

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | On Demand on Facebook & YouTube | 9:00a & 11:15a



## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

### Preparation for **Worship**

Righteous God, you have taught us that the poor shall have your kingdom, and that the gentle-minded shall inherit the earth. Keep the church poor enough to preach to poor people, and humble enough to walk with the despised. Let us not be weighed down with excess property or accumulation of wealth. Save your church from vain display and lavish comforts, so that we may travel lightly, give generously, and love wholeheartedly. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Biff Dickerson

Prelude *9a*

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Callahan

*11:15a*

*Träumerei*

Schumann

Choral Introit *11:15a*

*Surely*

Langston

\* Call to Worship

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.

**People:** **Know that the Lord is God.**  
**It is God who made us, and we are God's.**

**Leader:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.  
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

**People:** **For the Lord is good;**  
**God's steadfast love endures forever,**  
**and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\* Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God,**  
**we know that our commitment to you has been half-hearted.**  
**Our attention is often focused on how to make our own lives better.**  
**Our energy is often poured into the shallow and superficial.**  
**We are masters of self-deception,**  
**and prefer to swim in the shallow waters of faith.**  
**Forgive us, Holy One, and grant us the courage to see our lives clearly.**  
**Help us to follow the path that your Son asks us to walk,**  
**even when it is difficult and disorienting.**  
**Grant us newfound faith,**  
**so that we would let go of that which we do not need,**  
**share freely that which we have, and hold tightly to your promises,**  
**which lead us forward each day. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri Hymnal, #581

***Gloria 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.***

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The Sacrament of Baptism *11:15a*

Roscoe Davis Orren

Congregational Response *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the  
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Anthem *11:15a*

*God's Love is Alive in Us*

Patterson

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

### Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson, *2 Corinthians 9:6-12*

p. 942

Gospel Lesson, *Mark 10:17-27*

p. 822

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"What Was He Missing?"

### 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*

*Alleluia*

Berthier

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*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Rosewall

*11:15a*

*O Love*

Hagenberg

\* 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

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\* Hymn #39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*During the hymn you are invited to bring your pledge card forward.*  
*Please come to the chancel by way of the center aisle*  
*and return to your pew from the side aisles.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response *11:15a*

*Go Out With Joy*

Davis

\* Postlude

*Rejoice in the Lord*

Mansfield

\*All who are able may stand

### Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Richard Young, *sponsor*

Roger Gower (9a), Laura Coker (11:15a), *lay readers*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

The Chancel Choir (9a)

Christopher Hutton (11:15a), *cellist*

Junior and Senior Choristers (11:15a)

Katie Knauer (11:15a), *Junior Choristers Director*

Hunter Smith (11:15a), *Senior Choristers Interim Director*

Martha Gower (11:15a), *Choristers Accompanist*

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Clay Smoak (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*

Carl Muller, Laura Cox, Laura Williams Sanders,

Tom Vanderbloemen, Lisa Mangione (9a), *greeters*

Parks Workman, Caroline Clark, Durden Collins,

Mary Ashmore, Tony Atkins (11:15a), *greeters*

Capitola Riley, Caroline Riley (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.

### Join Us in Welcoming

#### BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Roscoe Davis Orren, son of John & Olivia Orren.

#### Membership@WPC

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 20. Those who attend the class are invited to become members during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Julia Watkins (jwatkins@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

#### 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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### Gathering@WPC

#### WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES

Tuesday, November 15

- **Circle 7**, at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr., 29605) at 6:30p. Circle Chair: Talitha Allen (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

#### HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet again on Thursday, November 18, to hike the Bearallow Mountain Trail. Contact Hiking Group Leader: Durden Collins (durden.collins@gmail.com) if interested.

#### 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 Carolyn Whitney-Brown. Read the book and join us for an interesting and informative evening. All are welcome.

### WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Fellowship Social

All women of Westminster are invited to relax a little, before the holidays kick into full swing, at 6p on Thursday, November 18, at New York Butcher Shoppe (2222 Augusta St., 29605).

#### Advent Luncheon

All women of Westminster are invited to the annual Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 4. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:15a worship service. The speaker will be Lizzie Bebbler from United Ministries. Childcare (crib-5K) will be available upon request. Lunch will be catered by AppleSpice and will include a warm pasta dish, salad, bread, and dessert. The cost is \$13.50 per person. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, November 29.

