



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

I have spent a good deal of time on Sunday mornings contemplating the stained-glass windows of my parish church. As in many another Catholic church, these windows present a gallery of popular saints. They are a reminder that those who gather to worship God in the name of Jesus are never alone. There is a wider “communion of saints” that unites us believers across all boundaries of time and space, even across such a boundary as divides this world from the next.

Robert Ellsberg

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 For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Smith/Hustad

* Call to Worship

Leader: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.
People: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace in this world.

Leader: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world that is full of grace.

People: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

Leader: The One who is with us in every moment speaks a song of love into our hearts.

People: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

* Prayer of Confession

**What more can we say, O God, that you don’t know already?
 You long for justice for all people,
 but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world.
 You hope that righteousness will walk with us,
 but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat.
 You ask us to speak up for those in need,
 but we shut our mouths and turn away.
 Forgive us, Righteous God.
 Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could.
 Turn us toward the examples of those who have gone before us,
 especially our brother and savior, Jesus.
 Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest,
 may we receive the promises of hope and grace
 you have given to us in Christ Jesus 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, #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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

William Estifan Allendorf

Congregational Response

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN



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

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Psalms 125*

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New Testament Lesson, *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Litany of Faith”

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

O Christ, Surround Me

arr. McNair

* Doxology

Hymnal, #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 #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

Hymnal, #740

**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

In Thee Is Gladness

Wood

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Bill Holt, *sponsor*

Stephanie Morgan, *lay reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist*

The Summer Choir

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Emily Busby, Caroline Clark, Durden Collins,

Mary Ashmore, Tony Atkins, *greeters*

Grier Clark, *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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship William Estifan Allendorf, son of Tucker & Jessica Allendorf.

We Remember in Prayer

Amy Meredith on the death of her father, Clarence Edward McAlister, Jr., in Anderson - 7/31/2022.

HYMNS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

To access hymns for livestream worship, click the Harbinger link on the Livestream Worship webpage.

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children are invited to bring their backpack for a blessing this Sunday, August 14, at 9:30a in the Sanctuary Atrium. Along with prayers for a year of learning and growing, they’ll receive a backpack tag to remind them of God’s love through the school year. Join us as we celebrate and pray for a new school year!

Save the Dates!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Celebrate WPC’s 75th Anniversary by packaging 75,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. Everyone (ages 8+) is welcome to join in this fun service opportunity in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 20, with 2-hour shifts from 8a-4p. Childcare is available from 10a-12p for ages birth-4K. Register now on the WPC website, or write “Rise Against Hunger” on your Connection Card to get involved.

75TH GALA

To register for the September 22nd Gala at the Poinsett Club, see the link in the e-News and on the church website at www.wpc-online.org. Or, you may call the church office.

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteer with Project Host soup kitchen, which serves some of our most vulnerable neighbors. The next available dates are September 13 and 27 (9a-1p). Sign up at www.wpc-online.org or write "Project Host" on your Connection Card.

PLEASANT VALLEY CONNECTION HOMEWORK HELPERS

WPC is seeking volunteers to serve one-on-one with elementary students in PVC's after-school program. You'll be building a relationship, helping with homework, and practicing basic reading and math skills to set children up for success. Volunteers (ages 16+) will serve on a weekly basis for up to 1 hour. To get involved, contact Anna Hanor (anna.hanor@gmail.com) or write "PVC" on your Connection Card.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ABRAHAM BUILD

Throughout the fall, Westminster is partnering with Habitat for Humanity in an exciting new way! We will participate alongside other Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations in an Abraham Build, named for the three faith traditions that count Abraham among their ancestors. Together, we will build a home in the historic Nicholtown community, while also building relationships with one another and our neighbors of diverse faith backgrounds. Sign up at www.wpc-online.org or contact Tony Atkins (tony@indconinc.com) to get involved.

SUPPERS WITH SEVEN

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2022

The summer vacation season is drawing to a close and it's time to get back into our regular schedules. Are you ready to get back together with Westminster members? What about enjoying meals with other Westminster members? "Suppers With Seven" is seven persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals over a two-month period of time. It is a great way to establish or renew relationships with other Westminster members. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, August 29.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check as many as apply:

- _____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.
- _____ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.
- _____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

CHILI COOK-OFF!

Calling all Chili contestants! Please contact Coleman Dixon (864-607-8778 or colemandixon@hotmail.com) if you're interested in participating and seeing if your chili is a winner! Mark your calendars for the churchwide chili cook-off on October 2 after worship in the Fellowship Hall brought to you by the church and the Women of Westminster.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Women of Westminster's Kick Off Social will be Thursday, August 25 at 6:30p at the home of Mandy Pruitt (29 Rock Creek Dr., 29605). All women from the church are invited to socialize, have fellowship with one another, meet new folks and learn more about WOW! Please contact Coleman Dixon, Moderator, at 864-607-8778 or colemandixon@hotmail.com to be added to our email list to get more information. Looking forward to a meaningful year!

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 14 - 21, 2022

Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:30 Blessing of the Backpacks
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 After Worship Fellowship with donuts
11:30 Visitation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
5:00p WoW Board Meeting

Monday, August 15

7:00p Music Director Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

12:00p AI-Anon Group Meeting
7:00 Men of Westminster Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 17

12:00p Luncheon Group Meeting

Friday, August 19

4:00p Rise Against Hunger Set-up

Saturday, August 20

Youth Back to School Retreat
8:00a Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Back to School Retreat
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 After Worship Fellowship with donuts
11:15 Stated Session Meeting

SUMMER/FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will continue our summer worship schedule of one worship service at 10a through Sunday, September 4.

Join us September 11 for Rally Day. Register on the WPC website for breakfast (\$8 adults; \$5 children), and come learn more about many of WPC's ministries.

- 9a Breakfast and Connection Fair
- 10a Sunday School
- 11:15a Worship

On September 18, we'll resume worship services at 9a and 11:15a with Sunday School at 10a.

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From the Pews, Mary Martha Smoak

Hebrews 11:29 -12:2

Some say the scripture reading for today was written by Paul although in the earliest centuries scholars did not agree. Were there Presbyterians way back then???

Since the Reformation scholars held the belief that Paul did not write Hebrews because there was no record of Jesus or the risen Lord. As discussion progressed, leaders held to the belief that the author was Barnabas, a Christian Hebrew, and Paul was the evangelist. Then Apollos, an intellectual who possessed oratorical abilities, was added to the mix. This is a fine example of how we today must research and know who an author is if we chose to follow a belief.

Hebrews was written before the destruction of Jerusalem. The people addressed were Jewish converts. The theme of the text is that Christ Jesus is the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ as revealer and mediator of God's Grace or the text is translated as "the book of better things." There is to be no turning back to the "older things."

The scripture in the NIV Study Bible focused on faith:

It was by faith the people passed through the Red Sea; it was by faith the walls of Jericho came tumbling down; and it was by faith Rahab the prostitute, who let the spies enter, saved many Christians. There were 6 more prophets who by faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, who kept the wild beasts at bay, who quenched the flames and helped others escape the sword. It was by faith that weakness turned into strength when Jesus was flogged in prison.

Now, here is the challenge for us: To endure hardship and know that we are loved by God and He remains supreme. Let us fix our eyes and hearts on Jesus, morning and night through prayer and the action we are encouraged to take.

Search YouTube to experience the message our sisters and brothers sing about faith: I Woke Up this Morning with My Mind Stayed on Jesus, sung by Jason Walker. The Spirit might be speaking to us.

