remind us of who we are: your best new idea--beloved children called to the good, hard work of seeking connection in a world prone to division. God of mercy, forgive us and help us to live into the hope we have through your Son Jesus Christ Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon Witt Dickens

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

Scripture Lesson Philippians 4:4-7 Shaw Shurley (9a); Kat Kabu (11:15a)
Sermon Emma Shurley

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Julia Freedman
Sermon Murray Freedman

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:35-39 Nan Partridge
Sermon Ava Major

Scripture Lesson Romans 5:1-5 Madeline Barker
Sermon Carleigh Bultz

Scripture Lesson John 20:24-29 Anna Howard
Sermon Avery Howard

* Hymn No. 19 "God of Great and God of Small" GOD OF GREAT

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith Thomas Edmondson

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Cameron Barnhardt & Margaret Rowan

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 "Lord, I Believe" Shackley

* 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 Gage Gettys

* Hymn No. 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

* Charge and Benediction Sam Dorr & Levi Kemp

* Postlude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Smith

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Nancy Smith, *organist*

Rosemary Hughes, *pianist*

Emma Shurley, *flutist*

Westminster Youth Choir

Jason Farmer (9a), Elizabeth Palmer (11:15a), *head ushers*

Whit Palmer, David Lowe, Sam Vanderbloemen, Capers Bouton,

Timmons Hardaway, Gray Blount, *ushers*

Jack DuBose, Charlie McFadden,

Lily Simons, Evy Simons, *Children's Church Leaders*

Sam Dorr, Levi Kemp, *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.

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, *Roscoe Davis Orren*, to John & Olivia Orren on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

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The birth of a son, *Michael Preston Sanders*, to Corey Sanders & Laura Williams Sanders on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

We Remember in Prayer

Caroline Clark on the death of her step-father, John Bimshas, in Plymouth, MA - 1/28/2022.

We Remember in Prayer

Rita Barker on the death of her father, Ben Grady Bolt, in Anderson - 1/29/2022.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Here at Westminster we proclaim a thoughtful Christianity that seeks challenge and comfort, and always looks for the ways old stories can renew new faith, from our youngest disciples to our most seasoned.

Elementary, Middle, and High School Class Locations

4K thru Elementary: Bottom level (1st floor):

4K and 5K	Room 104
1st and 2nd Grade	Room 107
3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade	Room 125

The Middle and High School rooms are upstairs in the 300 hallway:

Grades 6, 7, and 8	Youth Suite "main"
Grades 9-12	Youth Suite "games"

Adult Classes

Adult faith formation is a central part of the life of Westminster. Join us beginning this Sunday, February 6, to explore the ways Scripture disrupts, builds up, and interacts with modern discipleship, and to explore familiar stories more deeply. This quarter will run for six weeks, ending March 16. Adult classes meet at 10a on the 200 Hall. New this semester:

Abraham: A Life of Faith

Room 209 and streaming live at wpc-online.org

Building on the earliest stories of Genesis, we will now turn our focus to Father Abraham – an iconic ancestor of three faiths, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Themes of call and covenant, critical to Protestant faith and Jewish identity, will be explored, alongside a close reading of more difficult stories: Hagar and Ishmael, Sodom and Gomorah, the binding of Isaac, and Abraham's children.

Led by Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey

Welcome the Stranger: Justice, Compassion, and Truth in the Immigration Debate

Room 212

Examine the complex root causes and potential solutions for immigration through a biblical, historical, and political lens. This discussion-based class is offered in partnership with World Relief, a global Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable, specifically refugees and other immigrants. The class will culminate with opportunities to volunteer in service of refugees in and around Greenville.

Led by Walter Hinton and Nikki Grumbine and Associate Pastor Julia Watkins

Nikki Grumbine, a retired textile marketing executive, is a board member (and former board president) of Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR). In 2019 she received the Clean Water Champion Award in recognition of her work with FoRR. Nikki is a past and newly-elected elder here at Westminster.