### Opportunities@WPC

#### 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: 11/22, 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 year-end, 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 13 - 20, 2022

#### 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
5:30	Vespers Service
5:45	November Nights Dinner
6:30	November Nights Classes

#### Monday, November 14

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

#### Tuesday, November 15

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting

6:30 Circle #7

#### Wednesday, November 16

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, November 17

9:30a Weekday School Chapel (3K)

9:45 Weekday School Chapel (5K)

10:00 Weekday School Chapel (4K)

Thursday Bible Study

8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

#### Friday, November 18

8:00a Hiking Group

#### Sunday, November 20

##### Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Worship Service

Creation Stewardship Meeting

9:30 New Member Class

10:00 Sunday School

10:55 Sunday Session Meeting

11:15 Worship Service

12:15p New Member Reception

12:30 Stated Session Meeting

5:00 WoW Board Meeting

5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal

6:00 Youth Dinner

6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal

Senior High Youth Group

# the HARBINGER

open minds open hearts

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### From the Pews, Susan Hicken

My husband and I have been members of Westminster since 2013. Previously, while Les taught at Furman, we belonged to a nearby church where he and our children enjoyed participating in church music ensembles. (I'm the family listener.) The kids grew up and away, and we moved close to downtown Greenville.

Les is a musician and through friends we had heard wonderful things about Westminster's music. When we attended a service we found that they were true. With sunlight shining through the stained glass windows and music reaching for the arches, we were sold. On Sunday mornings at the 9a service we are filled with gratitude for Westminster's commitment to music as an integral part of worship. We are also grateful for the financial commitment that was made by the many faithful members coming before us, who made this glorious worship experience possible.

Les was raised in a Presbyterian church by parents who were charter members. We were married in that small friendly church, but I had grown up in Baptist churches. My mother was a wonderful Christian who always had a hymn on her lips. She often sang: "count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." My mom lived and breathed gratitude, and she had a heart for giving back, volunteering with Meals on Wheels in east Tennessee for 24 years. As important as music is to me, what I love most about Westminster is the commitment to feeding, supporting, loving, and nurturing the people of our community in need. Westminster inspires more local service opportunities, inside and outside the church's walls, than I've ever seen in a church.

I am so grateful to be a member of Westminster. The first time I saw the percentage of Westminster's financial resources that is devoted to the community, I thought "This is the church for me!" Westminster's Vision, Pillars, and Goals are clearly outlined for me. I just need to go forth and do it! I love the Charge and Benediction that we hear each Sunday. Clear, concise, action-driven.

Pastor Ben's sermons carry the message that our church is the place in which our spiritual health is "boosted," and through our connections with one another we are re-energized. We are fortified by the feeling of homecoming, the messages from the Bible, and the music that we hear and sing.

On a Sunday last November I saved a Prayer of Confession that speaks to me today: "Let Your Holy Spirit guide our minds and hearts, so that we might share all that we have, always grateful for the love we have received." Amen.



*Advent & Christmas at Westminster*

November 27	<p><i>First Sunday of Advent</i>                  WestFest X featuring                  the Erica Berg Collective and                  the Local Pie and the Spinx Cluk Truck                  5:30-7:30p in the Green Lot</p>
December 4	<p><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>                  Women of Westminster Advent Luncheon                  12:30p in the Fellowship Hall                  Cherub Choir Christmas                  5p in the Sanctuary</p>
December 11	<p><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>                  Children's Musical                  11:15a in the Sanctuary</p>
December 18	<p><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>                  The 62nd Annual Service of Lessons &amp; Carols                  9 &amp; 11:15a in the Sanctuary</p> <p>The International Christmas Festival                  10a (the Sunday School hour)</p>
December 24	<p>Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship                  4p and 6p in the Sanctuary                  (overflow in the Sanctuary Atrium)</p>
December 25	<p>One Worship Service                  11:15a in the Sanctuary                  reception following service in Sanctuary Atrium</p>
January 1	<p>One Worship Service                  11:15a in the Sanctuary                  reception following service in Sanctuary Atrium</p>

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Now more than ever is the time to support our church home. The Session has approved an 8.7% increase in our 2023 operating budget, so that we can grow our administrative staff while we continue to be generous with our Witness & Service giving. Your contributions fight housing and food insecurity, they help children in the foster care system, they provide hurricane and emergency relief. Your contributions help build Habitat Homes, and they provide support for It's Elementary and our Youth Programs. They maintain our beautiful campus, ensure the sound of the organ fills our sanctuary, and support our pastoral staff. When you pledge to Westminster you are helping us build and create a home for our entire community, and a spiritual home for thousands.

