



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, Wind carrying the Word of salvation to the world- you who are the One in Three, thank you for calling us by name, for providing for our needs, for freeing us to live in union with Christ. We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good. Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Feasting on the Word

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Evanovich

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

People: We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: God has welcomed us without reservation.
People: So let us welcome all in God's name!
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty" NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession

**God who provides our every need,
 you have given us countless gifts.
 You have welcomed us for all of who we are.
 You have showered us with steadfast love.
 You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.
 We do not deserve these gifts.
 We take them and squander them.
 We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you.
 We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.
 Accept our confession.
 Be our glory and our strength for the days to come,
 our strength, shield, and deliverer. 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.

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 6:1-8* p. 553

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 5:1-10* p. 836

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord?"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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 721 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Please join the ensemble singing the Refrain after stanzas 2-4.

* 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 432 REPTON

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Hustad

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Lauren Slingerland, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Sam White, Jr., *scripture reader*

Nancy Smith, *guest organist*

Rosemary Hughes, Judy McKenney, Shawn Salley, *soloists*

Judy McKenney, *guitar*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Anne Howson, Neil Shurley, Keith Stevenson,

Lesley Usher, LeAnne White, *greeters*

Madeline Weaver, *acolyte*

Worship Notes

SUMMER CHOIR

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

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.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a son, *Grady Frank Stern*, to Frank & Amanda Stern on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

We Remember in Prayer

Michelle Frasher on the death of her father, Jorge Balsa, in Greenville - 6/27/2023.

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 highlight 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.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Summer is an opportunity for vacations, the beach, and time with family and friends. But even when we are away, the church remains active, with our children and youth ministries going strong, the weekday school running throughout the summer, and numerous outside groups using our facilities. In addition, our mission partners depend on us all year long. If possible, we ask you to consider keeping your giving up to date. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to God's work at Westminster.

Opportunities @WPC

WPC KIDS EVENTS

POPSICLES IN THE PARK, 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!

IT'S ELEMENTARY

This year It's Elementary will be learning about the seasons of the church year. Our theme is, "Ordinary, Extraordinary." There are many ways to nurture our children in this unique, after school ministry on Wednesdays. If you are interested in learning more about those roles contact Lauren Slingerland or Caroline Blouin.

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!

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.

LIGHTLY SEASONED GROUP

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties and sixties, will meet Saturday, July 22, at 6:30p at the home of Gaye & Joel Sprague (10 Grey St). Watch your e-mail for more information or check the church's web site ("Connect" then "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

Our Vision:

Open Minds Open Hearts

Our Pillars:

- Hospitality*
- Generosity*
- Justice*
- Imagination*
- Joy*

Our Goals:

- Connect*
- Serve*
- Grow*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
July 2 - 9, 2023

Sunday, July 2
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, July 3
Weekday School Closed
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 4
Weekday School Closed
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5
Weekday School Closed
2:00p All Youth to Hallowed Earth

Thursday, July 6
Weekday School Closed
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 7
Weekday School Closed

Sunday, July 9
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship

THE SESSION

The Class of 2024

<i>Hastings Blumer</i>	<i>Toni Paylor</i>
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<i>Jay Culclasure</i>	<i>Keith Stevenson</i>
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From the Pews, Gaye Sprague

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am, send me!"*

Isaiah 6:8 (NRSV)

This is one of my favorite Bible verses. First, there's the poetic ring of "Whom shall I send..." In this context, God may have been asking this question of the heavenly beings surrounding him, but it also feels as though he's asking and inspiring **us**. Then I love that God asks "...who will go for **us**?" Once again, the question may have been addressed to heavenly beings, but it feels as though he's asking **us**. Us, yes, us. Right here, right now.

Then there's Isaiah's well-known reply, "Here am I; send me!" Don't you love the exclamation mark the New Revised Standard Version uses?! Isaiah responded immediately and emphatically. He didn't check his calendar. He didn't think about the financial costs. He simply responded, "...send me!"

Now, we are not all full-time prophets, and we have very real responsibilities and practical limitations. But in a connecting, serving, and growing church like ours there are many opportunities for service requiring all sorts of time commitments and talents. Let's listen for God saying to **us**, "Whom shall I send...". Give Julia Watkins a call (before she heads to Davidson after July 16) to find ways to serve that really do accommodate your particular responsibilities and limitations.

When you find that just right way to contribute, you'll find what so many of our fellow Westminster members have found: you really do receive more than you give.