



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

“My question is this: Are there in us, in you and me now, that recklessness of the loving heart, that wild courage, that crazy gladness in the face of darkness and death, that shuddering faithfulness even unto the end of the world, through which the new things can come to pass?”

Frederick Buechner

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

Sallie White and Perrin White

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Monsell

* Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name, tell of God’s salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

* Hymn #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we know that we are a stubborn people.

We hold tightly to our illusions, believing that our ways are your ways, and our thoughts are your thoughts.

We refuse to take responsibility for the common good, pretending that the world revolves around our comfort and desires.

We get stuck in self-serving habits, creating a life built more on fear than faith.

Forgive us, Holy One, and remake us in the image of your beloved Son.

Create within us a new capacity for change, so that we would face each day with courage and gratitude, trusting your faithfulness and confiding in your grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism ^{9a}

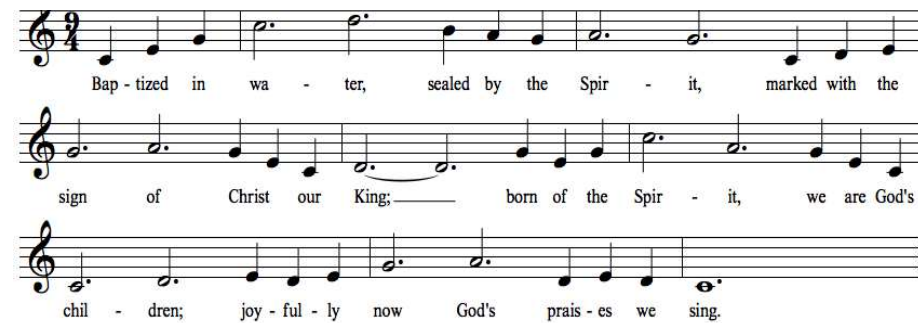
Harris Buchanan Quinn, Jr.

James Kirby Quinn

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

Epistle Lesson, *1 Corinthians 3:5-11*

p. 927

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 15:21-28*

p. 797

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“When Jesus Changed His Mind”

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

To Behold Thee

Forrest

* 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 #434

“Restore in Us, O God”

BAYLOR

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Tocatta in C

Pachelbel

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Tom Vanderbloemen, *sponsor*

Mary Gentry (9a), Zach Freeman (11:15a), *lay readers*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

Rosemary Hughes, *soloist*

Randall Fowler (9a), Rance Bryan (11:15a), *head ushers*

Lesley Usher, Nikki Grumbine, Bill Holt, Ginny Reed, Jordan Smith (9a), *greeters*

Susan Grier, Jacob Barker, Neil Shurley, Lindsey Donlan, Laura Cox (11:15a), *greeters*

Madeline Weaver, (9a), Madeline Hardaway, Mary Alice Price (11:15a), *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

Edward Dobson on the death of his wife, Donna Dobson, in Greenville - 10/5/2022.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Harris Buchanan Quinn, Jr. and James Kirby Quinn, sons of Harris & Caroline Quinn.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTHS

The birth of a son, Ryan Sellard Colpitt, to John & Patricia Colpitt on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

Children's Music@WPC

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Music is an important way to communicate with young children even before they are able to sing along. First Steps in Music is an opportunity at Westminster that provides important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child/grandchild. Led by WPC member Diana Dailey, the First Steps classes teach simple songs, games, and prayers for 2 and 3 year olds and adults to experience together. The next class will be offered from 4:30-5p on Sundays, October 16-November 20. Registration is located on the church's website. For more information, contact Interim Music Director Rosemary Hughes (rhughes@wpc-online.org).

