



**Second Sunday in Lent**  
Preparation for **Worship**

“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.”

*Reinhold Niebuhr*

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.**

Prelude *As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Hayes

Choral Introit 11:15a *Surely* Langston

\* Call to Worship Psalm 121

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**People:** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People:** **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**Leader:** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**People:** **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

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

\* Hymn #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

\* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us of our pride, and deliver us from vain desires.**

**With reverent and humble hearts,**

**let us draw near to your love made known in Christ Jesus,**

**so that our arrogance, selfishness, and apathy**

**would be washed away.**

**May we be overwhelmed by your grace,**

**and in you find our refuge and strength once again. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

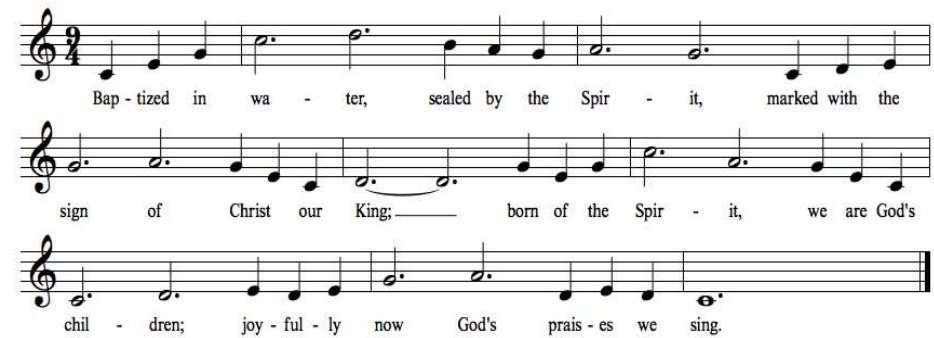
**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri #581 GLORIA PATRI

**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 11:15a Isabel Victoria Ryan

Congregational Response *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN



11:15a Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, *John 3:16-17* p. 864

Epistle Lesson, *Ephesians 2:4-10* p. 950

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

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

Sermon "Not Our Own Doing"

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 *While We Are Waiting, Come* Cason

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. McKenney

Anthem 11:15a *God So Loved the World* Nygard, Jr.

\* Doxology #606 OLD HUNDRETH

**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 #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response 11:15a *Amen* Keen

\* Postlude *Recessional to ST. ANNE* Young

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Lesley Usher, *sponsor*

David Golladay (9a), McKinley Hyman (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Nancy Smith, *guest organist and pianist*

Judy McKenney (9a), *soloist and guitarist*

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Judy McKenney (11:15a), *guest director*

Clay Smoak (9a), Brad Hawkins (11:15a), *head ushers*

Mae Todd Mullins, Laura Sanders, Kevin Lancaster,

Lisa Mangione, Ginny Reed (9a), *greeters*

Caroline Clark, Durden Collins, Mary Ashmore,

Tony Atkins, Jeff Beck (11:15a), *greeters*

Harrison Dillard, Thomas Dillard (9a), *acolytes*

Ellis Bryan, James Knauer (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.

**Join Us in Welcoming**

**BAPTISMS**

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Isabel Victoria Ryan, daughter of Chip & Jennifer Ryan.

**We Remember in Prayer**

Joda Griffith on the death of her mother, Josephine Walker Fisher, in Greenville - 2/19/2023.

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES:**

**BACK TO THE BASICS**

During the season of Lent, our Sunday sermons will explore some of the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Christian faith. What does it mean to say that Jesus is fully human and fully God? Or to say that he died for us? What do words like sin and saved and suffering mean in our lives today? One of the goals of this series is to explore Christian faith from a Reformed/Presbyterian perspective, particularly during a time when denominations have become less relevant, and church membership has become much more fluid. This Sunday's sermon will address the question: What does it mean to be saved?

Opportunities@WPC

CIRCLE MEETING

Wednesday, March 8

- 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.

BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 7, at 7p in the church library. Susan Ferrell will lead the discussion of *Wish You Were Here* by Jody Picoult. All are welcome to join.

A TASTE OF THE BORDER

Thanks to an enthusiastic response, the cooking class and dinner scheduled for March 12 have filled. Everyone is invited to Sunday school that morning, when Presbyterian mission co-workers, Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar, will share more about life and ministry on the US/Mexico border.

WELCOME HOME DRIVE

Throughout March, Westminster is partnering with World Relief Upstate to collect furniture and household items enough to supply an apartment for a refugee family of four. Visit WPC's website to learn how to donate. Limited drop-off times for donated items TBA. Questions? Contact Nikki Grumbine (grumbine5@gmail.com).

MEN OF WESTMINSTER RETREAT

The Men of Westminster will have their first (hopefully annual) retreat April 28-30, 2023 at Montreat. We have reserved accommodations for 25 attendees. Registration is available on the church website with the deadline being Monday, March 27.

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE  
AUGUST 3-6

In 2023, we will return to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

Costs: \$675 (single - one person)  
\$710 (couple - shared room)  
\$600 (parent/child)  
\$800 (family of 3/1 room)  
\$900 (family of four/1 room)

Covered in the cost is transportation, admission to museums and memorials, breakfasts each day, and certain group meals. Feel free to contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) or Julia Watkins (jwatkins@wpc-online.org) with questions. Scholarships are available.

SUPPER WITH SEVEN  
April - May 2023

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about getting out and doing things. What about enjoying meals with other Westminster members? "Supper With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. It is a great way to establish or renew relationships with other Westminster members. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Supper With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 20. \* Indicate preferred method of contact

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check as many as apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
March 5-12, 2023

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00a Worship Service  
Membership Committee  
10:00 One Adult Sunday School  
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting  
11:15 Worship Service  
2:00p New Elder Training (3of3)  
4:30p First Steps Music Class  
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, March 6

3:30p WOW Honorary Life  
Membership Committee  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 7

12:00p Administrative Committee  
Al-Anon  
7:00 Book Club Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

9:30a Weekday Chapel  
10:00 Thursday Bible Study  
12:00p Finance Committee  
6:30 GOAL Justice Rally  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 10

Weekday Carnival

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

9:00a Worship Service  
10:00 One Adult Sunday School  
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting  
11:15 Worship Service  
3:30p Children's Musical  
4:30 First Steps Music Class  
5:00 Middler Youth Group  
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**From the Pews, Donn James**

Ephesians 2:8-10

*You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It is not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead we are God's accomplishments created in Jesus Christ to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way we live our lives.*

Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his book *The Cost of Discipleship*, writes of cheap grace and costly grace. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship; grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which one must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ.

In the Presbyterian Church we believe that service is our response to God's grace. We first must confess our sins and shortcomings, and ask God's forgiveness and ask for God to reclaim us (Prayer of Confession). Only then we are given the assurance of pardon.

I have always been intrigued by paradoxes. Jesus in Matthew 16:25 says "whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." I think God is asking us to be a little less selfish, serve others, and enjoy what happens when we do. In Matthew 11:28-29, Jesus says "my yoke is easy my burden is light." Following Jesus' commands can seem overwhelming but he is always there to give us rest.

**Prayer:** God, you know us. We are human. We live complicated lives, we live in a culture that encourages us to want everything and to do everything. Help us to make choices to uncomplicate our lives so that we can serve others - embrace costly grace. Amen.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Adult Sunday School (March 5, 2023)**

*How to be Perfect*  
led by Ted Gentry  
Room 209

(This is a class that is being made up from Fall 2022.)

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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.

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