



**Pentecost**

Preparation for **Worship**

God our Creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. Make us messengers of the good news this day, that through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Recognition of Mark Kemp

Announcements

Prelude Hymn Wagner

\* Call to Worship Galatians 3:27-29

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn #280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with courage to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Epistle Lesson, *Galatians 5:22-25* p. 948

New Testament Lesson, *Acts 2:1-21* p. 885

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Geography"

Responding to **God's Word**

\* Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Anthem "Spirit, Open My Heart" Fedak

\* 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 #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" McKEE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response AKERS

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

\* Postlude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Purifoy

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Perrin White, *lay reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist*

The Summer Choir

Rance Bryan, *head usher*

Tom Vanderbloemen, Parks Workman, Nikki Grumbine,

Bill Holt, Toni Paylor, *greeters*

Worship Notes

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make foundational layers of meaning for faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday. This shift to reusable items demonstrates how we value hospitality and care for creation.

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.

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on May 22, 2022:

• John & Maggie Meyer joined by transfer from University Presbyterian, Chapel Hill, NC. They have two children, McGowan (3) and Hart (5 mo.).

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

PENTECOST OFFERING

This annual offering taken by Presbyterian Churches goes to aid children, youth, and young adults. The money helps children at risk both here and abroad. Plus, a portion of the gifts strengthens ministries nurturing the faith of our young people and developing leaders of tomorrow. Twenty percent of the offering is retained by the local church. We invite you to participate in this vital ministry. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Pentecost Offering.

We Remember in Prayer

Marion Crawford on the death of her father, Porter Rose, in Greenville - 5/24/2022.

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.

IT'S ELEMENTARY, REGISTRATION OPEN!

It's Elementary is an after school faith formation group for children in 1st grade-5th grade that meets on Wednesdays during the school year from 2:30-4:30p. Our theme for next school year is "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." Children will learn about Jesus Christ through Bible study, recreation, crafts and games. Registration is required and the link is available on the church website. Register today!

WPC BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 14, at 7p in the church library. Arrive at 6:30p if you want to enjoy fellowship before the meeting. Susan Ferrell will lead our discussion of *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. New attendees are always welcome.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Women of Westminster offers scholarships to provide financial aid among college and graduate student membership within our church. This year, Westminster is also partnering with a local agency, Fostering Great Ideas, so that a portion of funds will support college-bound students in the foster care system. Any Westminster member who will be furthering their education in the fall is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the church office or online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). Applicants may contact Coleman Dixon ([colemandixon@hotmail.com](mailto:colemandixon@hotmail.com)) with any questions. The deadline is Friday, June 24, 2022. Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

MEN OF THE CHURCH TO DRIVE GAME SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AT 3:05P

If interested, call Bob Vannoy (640-9073) or Amos Workman (423-0070), or call the church office to sign up. Deadline for signups is Monday, June 6.

CONNECTIONS GROUP

The Connections Luncheon Group will meet at Bonefish Grill (1515 Woodruff Rd.) on Sunday, June 12 at 11:45a after the 10a worship service. RSVP by Friday, June 10, to Ruth Johnston ([ruthjohnst51@gmail.com](mailto:ruthjohnst51@gmail.com)). Newcomers are welcome!

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SUMMER DONUTS

Want to help with after-worship donuts throughout the summer? Join the Hospitality Team! Volunteers help with church-wide gatherings as they are able throughout the year. Write "Hospitality Team" on your Connection Card or contact Julia Watkins to get connected.

PLEASANT VALLEY SUMMER CAMP

This summer, WPC is partnering with Pleasant Valley Connection to offer enrichment opportunities with under-resourced children in their summer camp. Volunteers are needed to help from 1:30-2:30pm on June 6, 14, 22, and 27, and throughout the summer. This is a fun opportunity to build relationships with our local outreach partners, enrich the lives of children, and learn about our community. Click here to sign up or for more information, contact Julia Watkins or write "PVC" on your Connection Card.

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

This summer, serve alongside other WPC folks with partner agency, Project Host, whose mission is to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed. Volunteers will prepare, serve, and clean up a meal for our vulnerable neighbors. This is a great way to extend hospitality while getting a glimpse of some of the inequities in our own backyard. Volunteer shifts for ages 15+ are 2nd Tuesdays (June 14, July 12, August 9), 9a-1p. Contact Julia Watkins or write "Project Host" on your Connection Card to sign up.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5-12, 2022

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service with communion  
11:00 After Worship Fellowship  
5:00p Low Country Boil

Monday, June 6

1:30p Pleasant Valley Connection Camp  
4:00 Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

12:00p AI-Anon Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

5:30p Middlers Waffle Cone  
Wednesday at Spill the Beans  
7:00 Senior High Dinner Club at Sidewall Pizza

Sunday, June 12

First Sunday after Pentecost

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 After Worship Fellowship  
11:45 Connections Group

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 12** Harbinger.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

the **HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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**From the Pews, Katherine Gettys**

We celebrate Pentecost because this is when believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2:1-21. The Spirit filled these people, and they were speaking in tongues. A crowd of people with diverse backgrounds came and saw the ruckus. Amazingly, even though they spoke different languages, they were all able to understand. The message was both universal and individual at once.

I've always felt a bit puzzled regarding these verses and speaking in tongues - ironically it has seemed like gibberish to me. Maybe I'm concerned that had I lived back then, I may have been among those who mocked and said, "They are full of new wine." More likely though, my discomfort comes from a lack of hearing the message God is speaking to me through the passage. Having the opportunity to pour over Acts 2 while thinking about what to write "from the pews" opened my ears.

There are two themes that stood out to me in the Pentecost passage:

1. The Spirit speaks to us where we are and in a way we can understand.
2. The Spirit that unites us is much greater than the conflicts that divide us as believers.

I have never experienced people speaking in tongues, yet I have experienced the Spirit. I know and understand things that I otherwise wouldn't - because of the Spirit within me. God has spoken to me quietly through his living word. Recently, at the Palm Sunday service my children were busy coloring, dropping crayons, and surely distracting the people in the pews around us. Many can understand the angst that comes from sitting with little ones during "big church". As I distractedly listened to the scripture lesson about the first Palm Sunday, I pictured adults and kids running and waving around palm branches like the wild little things kids can be. I pictured some in the crowd and the pharisees feeling the need to calm the chaos. And I pictured Jesus saying- let them be, they are doing what they are meant to do, and if they don't shout praises, then the rocks will. In that moment on Palm Sunday, the Spirit reminded me that God understands children, and that coloring in the pew was exactly where He wanted them. Let's be honest though, the verses surrounding Palm Sunday are not about kids in church pews. Regardless, the Spirit used God's living word to calm my angst in that moment because ... God speaks to us where we are, because His Spirit is within us.

The second theme that stood out in the passage - is that the Spirit of God overcame the differences between many people and cultures. Faithful Jewish people from far off lands were in town to celebrate. The crowd of spectators were from varied cultures whose differences far exceeded just language and tradition. These people were from places that in modern day correlate with Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel, Palestine, Kuwait, Turkey, Egypt, Libya, Rome, Greece, and Saudi Arabia. Though the spectators were from lands with a timeless history of discord, they were all faithful and the Spirit was not hindered in reaching them. Often it can be easier to find and focus on differences rather than similarities. So many are divided on controversial issues, despite our common faith. This passage reminds me that the Spirit is bigger than our worldly differences. The Spirit reaches each of us individually where we are and at the same time, unites us as believers.



