



Music Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preparation for **Worship**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

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 *Lift High the Cross* arr. Monsell

Choral Introit *Make a Joyful Noise* arr. Davis

* Call to Worship Psalm 100

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

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.
People: **We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn #641 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

* Prayer of Confession

God of love and beauty, remind us anew what it means to see you in the world around us. We have constructed idols out of status, success, power, and pride, and called them good. We have ignored your image in our neighbors. We have shut out the stranger, we have been impatient with those we love, and we have put our own needs first. Forgive us, gracious God, for our self-centered and hard-hearted ways. Mold us into the image of Christ, so that we would live simply, love generously, forgive quickly, and follow you with courage. We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

Anthem *God Is Never Late* Smith
Mungu ni Mwema/God Is So Good Burrows

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 52:7-10* p. 596

Anthem *Draw the Circle Wide* Miller

Epistle Lesson, *Romans 12:3-8* p. 922

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Preaching to the Choir"*

Responding to **God's Word**

Anthem *Ubuntu* Hayes
"A person is a person by and because of other people."

* 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.

Anthem *Let Everything* Thomas

Offering

Anthem *Ubi Caritas* Johnson

"Where there is charity and love, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another."

* 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 #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response *Go Out With Joy* Davis

* Postlude *Toccata in F* Pachelbel

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Sallie White, *scripture reader*

Rosemary Hughes, *Interim Director of Music*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

Reed Halvorson, *percussionist*

The Sanctuary Choir

The Chancel Choir

The Westminster Youth Choir

The Junior and Senior Choristers

Katie Knauer, *Children's Choir Coordinator*

Hunter Smith, *Senior Choristers Interim Director*

Martha Gower, *Choristers Accompanist*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Toni Paylor, Stan Pendergrass, Emily Cole, Ingrid Erwin, Roger Gower, *greeters*

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.

Summer Worship Schedule begins this Sunday, May 7

This Sunday, May 7, we will begin our summer worship schedule of one worship service at 10a, followed by fellowship in the Sanctuary Atrium. The summer schedule will run May 7-September 3.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a son, *George Frank Revson*, to Will & Megan Revson on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, *Bailey Dowe* and *Michael Nelson* were united in marriage in Philadelphia, PA.

We Remember in Prayer

Phillip Land on the death of his father, James Phillip Land, Sr., in Rock Hill, SC - 4/27/2023.

In Memoriam

Evelyn Ott
(4/25/1922 - 4/27/2023)

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

Our Vision:

Open Minds Open Hearts

Our Pillars:	Our Goals:
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Connect</i>
<i>Generosity</i>	<i>Serve</i>
<i>Justice</i>	<i>Grow</i>
<i>Imagination</i>	
<i>Joy</i>	

Opportunities @WPC

YOUTH PARENT MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 7

We will hold a meeting open to all youth and their parents, including rising 6th grade families, on Sunday, May 7 following worship. We will meet in Room 309 from 11:15-noon. The meeting will cover information about all summer trips, including our Back-to-School Retreat at Look Up Lodge on August 19/20. We will also address the expectations and values of WPCYG and some of the fun activities we will have this summer.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our Children's Church attendance is growing and we need your help! Volunteering with Children's Church is a wonderful and fun opportunity to get to know our Kindergartners and First Graders. We are looking for at least three helping hands for each Sunday during the 10a service. Usually about 25-30 children attend. It is an EASY way to nurture our children. A pastor leads the lesson and you provide a craft or supervise playtime in the room or the gym. Please contact Lindsey Donlan or Lauren Slingerland for more information. Thank you for considering!

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Are you a worker bee with a gift for welcoming others? Join WPC's Hospitality Team! Volunteers receive regular invitations to help with receptions (including donuts!), meals, and other church-wide events. To sign up, contact Wendy Bagley (wendy@wpc-online.org).

PLEASANT VALLEY SUMMER CAMP

WPC is thrilled to partner with Pleasant Valley Connection's summer program again this year. We are looking for members to share their special skills/talents/hobbies with elementary-aged children at PVC. Volunteers will be with children one hour per week for at least two consecutive weeks. Complete the interest form on WPC's website to get connected. Questions? Contact Julia Watkins.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 11** Harbinger.

Name: _____

School: _____

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will not meet on Monday, May 15.

New Members@WPC

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on April 30, 2023:

- Chris & Kimberly Abdella joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, Lilly Gault (15) and a son, Topher (11).
- Larry & Rose Cooke joined by transfer from Townville Presbyterian, Townville, SC.
- Connor Lynn & CiGi Curry. Connor joined by transfer from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic, Spartanburg, and Cigi joined by transfer from St. David's Episcopal, Roswell, GA.
- Mignon Davis joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Scott Lawson joined by reaffirmation of faith. Scott has a son, Harrison (4), and a daughter, Hampton (2).
- Weston & Emily Nalley joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville, SC.
- Joe & Ruth Porten joined by transfer from the Church of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH.
- Jay & Katie Revson joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, Amelia (1).
- Sharon Thompson joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville. She and her husband, Reid, have two sons, Montford (5), and Myers (3).
- Steve & Jennifer Yarborough joined by transfer from Buncombe Street United Methodist, Greenville.

SPRING LUNCHEON

On Sunday, May 21, everyone is invited to enjoy good food and fellowship at the spring all-church luncheon. Henry's BBQ and sides will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10a worship. \$12/adult; \$7/child; \$40/family max. Reserve your place online.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
May 7 - 14, 2023

Sunday, May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00a Membership Committee Meeting
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Reception and Fellowship in Atrium
11:15 Youth Parent Meeting

Monday, May 8
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 9
12:00p Al-Anon
2:00 Circle 3 Meeting

Wednesday, May 10
9:30a Circle 6 Meeting
4:00p 8th Grade Bible Study
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11
10:00a Thursday Bible Study
12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00a Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Reception and Fellowship in Atrium

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 9
• Circle 3, at the home of Pat Jenkins (10 Capers St) at 2p. Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com), chair.

Wednesday, May 10
• Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave) at 9:30a. Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com) and Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) co-chairs.

LIFE AT WPC:
SIGN UP FOR TEXT UPDATES

Wondering if weather will postpone an event? Need a reminder to sign up for a church-wide meal? Text "wpcgreenville" to (864)232-2424 to get up-to-date information about our life together! We promise we won't bombard you. Text today or follow the QR code.



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From the Pews, Rance Bryan

One of our favorite activities in Greenville is attending the Broadway Series at the Peace Center. My wife and I have had season tickets for a number of years and we always look forward to the unveiling of the next year's lineup. We are by no means Broadway experts, but we appreciate the pageantry, skill, and talent of each cast and performance.

The first Broadway play my wife and I ever saw was the Lion King in New York City. We were a few years out of college, and it was the first time either of us had been to Times Square and the theatre district. We were excited to get great seats about ten rows from the stage. The Lion King's opening number of 'The Circle of Life' immediately grabs your attention. It is captivating both musically and visually. When that first song ended, I looked at my wife and she was so ecstatic, she had tears in her eyes.

This Sunday's scripture is Psalm 100 and when I read that passage, it always reminds me of that performance. "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him in joyful songs." These verses take me back to that theatre almost 20 years ago and serve as an example of what a vibrant and energetic relationship with the Lord could look like. We don't have to be as exuberant as Rafiki in the play, but we should keep a similar spirit when we are in the Lord's presence.

Verses 4 and 5 state: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever." Psalm 100 is about thankfulness and doing so with joyous enthusiasm. So, this Sunday, sing a little louder, and if your kids look at you funny, tell them Rafiki told you to do it.