Walter Hinton is a well-respected attorney in Greenville with expertise in aviation and maritime law. He is active in the Heritage Lecture Committee and the Theology Reading Group. Walter is a past elder at Westminster.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 - 13, 2022

Sunday, February 6

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Youth Sunday

9:00a	Worship Service
	Membership Committee Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
5:00p	Middler Youth Group
6:30	Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday, February 8

12:00p	AI-Anon Group Meeting
2:00	Circle 3

Wednesday, February 9

9:30a	Circle 6
	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
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 10

12:00p	Finance Committee Meeting
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Friday, February 11

9:00a	Hiking Group
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Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Souper Bowl of Caring

9:00a	Worship Service
	Witness & Service Committee Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
	Confirmation Class
10:55	Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
2:00p	New Elder Training
	Souper Bowl of Caring Canned Food Drive
4:00	Baptism Class
4:30	WoW Leadership Planning Meeting
5:15	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:30	Middler Choir Rehearsal

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by **Mary Kathleen Duncan**

With the help of advisors and the leadership of Lauren Hood, the youth of Westminster have thoughtfully prepared a worship service centered on the words, "I Am." This has been their theme all school year. Through it, they have explored the identities they have in the triune God - Beloved, Chosen, Saved, Called... The phrase "I Am" also reminds us that God is the "Great I Am" (Exodus 3:13-15) who created the world in love, who redeemed the world in grace, and who sustains the world with holy power. Without God, we are nothing. Without God, there is no goodness.

When I look at the youth of Westminster, I see many things - a strong sense of community, an enthusiasm for growing in the faith of Christ, a resilience despite trying times. The past two years have not been easy for anyone, but especially hard on teenagers. They've had important milestones taken away, precious experiences cancelled or dramatically changed, and for WPCYG - they've had their youth pastor out on medical leave. Despite all of this, they continue to show up and, like Moses, say "Here I Am". They've also supported me over the past 9 months in a myriad of ways - prayer, service, love. And today they are leading our entire congregation in worship and boldly proclaiming what they believe. I couldn't be more proud of this group. WPCYG, I have some additional identities for you -

I Am Strong

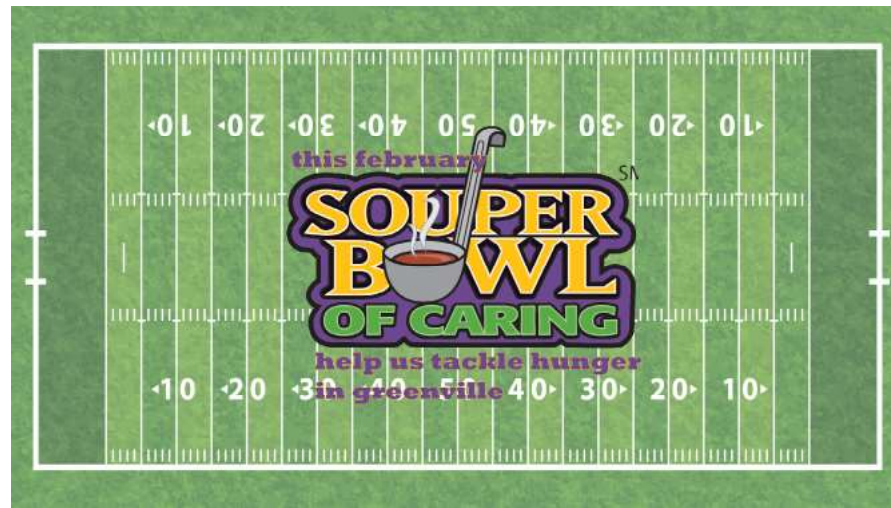
I Am Resilient

I Am Equipped.