If you are unable to be here...

- send your pledge card directly to the church office
- make a pledge via our church website, at [wpc-online.org/give](http://wpc-online.org/give)
- send an email to [pschook@wpc-online.org](mailto:pschook@wpc-online.org), and Pam Schook, our Financial Secretary, will be happy to record your commitment.

**Our Vision:**  
***Open Minds Open Hearts***

**Our Pillars:**  
*Hospitality*  
*Generosity*  
*Justice*  
*Imagination*  
*Joy*

**Our Goals:**  
*Connect*  
*Serve*  
*Grow*

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

*Short Sermon, Big Impact: Exploring the Sermon on the Mount*  
 led by Leigh Stuckey *Room 212*

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 Perfect*  
 led by Ted Gentry *Room 209*

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 Perfect*.



**NOVEMBER NIGHTS  
NOVEMBER 6 AND 13, 2022**

Join your church family the first two Sunday evenings in November for worship, fellowship, and education. A Vespers Service, Salt & Light, begins in the Sanctuary at **5:30p**. Dinner will be at **5:45p** catered by Sunflower Eatery. Programs and classes for all will begin at **6:30p**. We are all finished by **7:30p**.

**Adult Classes:**

- Faith, Families, & Foster Care

Hear from some of Westminster's partners working locally to support vulnerable children and their families, as well as members of our congregation who are following calls to serve as foster parents.

November 6: Thornwell and WPC member, Elizabeth Timmons

November 13: Fostering Great Ideas and WPC members,  
Jenny Lee & Sara Turner

- 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.

- Crafting Workshop

Join Barbara Stoop in this craft class to paint cover sheets using paste paper tools. At the November 13 class, a journal will be created using these cover sheets.

**WPC Youth Group:**

WPCYG looks a little different during the first two weeks of November. We still eat together and meet as a youth group, but with a slightly different schedule. We will also join the church-wide dinner but youth don't need to pay – it is covered by our budget.

All youth are invited to Vespers at 5:30p in the sanctuary (look for Mary Kathleen and Lauren so that we can sit together) and then we can walk to and eat dinner together from 6-6:30p. Youth Programs will take place from 6:30-7:30p. Middlers will be in room 309 and Sr. Highs will be in the Youth Suite. Both groups will explore the power of breath and breathing along the journey of faith. One week youth will participate in a Bible Study on "Breath" and another they will have a breath and meditation workshop with our own Perrin White of Breathe Well Be Well. There is no youth choir during November Nights.

**WPC Kids:**

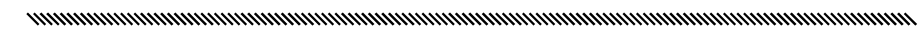
Nursery is available for K4 and younger, children's programming is for K5-5th grade.

Come learn about the characters of Advent: Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds and the magi. We'll create things for you to take home to continue the journey to Bethlehem this Advent and learn more about the story of Christ's birth. Join us on the 100 hall.

***Mark your calendars:***

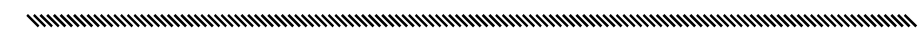
**WESTFEST X:**

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 sweatshirt!



**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET  
AND INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Prepare your mind and heart for the coming of the Christ child while exploring Christmas traditions and fair trade gifts in the Alternative Gift Market and International Christmas Festival. On December 18, we'll gather in the Sanctuary Atrium during the Sunday School hour to explore traditions and artisan crafts from around the world. If you're interested in volunteering with the Alternative Gift Market or hosting a country table for the International Christmas Festival, please contact Lauren Slingerland at [lslingerland@wpc-online.org](mailto:lslingerland@wpc-online.org).



**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 24 - 26, 2023  
AT MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

**WATCH FOR ONLINE SIGNUPS TO OPEN SOON!**