



**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Preparation for **Worship**

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength. Where we have been confused, grant us your guidance. Where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort. Where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in you and with you we can do all things. 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.**

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* MONSELL

\* Call to Worship Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all our sins,  
who redeems our lives from the grave,  
who crowns us with steadfast love.**

Leader: God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: **For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

\* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
we know that our lives are inherently fearful and faltering.**

**We do not like to see our own sin,  
so we try to hide it from our hearts.**

**We convince ourselves that the status quo is good,  
instead of working harder for justice and peace.**

**We are hesitant to forgive those who wound us,  
and fail to trust the power of your grace.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, and turn our lives around.**

**Remind us that nothing is stronger than your love  
and nothing is impossible in your hands.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world,**

**bearing witness to the hope and healing**

**we have known 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, 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

Ryan Sellards Colpitt

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 16:13-19*

p. 798

Old Testament Lesson, *Jonah 3:1-10*

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"The God of Second Chances"*

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

*Hope of the World*

Davis

*The text for the Offertory may be found in the hymnal, number 734.*

\* 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 815

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

FESTAL SONG

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Response Hymn 746

"Send Me Jesus"

THUMA MINA

*Please sing stanza 2 as invited.*

\* Postlude

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Sedio

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Roger Gower, *sponsor*

Pearce Scales, *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *organ, piano*

Ross Glidewell, *head usher*

Amy Hawkins, Anne Howson, George McLarty,

Bill Holt, Ingrid Erwin, *greeters*

Mary Eliza Duncan, Salters Kelley, *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 Ryan Sellards Colpitt, son of John & Patricia Colpitt.

**With Thanksgiving We Celebrate MARRIAGE**

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, *Danette Everhart* and *Michael Cogdill* were united in marriage at Westminster.

**BIRTH**

The birth of a son, *William Finney Waller*, to Jack & Alicia Waller on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

**SUMMER CHOIR**

Summer Choir will be on hiatus in July but will return on August 6 for the month of August.

**WINDOWS OF OUR FAITH**

In 2022, to mark 75 years of faithfulness to God's call on our congregation, the 75th Committee commissioned an installation to hi-light the stories of faith embedded in our stained glass windows. Thanks to the creative imagination of Bill Donohue and Emanate Brands, alongside the work of photographer Matthew Franklin Carter and Becca Donohue at TPM, the 200-hall is now illuminated with to-scale models of the stained glass windows. We encourage you to spend time learning about the design of the windows; to imagine them as guided devotionals that anchor you to this place and animate your own sense of faithfulness to God's call.

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 18-25, 2023

Sunday, June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers (thru June 23)*  
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, June 19

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers*  
7:00p Theology Reading Group  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 20

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers*  
12:00p Al-Anon

Wednesday, June 21

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers*  
12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting

Thursday, June 22

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers*  
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 23

*Asheville Youth Mission for Middlers*

Sunday, June 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 Donut Fellowship  
11:15 All Youth Lunch/Hike

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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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**From the Pews, Elaine Smith**

**Jonah 3:1-10**

Can you think of a time as a child when you were asked more than once to complete a task? Then, you went about it half-heartedly with a bad attitude? Well, that would be God's experience with his prophet, Jonah. Even after delivering Jonah from the belly of a whale, God had to ask him a second time to deliver a message to Nineveh. Jonah did not want God to show mercy to evil people. To say that Jonah delivered the message in a lackluster manner would be an understatement. As Ben preached at the beginning of this series, Jonah mumbled the scary message, "Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days." Even so, the people of Nineveh LISTENED and paid penance for their evil ways. They sat in sackcloth and ashes as a symbol of sincere repentance.

God responded by forgiving them, showing compassion and mercy. Is that fair? Jonah did not think so. He did not want God to show evil people mercy.

It may be human nature to compare sins and feel better than others deeming them undeserving. But here is a central and difficult question. What did we do to earn God's compassion and mercy?

Sit with this thought for a while. As a Christian, we should want God's mercy for others. Let's all remember this lesson the next time we are feeling holier than thou. It is easier to judge and feel self-righteous than to demonstrate compassion for others. Challenge yourself to not leave your compassion at the door as you leave here today.



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.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**WPC KIDS EVENTS**

**POPSICLES IN THE PARK, JUNE 21 AND JULY 12**

Children ages 0-10 and their grownups are invited to join us at 10a at Rockwood Park (398 Meyers Drive) for a morning of play with other WPC families. Popsicles will be provided!

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