You are the church and we are grateful for your leadership today.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 13th, 2022



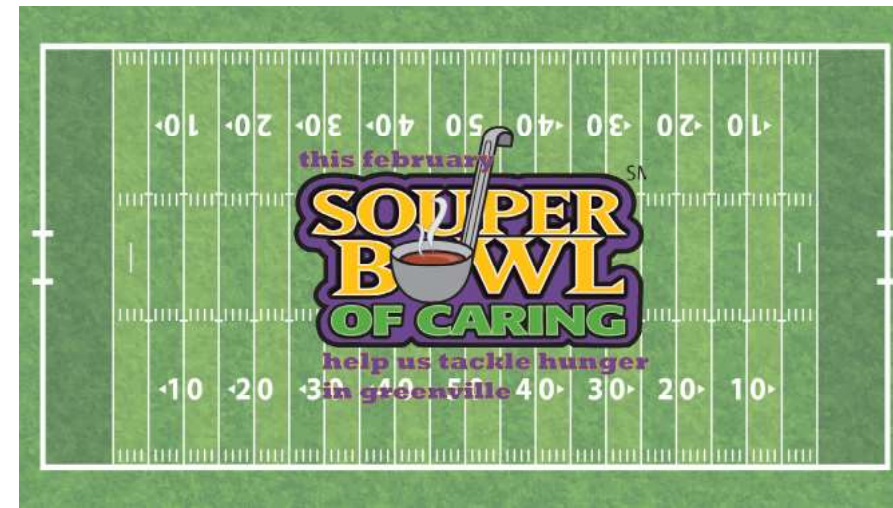
Join our Youth as we collect food and monetary donations for United Ministries! During Worship on February 13th, our youth will be present to collect monetary donations. Then, that afternoon from 2-3:30p, Youth will collect non-perishable food items at WPC. Middlers will be in the Weekday School back carpool circle, and Senior High will be in the front parking lot.

Monetary donations:
in Worship
or *Give Today* on WPC website
(reason: **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**)

Canned Goods:
from 2-3:30p at WPC
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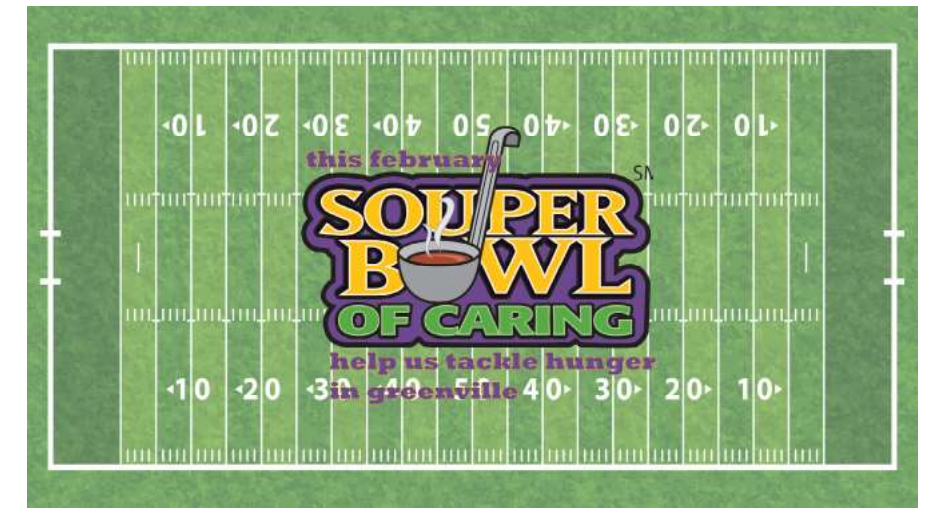
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WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tuesday, February 8

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Wednesday, February 9

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

HIKING GROUP

FILL THE FOOD PANTRY

Friday, February 11

The Hiking Group's next hike will be in Panthertown Valley, north of Cashiers. Contact Hike Leader, Durden Collins (durden.collins@gmail.com), if interested.

In this season of abundance, practice generosity by donating the following items to the United Ministries food pantry: canned fruit and vegetables, soups, pastas, canned meat, peanut butter, and powdered milk. Items may be left in the marked wall cabinets in the Friendship Court.

K5 - 5TH GRADE TEAMS BASKETBALL BANQUET TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Celebrate the 2021-2022 season of WPC Basketball for K5-5th grade teams. Teams will be recognized and trophies awarded. The nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today at www.wpc-online.org. More details TBA.

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