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gathering@WPC

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES

Tuesday, October 18

- **Circle 7**, at the Bistro Room at The Palmettos Assisted Living facility (810 E. Butler Rd, Mauldin) 5:30-7:30p. Talitha Allen (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, October 17 at 7p in the Charter Room. Ann Hicks and Bill Holt will lead the discussion of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe. Read the book and join us for an interesting and informative evening. All are welcome.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Join us Thursday, October 20, at 6p in the Fellowship Hall for a Meditation and Breathing Class led by Perrin White. Respond via the link below to give us an accurate headcount or just show up! Wear comfy clothes, bring a water bottle and a yoga mat. (<http://evite.me/S6TvNbMrxe>)

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties and sixties, will meet on Friday, October 21, 7-9p at the home of Susan & Bill Ferrell (102 Brookside Way). Watch your e-mail for more information or check the church's website ("Connect" then "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details.

Opportunities@WPC

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).

TRICK OR TREAT MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Thursday, October 27, our children will bring joy to residents at the Terra Bella Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. Arrive at the church at 5:30p to walk over together to trick or treat with residents. We'll return to the Fellowship Hall for a pizza dinner afterwards! There is no cost, but we ask that you please sign up on the church website under the event registration so that we know how much pizza to buy. Contact Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Men of Westminster will have their October gathering at Southernside Brewery (25 Delano Dr) on Thursday, October 27, at 6p. No RSVP needed.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write short devotionals to be included in the 2022 Advent Devotions series. Please contact Josie Williams (jgwilliams1803@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16 - 23, 2022

Sunday, October 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Worship Service
Creation Stewardship Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p Stated Session Meeting
Connections Group

Monday, October 17

Weekday School Closed

7:00p Theology Reading Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 18

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting
5:30 Circle 7
7:00 Men of Westminster
Executive Committee Mtg

Wednesday, October 19

12:00p Luncheon Group Meeting
2:30 It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

9:30a Weekday School Chapel (3K)
9:45 Weekday School Chapel (5K)
10:00 Weekday School Chapel (4K)
Thursday Bible Study
6:00p Women of Westminster
Meditation/Breathe Class
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 21

7:00p Lightly Seasoned

Sunday, October 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
5:00p Middler Youth Group
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group

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open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Clay Smoak

Meagan and I joined Westminster in 2014. There were many common things that we were looking for in a church that were important to us since we were raised in the same small church in our hometown in Lowcountry South Carolina. We wanted a church that was welcoming to others, accepting to all, challenging to our faith, and a place we were comfortable for our future children to be raised. We moved away from our hometown and attended different churches near our respective universities, so we had no qualms with being open minded and attending different churches in the Greenville area. We attended different services and "church-hopped" with friends. We eventually found ourselves at Westminster and never left. Not that there was anything wrong with other churches we visited but when we started to visit and regularly attend Westminster, we found that the people were, for lack of a better term, different. We found that at Westminster people didn't attend church on Sundays because it was something that they did, but more because of who they were. As newlyweds, this was the type of congregation we wanted to be a part of, and the more we attended worship services at Westminster, the more we realized why: it was the education and belief that Presbyterians have to hold a high regard for freedom of thought and intellectual edification.

Over the last eight years through attending the different forms of worship Westminster offers we have made friends in the church, seen friends get married in the church, our children have been baptized in the church and they have started their journey of growing up in the church. I am able to recognize what Westminster has done for us in regard to personal and spiritual growth and apropos to the theme of this year's stewardship campaign, "Grateful & Growing." I am grateful for the path that God has led me down and the avenue Westminster has created to facilitate my growth. As I reflect, I see that the theme means different things at different points in your life.

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."

My gratefulness is echoed in this portion of our scripture this week from 1 Corinthians. God has blessed us with the resources and opportunity to facilitate the continual growth of the church. Westminster can touch the lives of the next people who walk through our doors looking for a church to call home just as we did.

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NOVEMBER 6 AND 13, 2022**

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Sign up for each Sunday's dinner on the church website.

- Deadline for the November 6th dinner is Wednesday, November 2.
- Deadline for the November 13th dinner is Wednesday, November 9.

Our Vision:

Open Minds Open Hearts

Our Pillars:

***Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
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