



Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi

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 "Voluntary" Boyce

* Call to Worship Psalm 27:1, 13-14

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord! Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Let us worship God!

* Hymn #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we know that our lives are too often governed by our fears.

We are scared to trust your promises, scared to give up power, scared to share our possessions, and scared to step forward in faith.

We idolize control, and love to swim in the shallow waters of discipleship.

Give us courage, O God, so that we might go where Christ sends us and follow wherever he leads us.

Let our love more closely resemble Christ's love: in the ways we serve our neighbor, in the ways we sacrifice for the stranger, in the ways we forgive one another.

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

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 8:22-25* p. 841

Old Testament Lesson, *1 Kings 19:1-15a* p. 284

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Because He Was Faithful"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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

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

Anthem "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" Pote

* 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 #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

* 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 "To God Be the Glory" arr. Hayes

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Amos Workman, *liturgist*

Jade Fountain, *lay reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist*

The Summer Choir

Brad Hawkins, *head usher*

Hastings Blumer, Meg McKnight, Ginny Reed,

Neil Shurley, Keith Stevenson, *greeters*

Charlotte Willis, Molly Willis, *acolytes*

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.

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.

We Remember in Prayer

Lauren Hood on the death of her father, Robert Hood, in Columbia, SC - 6/7/2022.

Because of a paper shortage in the cream base that we use for printing the Harbinger, we will use a white stock for mailing the weekly bulletin until supplies increase.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- Jim & Delane Bickelhaupt joined by transfer from First Christian Church, Sandy Springs, GA.
- Ted & McKinley Hyman joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville. They have a son, Theo (11 mos.).

MIDDLER MISSION TRIP

We ask for the congregation's prayers as a group of 15 Middler Youth and their mighty chaperones (Lauren Hood, Julia Watkins, and Donn James) travel to Raleigh, NC today to participate in a weeklong service experience with Youth Mission Co. They will be serving in a variety of non-profit contexts in Raleigh, learning about what makes Raleigh unique and the challenges they face in serving those on the margins, and reflecting on how their service and Christian faith intersect. Youth Participants: Madeline Barker, Joseph Busby, Braden Cox, Natalie Dixon, Chapman Doar, Cooper Dorr, John Gettys, JP Hartman, Amelia Hughes, Ben Morrow, Anna Puntch, Hank Usher.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPEN MINDS • Gathering@WPC

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!

2022 GRADUATE

A graduate was missed in last week's bulletin. Maxwell Gassner graduated from Brashier Charter High School.

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. Applicants may contact Coleman Dixon (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.

OPEN MINDS • Serving with WPC

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. To volunteer, 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 (July 12, August 9), 9a-1p. Contact Julia Watkins or write "Project Host" on your Connection Card to sign up.

OPEN HEARTS • Caring@WPC

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.

OPEN MINDS • Serving with WPC 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 19-26, 2022

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Middler Mission Trip

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 After Worship Fellowship with donuts

Monday, June 20

Middler Mission Trip

Tuesday, June 21

Middler Mission Trip

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 22

Middler Mission Trip

1:30p Pleasant Valley Connection Camp

Thursday, June 23

Middler Mission Trip

Friday, June 24

Middler Mission Trip

12:00p Luncheon Group Meeting

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Senior High Mission Trip

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 After Worship Fellowship with donuts

THE SESSION

The Class of 2023

Mary Ashmore

Tony Atkins

Jeff Beck

Emily Busby

Caroline Clark

Durden Collins

Kevin Lancaster

Lisa Mangione

Rob Morgan

Carl Muller

Mae Todd Mullins

Laura Williams Sanders

The Class of 2024

Hastings Blumer

Laura Cox

Jay Culclasure

Ross Glidewell

Jara Jones

Meg McKnight

Toni Paylor

Neil Shurley

Keith Stevenson

Lesley Usher

LeAnne White

Russ Williams

The Class of 2025

Jacob Barker

Marian Carpenter

Lindsey Donlan

Carroll Farmer

Zach Freeman

Susan Grier

Nikki Grumbine

Bill Holt

Ginny Reed

Jordan Smith

Tom Vanderbloemen

Parks Workman

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open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Amanda Brinkley

This summer marks a decade since my father, Sam, passed away and my son, Sam, was born. My pregnancy was intertwined with my dad's illness from the start: the day I found out I was expecting was the day the pathology report confirmed my dad's lymphoma diagnosis. My son was born in June and just two short months later we lost my dad. I stumbled through life with a newborn and bitter grief. It was a storm that at the time I could not see out of—I could not, in my sadness and in my sleep deprivation, trust that the Lord would get me to the other side.

We all understand the feelings of despair and distress the disciples faced in today's passage in Luke. We have all ridden on the boat through the proverbial storm with what felt like Jesus asleep at the wheel. But with the passage of time and the gift of hindsight, we realize that He was beside us all along. Jesus is with us to calm the storm. He is not asking us to simply get in and ride it out; He is asking us "to go over to the other side of the lake" with Him. Through the storm, through the trial. We are called to walk by faith, with Jesus, through our life's storms, and He will deliver us to the other side. The hard reality of the trust in this relationship is that He may show us through the storm in a night or in 10 years—the timeline is always His.

Faith is always easier when life is sunny than when storms rage around us. Yet, as Oswald Chambers writes: "Faith by its very nature must be tried, and the real trial of faith is not that we find it difficult to trust God, but that God's character has to be cleared in our own minds." There are storms all around us these days, and one thing I know for sure is that our Lord is grieving with us through them. As He captains our boat to the other side of the unspeakable tragedies in our world, in our lives, He is in control. As today's scripture directs, Jesus "commands" our way through the weight of it all. Let us all trust in Him to brighter days.

