



World Communion Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

Holy God, remind us once again of the bonds that tie us to one another and to you. Give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind that is curious instead of critical about our differences. Give us a heart that is large enough to love every child you have created. Just as you welcomed us before we knew your name, so let us welcome one another, and in the power of the Holy Spirit help us to strengthen the beloved community whose foundation is Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

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.

Minute for Stewardship Steve Johnson

Prelude Dakota tune, arr. Farlee

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Choral Introit 11:15a "Come, Light, Light of God" arr. Brink

* Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 12:12, 26-27

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: If one member suffers, all suffer together with it.

Leader: If one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

People: Now we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

All: Let us worship God!

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

* Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.

You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and envy, the world goes without.

You have promised us the bread of life, but in our pride and arrogance, the world goes hungry.

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and discord, the world goes thirsty.

And now we are famished too.

Forgive us, and overwhelm us once again with your sovereign grace.

Transform us at your table, and send us from this place as servants of your Son, for it is Christ's name that 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, #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, *Romans 12:9-21*

p. 922

Gospel Lesson, *John 15:1-5*

p. 878

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Intertwined"

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 9a

Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One)

Narverud

Anthem 11:15a

Esto Les Digo

Lang

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also."

* 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 #300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

"We Are One in the Spirit"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response 11:15a

"Amen"

Keen

* Postlude

Cantad al Senor

arr. Sedio

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Bill Johnston (9a), Sam White, Jr. (11:15a), *lay readers*

Todd Monsell, *pianist & organist*

Rosemary Hughes (9a), *percussionist*

The Middler & Senior High Choirs (9a)

Shawn Salley (9a), *Interim Youth Choir Director*

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Ross Glidewell (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*

Bill Holt, Kevin Lancaster, Lisa Mangione, Ted Gentry, Carl Muller (9a), *greeters*

Durden Collins, Mary Ashmore, Zach Freeman,

Jeff Beck, Bill Holt (11:15a), *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.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTHS

The birth of a daughter, *Lila Mary Suggs*, to David & Julie Suggs on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

We Remember in Prayer

Jeff Beck on the death of his mother, Cynthia Beck, in Travelers Rest - 9/25/2022.

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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESSING OFFERING

This Sunday, October 2, we will be taking our annual Peace & Global Witnessing Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster for local peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions are located in the Ritual of Friendship pads.

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.

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Please pick up your family's copy of *Symbols of Our Faith* in the church office. A copy of this booklet was printed for each family as part of this year's 75th anniversary celebration.

In Memoriam

Bill Nock

(6/14/1945 - 9/26/2022)

"I am the resurrection and the life."
 - John 11:25

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MEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Men of Westminster will be helping with general maintenance at The Thornwell Camp for Boys at Lake Jocassee on November 2-6 and would appreciate any help from other gentlemen in the church. There will be spots available for overnight or just for the day. Call Tyler Fairey (803-237-6009) with questions about logistics and participation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Our Children's Ministry continues to grow as God is bringing families back to connect in deeper ways. This is great news and we know we need adequate staff to support the over 500 children at Westminster. As such, the session recently approved the hiring of a Children's Ministry Coordinator who can help with volunteer and resource management, support the logistics of programming, and provide staff support to our robust programs. A search committee has been formed to thoughtfully and prayerfully find and field candidates for this position. If you may be interested, would like to see the full job description, or perhaps know someone who may be the dynamic candidate we're seeking, please contact Rance Bryan (rance_bryan@yahoo.com) or Jill Fairey (jill@palmettotrans.com).

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Children and youth ages 5K-grade 12 are invited to register for the church basketball season. Online player registration opened Sunday, August 28 and continues through Sunday, October 2. Registration may be accessed on the church's website at www.wpc-online.org. WPC members interested in being a coach or assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (864-915-5686).

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We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on September 25, 2022:

- Quintin & Molly Pile. Quintin joined by reaffirmation of faith and Molly joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenwood, SC. They have a son, Drew (7 mos).
- Josh & Allison Riley joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two children, Claire (2) and Thomas (1 mo).
- Jack & Alicia Waller joined by reaffirmation of faith.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

WPC is participating in a Habitat for Humanity build alongside other Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations. AM and PM shifts will continue through the end of the year, with the following opportunities in October: 10/13, 10/14, and 10/15. Contact Tony Atkins (tony@indconinc.com) to volunteer.

INTERFAITH JUSTICE MINISTRY

WPC is joining 18+ other local congregations to form GOAL, a new justice ministry that will work to solve systemic problems in our community. Those interested are invited to attend a house meeting, where small groups will discuss concerns for the community and how we can work together to solve them. Contact Julia Watkins to attend one of the following house meetings:

- October 4, 7:30-9:30p (Anna Hanor's home)
- October 9, 12:30-2:30p (at WPC, hosted by Julia Bellew)

US-MEXICO BORDER TRIP

WPC is planning a trip in partnership with Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian ministry based in the sister cities of Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Sonora. Participants will learn, serve, and build relationships on the US-Mexico border. Trip dates are February 11-17, 2023. Interested individuals are invited to attend an information session in Room 210 on Sunday, October 9, at 12:30p or contact Julia Watkins to learn more.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 2 - 9, 2022

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday
9:00a Worship Service - communion
Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service - communion
5:00 Middler Youth Group
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, October 3

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 4

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting
Administrative Committee Meeting
6:00 Basketball Coach Meeting
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Westminster Book Club
Interfaith Justice Ministry

Wednesday, October 5

2:30p It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
6:00 Music Director Search Committee
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

9:30a Weekday School Chapel (3K)
9:45 Weekday School Chapel (5K)
10:00 Weekday School Chapel (4K)
Thursday Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, October 9

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Worship Service
Witness & Service Committee Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p GOAL Meeting
US-Mexico Border Trip Meeting
5:00 Middler Youth Group
WoW Board Meeting
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From the Pews, Elizabeth Timmons

GRATEFUL AND GROWING

This summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Israel/Palestine and visit the holy land. It was an incredible experience that made me grow in my faith. It is pretty special to walk where Jesus and other biblical figures walked. This experience was like none other to stand where Jesus performed miracles and experience where he was crucified and buried. When I came back, I had this overwhelming sense of "I am so thankful for not only our faith, but our reformed faith."

When I first started thinking about our stewardship campaign "grateful and growing," my first thought was about how our church is growing physically—numbers-wise, facilities-wise, financially. But then it dawned on me, because of our gratitude for our faith, we grow in a number of ways not only physically, but most importantly, spiritually. In fact, I think because we grow spiritually, it leads to growth in these other areas. Let's put it this way, gratitude leads to spiritual growth, which leads to growth of the church by ways of spiritual gifts, whether that be time, talents, or money.

Complacency is the opposite of growth and has always been a pet peeve of mine. I find change, particularly good change, exciting and necessary. Growth is a gift our church has been blessed to have over the years. It is our job to not stand complacent in our faith. May our gratitude lead our growth and our growth lead our giving—spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

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