



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

“To be a Christian means gradually, Sunday after Sunday, to be subsumed into another story, a different account of where we have come from and where we are going, a story that is called ‘gospel.’ You are properly called a ‘Christian’ when it’s obvious that the story told in Scripture is your story, above all other stories that the world tries to impose on you, and that the God who is rendered in Scripture is the God who has got you.”

William H. Willimon

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

Doug & Pam Evans

Prelude

*The Ash Grove*

Wood

Choral Introit 11:15a

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Dubois

\* Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:1, Psalm 139:16

Leader: Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

People: **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Leader: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

People: **In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them existed.**

Leader: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GAULEE

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.**

**You call, but we have not listened.**

**You beckon to us, but we turn and head our own way.**

**We distance ourselves from neighbors in need, turning a blind eye to our own evil and prejudice.**

**We condone violence, practice idolatry, and silently justify our greed.**

**God of mercy, help us to see our sin, confess our arrogance, and repent.**

**Set us free to serve you by loving our neighbors and loving one another,**

**so that your face may shine in their faces,**

**and we would be saved by your grace. 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

Lawton Cole Stamm

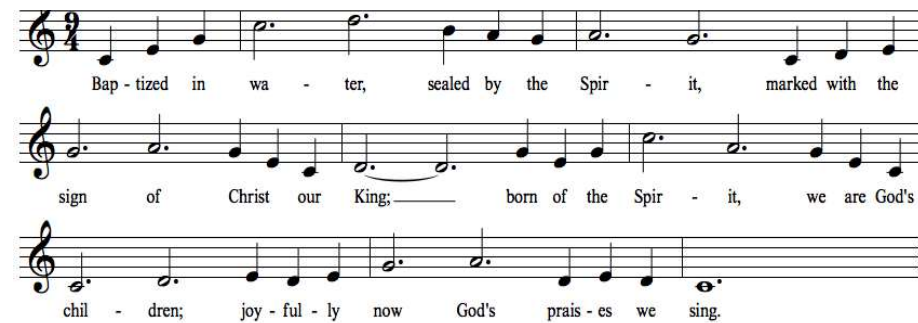
11:15a

James Christopher Land

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

First Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 22:34-40*

p. 804

Second Gospel Lesson, *John 15:12-17*

p. 878

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Whose Idea Was This?"

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.**

Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a

"Hear My Prayer, O God"

Daw, Jr.

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

*Awake, Awake to Love and Work*

Gale

\* 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 #693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response 11:15a

"Amen"

Lutkin

\* Postlude

Finale

Martin

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Cris Crain (9a), Carl Muller (11:15a), *sponsors*

Walker Miller (9a), Elizabeth Timmons (11:15a), *lay readers*

Julie Florin, *guest organist*

The Sanctuary Choir Ensemble (9a)

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Parks Workman (9a), Jacob Barker (11:15a), *head ushers*

Caroline Clark, Durden Collins, Kevin Lancaster,

Tony Atkins, Nikki Grumbine (9a), *greeters*

Mae Todd Mullins, Laura Sanders, Mary Ashmore,

Lisa Mangione, Ginny Reed (11:15a), *greeters*

Harrison Dillard, Thomas Dillard (9a),

Elizabeth Workman, Mary Wayne Workman (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.

**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.

**We Remember in Prayer**

Neil Shurley on the death of his mother, Betty Shurley, in Greenville - 10/12/2022.

**Join Us in Welcoming**

**BAPTISMS**

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Lawton Cole Stamm, son of Drew & Elizabeth Stamm.

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship James Christopher Land, son of Philip & Beth Land.

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**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, at 4:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Are you interested in singing in the choir but enjoy a more relaxed schedule? Consider joining the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7-7:45p prior to singing at the 9a service. The next cycles are November 1, 8, 13, and November 22, 29, and December 4. Contact Rosemary Hughes (rhughes@wpc-online.org).

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Gathering@WPC

#### 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.

### HIKING GROUP

Friday, October 28  
Big Rock Mountain Trail  
Contact Hike Leader, Durden Collins (durden.collins@gmail.com), if interested.

### NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER

The Nominating Committee will meet in the near future to discuss names for the next class of elders for the Session. If you have a name that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. (Please do not contact the individual whom you would like to nominate—that is the job of the Nominating Committee.) The Nominating Committee is comprised of the following members: Neil Shurley (chair), Jacob Barker, Lindsey Donlan, Susan Grier, Sarah Beasley, Randy Blouin, David Hanor, Lydia Kellett, and Gaye Sprague.

### Education@WPC

Next Sunday, October 30, children in Third Grade will celebrate a faith milestone as they receive a new Bible during 11:15a worship. Third Graders are invited to attend a Bible Workshop during the Sunday School hour to learn the features of their new Bible and age-appropriate tools for Bible study and discipleship. Please join us to celebrate these disciples and pray for their continued growth in faith. Contact Lauren Slingerland for more information.

### Opportunities@WPC

#### VOLUNTEER WITH HABITAT IN NOVEMBER

Westminster volunteers have been making good progress alongside other faith communities on Habitat for Humanity's Abraham Build! AM and PM shifts for volunteers (ages 14+) remain available through year-end, including November 3, 17, and 18. All training will be provided, so consider this an invitation to try something new! Contact Tony Atkins (tony@indconinc.com) to get involved.

#### US/MEXICO BORDER TRIP

Join Westminster to build relationships and understanding across the US/Mexico border. We will be serving alongside Frontera de Cristo, a ministry of the PC(USA). Trip dates are February 11-17, 2023. Registration and a non-refundable deposit are due by December 9. Contact Julia Watkins for more information.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 23 - 30, 2022

#### 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

#### Monday, October 24

3:30p Gifts & Gratitude  
Committee Meeting  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

#### Tuesday, October 25

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting

#### Wednesday, October 26

2:30p It's Elementary  
3:30 Cherub Choir  
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers

#### Thursday, October 27

9:30a Weekday School Chapel (3K)  
9:45 Weekday School Chapel (5K)  
10:00 Weekday School Chapel (4K)  
Thursday Bible Study  
12:00p Endowment Committee Meeting  
5:30 Trick or Treat Event  
6:00 Men of Westminster Event  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

#### Friday, October 28

8:30a Hiking Group

#### Sunday, October 30

##### Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Worship Service  
10:00 One Adult Sunday School  
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting  
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5:00p Middler Youth Group  
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal  
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### From the Pews, Brad Hawkins

*"I've had a remarkable life.  
I seem to be in such good places at the right time.  
You know, if you were to ask me to sum up my life in one word, gratitude."  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

This quote means a lot to me. If I take you back seven years ago, I was a single man with a loving and supportive family, great friends, and a lasting career, but something was missing. During that time, I met my wife, who had two girls, ages 8 and 10, from a previous marriage. After a year of dating, we got engaged. I am grateful that God put these three people in my life.

The theme of our campaign this year is "Grateful and Growing." This describes what has happened to me in my adult life. I grew up in church and, as a teenager, I got to the point where it was more of my parents making me go instead of me wanting to go. As I became an adult, I quit going to the church I grew up in and tried a handful of different churches, but nothing clicked for me. For the first time in my life, I was not going to church at all. While I was dating Amy, she introduced me to Westminster. I started going regularly with her and the girls, and while we were engaged, I joined the church.

During my time at Westminster, I have become an active member. I love how the church has so many opportunities to be involved and grow spiritually. I used to think that being a part of a church was going to the service on Sunday and that was it. This church has taught me that by being involved, I can grow as a person and feel like I am part of the life of this church.

Through this church, I have also developed great friendships. My wife and I are part of a supper club and some of my closest friends are members of this church. We have even enjoyed several vacations with our church friends.

If it wasn't for my wife and step-daughters, I would possibly have never been introduced to this church. This church and my church family have helped me grow into the individual I am today. If you have not found that yet, open your mind and open your heart to all the things Westminster has to offer.

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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- Faith, Families, & Foster Care  
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- Viewing of the "Connectivity Project" with Creation Stewardship  
Join Creation Stewardship on their journey to explore the interconnections all around us. By shining light on the many ways that our actions can generate far-reaching reactions, "Connectivity Project" serves to remind us of the power each one of us holds to make a difference in this world.
- Advent Crafting with Vino & Van Gogh

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