



**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Preparation for **Worship**

"I really only love God as much as the person I love the least."

*Dorothy Day*

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 *Four Church Sonatas, II. Andante* MOZART

\* Call to Worship Psalm 133

**Leader:** How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

**People:** **It is like the precious oil on the head.**

**Leader:** It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**People:** **For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**

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

\* Hymn 436 O QUANTA QUALIA

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,**

**in your presence we confess our sinfulness,**

**our shortcomings,**

**and the ways we have failed to follow Jesus Christ.**

**You know how we have squandered your good gifts,**

**wandering from your way**

**and forgetting the love to which we are called.**

**We pour time and money into false gods, seeking power,  
possessions, status, and control.**

**Forgive us, and help us to live in your light once again.**

**Remind us of the mercy that you are so eager to extend,**

**and give us the courage to offer compassion and grace to all.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

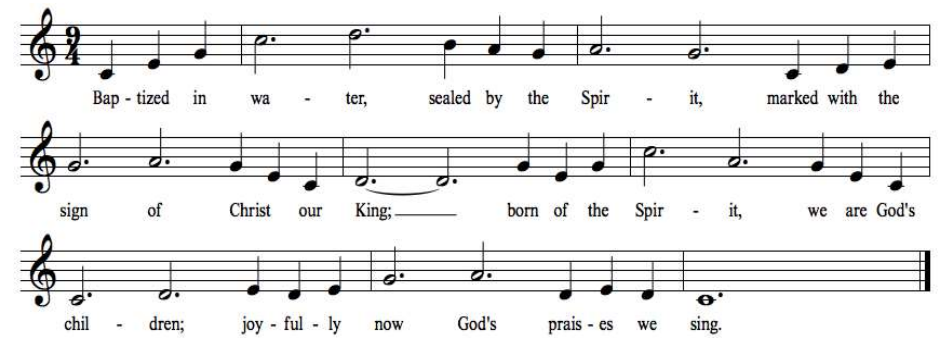
**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri, Hymn 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 *Rembert James Moore, Jr.*

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

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 9:9-13* p. 790

Old Testament Lesson, *Jonah 2:1-10* p. 752

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

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

Sermon *"God's Beloved Hypocrite"*

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.**

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

Offertory, Hymn 506 arr. Ferguson

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

*Please join in singing Stanza 4 as invited.*

\* 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 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" MCKEE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Response Hymn 746 "Send Me Jesus" THUMA MINA  
*Please sing stanza 2 as invited.*

\* Postlude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Purifoy

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Billy Moore, *sponsor*

Corey Sanders, *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *organ, piano*

Les Hicken, *clarinet*

Rance Bryan, *head usher*

Bill Holt, Ginny Reed, Roger Gower,

Tom Vanderbloemen, Parks Workman, *greeters*

Lillian Threatt, Miles Threatt, *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. The Women's Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caretaker and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Join Us in Welcoming**

**BAPTISM**

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Rembert James Moore, Jr.*, son of Rembert & Lauren Moore.

**In Memoriam**

David Thrailkill  
(10/16/1950 - 6/2/2023)

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**JUNE 11**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, June 11, immediately following the 10a worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Session's recommendation that we purchase the property on which the current Gantt Uniform Shop resides. The Finance Committee will also provide an update on the 2022 end-of-year financials, and the 2023 budget.

**SUMMER CHOIR!**

Would you like to sing in the choir but don't know if you can make the time commitment during the regular season? Summer Choir provides a commitment-free opportunity to give the choir a try - whether you want to take a "test run" or simply sing without the commitment of a midweek rehearsal. For each Sunday in June, the Summer Choir will gather in the choir room at 9a to learn and rehearse a choral anthem and the service music for 10a worship. All you need to do to participate is show up! If you would like more information, please contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music at mhurst@wpc-online.org.

Opportunities @WPC

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!

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, June 19, at 7p in the Charter Room. Julia Watkins will lead the discussion of *Freeing Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*, by B. Hunter Farrell. Read the book and join us for an interesting and informative evening. All are welcome.

THORNWELL SUMMER PARTY

Join in some fun in the sun with Thomwell! On Sunday afternoon, June 25, WPC will host a summer party on Thomwell's campus in Clinton, SC. Guests will be around 50 youth and host families participating in Thomwell's transitional living program. Volunteers will carpool to Clinton to run games, grill burgers and hot dogs, and hang out with youth by the pool. Register through the website.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site for "The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale" of the Greenville Literacy Association. The collection bin is located at the church office entrance. Deadline for this year's book donations is Thursday, July 13. For more information and a listing of donatable items, visit [www.greenvilleliteracy.org](http://www.greenvilleliteracy.org).

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Throughout the summer, we have various opportunities for youth to engage in fun and fellowship. Calendars can be found on Instagram (@wpc\_yg) and hard copies are in the atrium and outside of the main office. All events require registration on our website. Rising 6th graders are invited to join us for the Drive Game on 8/2. We hope to see you this summer!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER  
SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Women of Westminster offers scholarships to provide financial aid among college and graduate student membership within our church. This year Westminster is also partnering with a local agency, Fostering Great Ideas, so that a matched portion of funds will support students in the foster care system. Any first-time applicants from Westminster who will be furthering their education in the fall are invited to apply within the application rules-see application online for details. Applications are available online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) or from the church office. Applicants may contact Jill Fairey (803)920-2071 with any questions. The deadline is Monday, June 26, 2023. Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11-18, 2023

Sunday, June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Highs Mission to New Mexico

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Congregational Meeting

11:20 Donut Fellowship

11:45 Connections Group

Monday, June 12

Senior Highs Mission to New Mexico

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 13

Senior Highs Mission to New Mexico

12:00p AI-Anon

Wednesday, June 14

Senior Highs Mission to New Mexico

3:00p Middlers to Flying Rabbit

Adventures

Thursday, June 15

Senior Highs Mission to New Mexico

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, June 16

Senior Highs return from New Mexico

Sunday, June 17

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Middlers to Asheville (thru June 23)

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Fellowship

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**From the Pews, Parks Workman**

Jonah 2:1-10

Have you ever been swallowed by a fish? Let's put aside the thoughts of Jonah and the whale that we perhaps learned as children and really contemplate Jonah's story. Have you ever been swallowed by a fish?

Consider a time when the storms of life were raging, and you felt distant and isolated from God. Perhaps you were angry at God and were running away. Do you remember those storms? Are they raging right now?

Jonah's prayer can offer us a glimpse:

You cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and billows passed over me.

...

The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped around my head;  
at the root of the mountains.

Unfortunately, the storms of the world touch us all. We may seek comfort in the wrong places, burdened by guilt and shame from our decisions. God may seem a distant and futile hope. In the midst of the storms of my life, there have been times where I can relate to Jonah: "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?"

But Jonah's story can bring us comfort. Though Jonah's disobedience led to the depths, the belly of the fish may have provided a shield from the storms, allowing him time for reflection and for turning back to God. Similarly, the depths of our own struggles can offer us an opportunity for perspective, leading us to the true source of life in Jesus.

Read Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2:1-10. There is great comfort in the words: "I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice."

If you are currently swallowed by a fish, remember it's not the end of your story. Jesus spent time in the belly of the fish, even unto death. Yet Jesus conquered death.

Use the experience to deepen your faith and draw closer to God. Seek comfort through prayer. Reach out to members of our church community for support. Things may not turn out as you expect or desire. It might not even be pleasant—you may be "vomited back to dry land." But trust that God's unending love will deliver you from the depths.

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