Sunday, November 6, 2022 | On Demand on Facebook & YouTube | 9:00a & 11:15a



## All Saints' Sunday

## Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Knit us together in one fellowship and communion with all your saints, so that whether we are walking faithfully in this life or rejoicing in the life to come, your light would shine through us, and your love would be shared from generation to generation. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

## Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Leader:

And also with you. People:

Minute for Stewardship Mary Gentry

Prelude Sing with All the Saints in Glory Kolander Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a Alleluia! O'Carroll \* Call to Worship Psalm 116:12-15

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me? Leader:

I will lift up the cup of salvation People:

and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all God's people.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of God's faithful ones.

Let us worship God! All:

\* Hymn #326 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

\* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in 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, #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

Old Testament Lesson, Exodus 3:1-6

Gospel Lesson, Luke 20:27-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "An Appeal to Memory"

## Responding to God's Word

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

p. 44

p. 855

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.

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: Claudia Abel, Carolyn Borders, Burns Cale, Tim Cherry, Lynn Christian, Marolyn Kellner, Sloan Martin, Bill Nock, Barbara Phillips, Renie Raney, Peggy Sauvain, Janie Sickinger, Marge Sik, Jo Sivewright, Bob Stewart, Ray Williams.

Meditation Ashokan Farewell Ungar

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 9a

"In Paradisum" from Requiem

Fauré God's holy angels lead you to paradise: may saints in their glory receive you at your journey's end, guiding your footsteps into the Holy City Jerusalem. Choirs of angels sing you to your rest: and with Lazarus raised to eternal life,

may you for evermore rest in peace.

Anthem 11:15a \* Doxology

When the Saints Go Marching In

Hvmnal. #606

arr. Rutter

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 #375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

HANSON PLACE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response 11:15a

Go Out With Joy

Davis Life Everlasting Smith

\*All who are able may stand

## Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching

\* Postlude

Leigh Stuckey, liturgist

Amy Hawkins (9a), Bradley Wingate (11:15a), lay readers

Todd Monsell, pianist and organist

Rosemary Hughes, soloist (9a), and flutist

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Les Hicken, clarinet; Henry Niehaus, trombone;

Ian Bracchitta, *upright brass*; Kip Brock, *cajon (11:15a)* 

Jacob Barker (9 and 11:15a), head usher

Tony Atkins, Susan Grier, Jacob Barker, Durden Collins, Lindsey Donlan (9a), greeters

Kevin Lancaster, Parks Workman, Carl Muller,

Bill Holt, Rob Morgan (11:15a), greeters

Lillian Threatt, Miles Threatt (9a), acolytes

Gretchen Cleveland, Preston Lancaster (11:15a), acolutes

## **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 (jgwilliams 1803@ gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this.

## We Remember in Prayer

Diane Ellison on the death of her stepson, Roy Ellison, III, in Atlanta, GA - 10/24/2022.

# With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

The birth of a son, Henry Bates Norris, to Brandon & Lindsay Norris on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

The birth of a son, Aiden Cannon Biggerstaff, to Shannon & Endra Biggerstaff on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Shannon is Westminster's AV Coordinator.

## In Memoriam

Carolyn Borders (8/18/1938 - 11/2/2022)

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

## **OPEN MINDS • Education@WPC**

#### 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.

### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening. November 5.

#### Gathering@WPC

#### Women of Westminster Circles

Tuesday, November 8

Circle 3, at the home of Barbara Wallace (220 Shannon Lake Dr., 29615) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@ gmail.com).

#### Wednesday, November 9

Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein at 9:30a. Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com) and Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@ gmail.com) co-chairs.

#### THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, November 21, at 7p in the Charter Room. Cathy Grills will lead the discussion of Flying, Falling, Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom, by Henri Nouwen and Carolvn Whitnev-Brown. Read the book and join us for an interesting and informative evening. All are welcome.

## WESTFEST X:

Mark your calendars for November 27 (5:30-7:30p) - it's WestFestX, our annual celebration of Advent featuring The Erica Berg Collective and food from Local Pie and the Spinx Cluk Truk. Stay tuned for more details, including a special raffle for a custom sweathshirt!

## 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

#### Opportunities@WPC

## INTERFAITH JUSTICE NETWORK

Join Greenville's new interfaith justice ministry, GOAL, to vote on this year's focus issue (i.e., housing, mental health, education, criminal justice) at the Community Problems Assembly. The meeting will be held at Westminster on Monday, November 7, from 6:30-8:30p. Contact Julia Watkins to get connected.

