



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

The fruitfulness of our little life, once we recognize it and live it as the life of the Beloved, is beyond anything we ourselves could imagine. One of the greatest acts of faith is to believe that the few years we live on this earth are like a little seed planted in a very rich soil. For this seed to bear fruit, it must die.

from *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen

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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Monsell

\* Call to Worship

Leader: God, who rules the universe,  
**People: calls us;**  
 Leader: Christ, who took up his cross,  
**People: calls us;**  
 Leader: The Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul,  
**People: calls us;**  
 Leader: May we faithfully answer.  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn #346 "For the Healing of the Nations" St. THOMAS

\* Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God,**  
**how easily we say we would follow you,**  
**but how often we live as if we don't have a clue**  
**as to what that means.**  
**We choose to gossip about our friends,**  
**rather than surrounding them with love.**  
**We allow our competitive wills to rule us,**  
**rather than looking to the needs of those around us.**  
**We confess we are knowingly obtuse**  
**even when the sins before us should be obvious.**  
**Forgive us, Holy God.**  
**Set us free to serve in love and compassion;**  
**help us to choose the fruit your Spirit offers,**  
**and guide us to the path of faithful discipleship**  
**as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

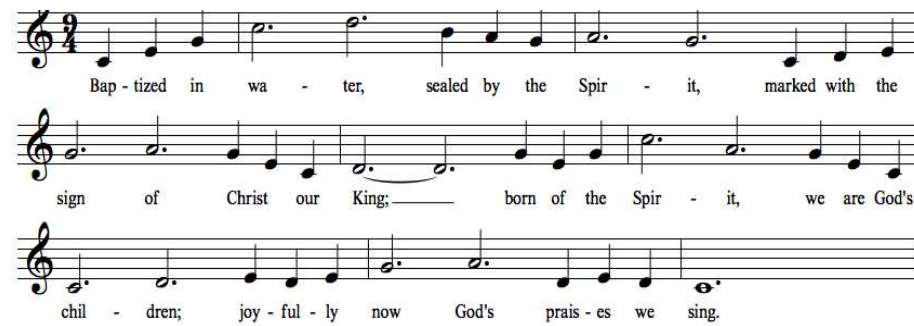
The Sacrament of Baptism

William Ralph Penn Glowacki

Congregational Response

"Baptized in Water"

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Psalm 30* p. 439

New Testament Lesson, *Galatians 5:1,13-25* p. 948

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Life Is About Choices"

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

Anthem "Give Me Jesus" arr. Larson

\* 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 #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" AKERS

*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 Variations on "America" Wesley

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Emily Busby, *sponsor*

Steve Dowe, *lay reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist*

Rosemary Hughes, *soloist*

Ben Edwards, *head usher*

Marian Carpenter, Jordan Smith, Kevin Lancaster,

Tony Atkins, Jeff Beck, *greeters*

Cam Warren, *acolyte*

**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.

**Join Us in Welcoming**

**BAPTISMS**

This morning we welcome into our fellowship William Ralph Penn Glowacki, son of Brian & Bayleigh Glowacki.

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**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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**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.

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### IT'S ELEMENTARY, REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 15

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. **Registration ends July 15.**

### FILL THE FOOD PANTRY

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  
powdered milk

Items may be left in the marked wall cabinets in the Friendship Court.

### 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

Thanks to a strong volunteer response, all spaces have been filled through August. Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve with Project Host coming soon. If you are interested in serving individually, contact Julia Watkins or write "Project Host" on your Connection Card.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3-10, 2022

#### Sunday, July 3

##### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Monday, July 4

*Weekday School Closed*

*Church Office Closed*

#### Tuesday, July 5

*Weekday School Closed*

12:00p AI-Anon Group Meeting

#### Wednesday, July 6

*Weekday School Closed*

5:30p Middle Waffle Cone  
Wednesday at Spill the Beans  
7:00 Senior High Dinner Club at  
Joy of Tokyo

#### Thursday, July 7

*Weekday School Closed*

#### Friday, July 8

*Weekday School Closed*

#### Sunday, July 10

##### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

### THE SESSION

#### 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
Laura Cox	Neil Shurley
Jay Culclasure	Keith Stevenson
Ross Glidewell	Lesley Usher
Jara Jones	LeAnne White
Meg McKnight	Russ Williams

#### The Class of 2025

Jacob Barker	Nikki Grumbine
Marian Carpenter	Bill Holt
Lindsey Donlan	Ginny Reed
Carroll Farmer	Jordan Smith
Zach Freeman	Tom Vanderbloemen
Susan Grier	Parks Workman

# the HARBINGER

open minds open hearts

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### From the Pews, Rance Bryan

Johnston United Methodist Church averaged about 100 people per service in the years I attended. It was the classic, rural South Carolina church with one service at 11am and everyone knew everyone. My first memories of 'church' are in that building, and I attended every Sunday until I graduated high school and left for Clemson University.

Even though our church was small, God blessed us with a wonderful organist, Jim Landers, and music director, Jim Mohorn. The two of them took great pride in making sure our sanctuary was filled with beautiful music every Sunday. My father sang in the choir and I remember the cantatas they would perform during Christmas and Easter and how much work and practice they would put into the programs. We would often receive cassettes or CD's of the cantatas after the program and my mother still plays them quite often.

I specifically remember one Christmas Eve service where the clergy decided they would have Jim play the organ for a little over an hour. During this 'drop-in' service, there would not be a sermon or any congregational singing, only Jim playing a variety of hymns. The congregation could arrive at any time during the program, sit in the sanctuary for as long as they liked, and then approach the altar for communion whenever they wanted. Ten-year-old me was way more excited about Santa Claus than going to church, so when I heard these plans, I was thrilled with that thought that we'd be out of there in less than 10 minutes. What struck me when we arrived was the number of parishioners who stayed for the entire service...just to sit quietly in our sanctuary and hear Jim play. I'll be honest. I don't remember any other Christmas Eve services from my childhood, but I do remember that one.

Psalm 30, verse 4 says 'Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.' This verse made me think about the important role music plays in our worship service. Some of my earliest, and fondest, memories of church involve music. Today, I love hearing the organ play the Prelude as we prepare for the Call to Worship. It makes me feel at home, and the following hymns provide comfort and familiarity. And even though my singing is less than stellar (my kids would say terrible), I can find reassurance in Psalm 30, verse 12 '...that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.'