#### PROJECT HOST

In this season of gratitude and giving, you're invited to serve our neighbors in downtown Greenville. Space is available to volunteer with the Project Host soup kitchen from 9a-1p on the following dates: 11/8, 11/22, and 12/20. Contact Julia Watkins to sign up.

#### 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 yearend, including November 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** November 6 - 13, 2022

#### Sunday, November 6 All Saints Day

Men's Work Retreat at Camp Thornwell		
9:00a	Worship Service	
	Membership Committee	
	Meeting	
10:00	Sunday School	
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting	
11:15	Worship Service	
2:00p	Nominating Committee	
	Meeting	
5:30	Vespers Service	
5:45	November Nights Dinner	
6:30	November Nights Classes	

## Monday, November 7

Weekday School Closed

GOAL Covenant Assembly

## Tuesday, November 8

Weekday School Closed

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting 2:00 Circle #3 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, November 9

9:30a	Circle #6
2:30p	It's Elementary
3:30	Cherub Choir
4:30	Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, November 10

9:30a	Weekday School Chapel (3K)
9:45	Weekday School Chapel (5K)
10:00	Weekday School Chapel (4K)
	Thursday Bible Study
12:00p	Finance Committee Meeting
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

## Friday, November 11

Middler Presbytery Retreat

## Saturday, November 12

Middler Presbytery Retreat

## Sunday, November 13 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Middler Presbytery Retreat Stewardship Commitment Sunday

9:00a	Worship Service
	Witness & Service Committee
	Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
4:30p	Baptism Class
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# **HARBINGER**

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## From the Pews, HJ Fleming

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I cannot help but reflect on the ways God has provided for my family. Three years ago this month, our 13-yearold daughter, Annie, was diagnosed with APML Leukemia. Not only did God give us the wisdom to seek out answers for her treatment, but he also provided the doctors, nurses, and staff who cared for her with every ounce of their being. Neighbors, friends, and church members delivered groceries, provided meals for our family, and rides for her sister, Mary Beth. He provided financial stability so that we could give her the care she needed during this incredibly difficult time for our family. He never stops giving to us.

As a financial advisor, I have often thought, how can we ever really return what God gives to us? We can't fully: however, stewardship is one way to start. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Stewardship can be defined as "recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts." God reveals his perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in his son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus. We are called, in action, to be God's stewards while we are here — to serve with our talents and our tithes.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary as a church, we remember those who came before us — the ones who so generously gave so we could be here today. We remember the ways God has given of his son and his gifts to you. Ask him how you may begin or continue to be a steward to him. And in keeping with the theme of this anniversary celebration, may we all continue to be grateful for God's infinite gifts and in our growing together in our faith, our desire, and our willingness to give.

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- send an email to pschook@wpc-online.org, and Pam Schook, our Financial Secretary, will be happy to record your commitment.

## **Adult Sunday School (November 6-December 11)**

Short Sermon, Big Impact: Exploring the Lord's Prayer led by Leigh Stuckey Room 209

The Sermon on the Mount is perhaps Jesus' best known and most widely repeated set of sayings. In it, Jesus sets out an alternative vision for the world, one in which God, not Caesar, is king. God's kingship has implications for all of our living, but our familiarity with the Sermon on the Mount (and particularly the Lord's Prayer) has dulled us to its call. Join Leigh for this lecture style class that explores modern implications for the Lord's Prayer and the little sermon.

How to be Perfec t led by Ted Gentry

Room 212

Drawing on the acclaimed book of the same title by television writer and producer Mike Schur (*Brooklyn 99, Parks and Recreation, The Good Place, etc.*), this course seeks to talk in everyday language about questions of moral philosophy. What does it mean to be "good"? Why should we bother? If we practice, and understand the tools of moral philosophy, can we actually behave better?

We will tackle questions as simple as whether to return a shopping cart to the corral in the parking lot, and as complex as cancel culture and abortion. We will be applying slippery ideas to a complex and frustrating world, so the answers may not always be satisfactory. But the premise of the course is that thinking carefully about what we are doing, and why we are doing it, will help us to be better people.

We will also hear from Todd May, retired Professor of Philosophy at Clemson and adviser to Schur on *The Good Place* and on *How to Be Perfec* t.