

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | On Demand on Facebook & YouTube | 9a & 11:15a



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Preparation for **Worship**

Holy God, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand at work. Knit us together in one fellowship with all your saints, those who have made life beautiful for us and for others. And let your light shine through us, so that whether we walk faithfully in this life or rejoice in the life to come, your everlasting and unconditional love would be known, from generation to generation. 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.**

Minute for Stewardship

Emily Busby

Prelude

For All the Saints

Boertje

Introit (11:15a) Hymn 709 "God, We Honor You"

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Please remain seated and join in singing once in unison and once in canon, as invited.

* Call to Worship Psalm 116:12-15

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?
People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

People: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of God's faithful ones.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in every age
you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised 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.

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

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Revelation 21:1-4*

p. 1007

Epistle Lesson, *Colossians 3:12-17*

p. 958

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"It's What You Wear That Counts"

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.

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: *Bruce Aufderhaar, Nancy Billings, Fred Carpenter, Betty Geddie, Jim Glidewell, Tommy Gower, Judy Hotchkiss, Sam Inman, Ryan Montgomery, Haynes Morrow, Paul O'Neal, Terry Osborne, Evelyn Ott, Ray Pent, Hays Reynolds, Ina Ridgeway, Mary Thomas, David Thraillkill, Judy Vick, Connie Walker, Paul Waters.*

Meditation

Gymnopédie No. 1

Satie

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 (9a) "God Is My Shepherd" from *Biblical Songs* Dvořák

Offertory (11:15a) "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" from *Ein Deutsches Requiem* Brahms

* Doxology Hymn 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

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* Hymn 326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response (11:15a)

THANKFUL HEARTS

Hymn 648 "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

* Postlude

Life Everlasting

Smith

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Lee Freeman (9a), Mike Peters (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Todd Monsell, *organ/piano*

Marlon Hurst (9a), *solo*

Rosemary Hughes, *flute*

Jeff Reynolds (9a), Brad Hawkins (11:15a), *head ushers*

Lindsey Donlan, Carroll Farmer, Zach Freeman,

LeAnne White, Jacob Barker (9a), *greeters*

Neil Shurley, Jordan Smith, Tom Vanderbloemen,

Parks Workman, Nikki Grumbine (11:15a), *greeters*

Gray Gault, Ella Heegard (9a), *acolytes*

Anna Clark Cameron, Adeline Johnson (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. 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening, November 4.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS

If you have a name that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider for next year's Session, please email Neil Shurley, Nominating Committee chair, at neil.shurley@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee will meet this Sunday, November 5.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, at 4:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

Membership@WPC

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 19. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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Opportunities @WPC

LEFTOVER CANDY DRIVE BENEFITTING PROJECT HOST

Wondering in the days and weeks after Halloween what to do with all that leftover candy? This year we're collecting candy on behalf of Project Host so that PH can distribute the sweets among luncheon participants. Bring your candy by the office November 1-6 or drop it at the designated spot under the UM Collection Cabinets in the Friendship Corridor.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will sing next at the 9a worship service on Sunday, November 12. To prepare for worship leadership, they will rehearse on Tuesday, November 7 from 7-7:45p in the Choir Room. The Chancel Choir exists to provide choral singing opportunities for those who enjoy singing but who desire to participate in an ensemble that requires less of a time commitment than the Sanctuary Choir. Participation is open to all. For more information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

INSTRUMENTAL/HANDBELL SURVEY

Are you an instrumentalist? Would you be interested in ensemble opportunities to share your gifts in worship? Are you interested in ringing handbells? If so, please visit the WPC website to complete a survey. This will help us learn the answers to these questions – and more! The survey will remain open through mid-November. Depending upon the responses, opportunities for sharing your gifts will develop in 2024.

WPC BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 7p in the church library. Kathryn Algary will lead the discussion of The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz. All are welcome.

2023 GIVING:

At the end of September, we were ¾ of the way through the year, and had received 60% of anticipated pledge income. Please check your quarterly giving statement to see where you stand with your 2023 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 8

- Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave) at 9a. Circle Chairs: Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com) and Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com).

Tuesday, November 14

- Circle 3, at the home of Ruth Collins (103 Haddon Ln, Greer) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).

Tuesday, November 14

- Circle 7, at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr) at 6p. Circle Chair: Josie Williams (jgwilliams1803@gmail.com).

YOUNG ADULTS OYSTER ROAST

Please join us for a young adults oyster roast on Sunday, November 19, from 3-5p at the home of Mary Knight & Tyler Felt (214 Aberdeen Dr). To reserve your spot, venmo @MaryKnightFelt \$20 and in the description please label it, "WPC Oyster Roast". This will cover oysters, appetizers, and beverages. Registration will end November 11. Kids are welcome and eat for free. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Timmons at leizabethtimmons@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, November 20, at 7p in the Charter Room. Ann Hicks will share with us a portion of her Memoir, a portion in which prayer is significant. The discussion will then focus on prayer, faith, good luck. All are welcome.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER

Join the Men of Westminster on Tuesday, December 5, at 5:30p for Christmas Cocktails at Southern Side Brewing (25 Delano Dr., Unit D). Join the men of the church for fun and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tony Threath (tony.threath@gmail.com).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 5 - 12, 2023

Sunday, November 5 All Saints' Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
WestConnect - Kathleen Reynolds
WestConnect - Leigh Miller
WestConnect - George Howell
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 2:00p Nominating Committee Meeting
- 4:30 First Steps Music Class
- 5:00 Vespers Service
- 5:20 November Nights Dinner
- 6:00 Rise Against Hunger

Monday, November 6

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 7

- 12:00p Al-Anon

Wednesday, November 8

- 2:15p It's Elementary
- 3:30 Cherub Choir
- 4:15 Middlers Open Gym
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:00 WestConnect - Ingrid Erwin
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

- 10:00a Thursday Bible Study
- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 12

Twenty-fourth

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Our Vision:
Open Minds Open Hearts

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

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From the Pews, Emily Cole

If you know me well, you know I'm a worrier. This can be a good thing and a bad thing of course. Good in the sense that it makes me want to research and prepare to the nth degree for everything- seeing my patients, attempting to solve parenting problems (notice I said "attempting"), public speaking, leading a committee, and even in writing this letter for the Harbinger! But worry can also be fraught with uncomfortable emotions, second guessing myself, and questioning everything. You can definitely say that going BEYOND my comfort zone has not always been my strong suit, however I have always sought comfort in verses of the Bible which deal with the topic of worry- Proverbs 3:6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path." Or, Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Even the topic of stewardship and tithing can be a source of stress for some. What amount do we pledge? What do my neighbors pledge? How do I compare to my neighbors? What does God want us to commit? Will we have enough? I have asked myself all of these questions in the past, and then I remembered the first commitment Sunday that my family and I attended as new members here at WPC. I thought to myself how significant that individuals and families walk to the front of the Sanctuary and place their pledge at the communion table, how reverent, how profound, how intentional. Our family had prayed, prepared a pledge card, walked to the front as a family, sealed our commitment, and immediately the doubts and questions all subsided. We knew we made the right decision then, going BEYOND our comfort zone, and we continue to choose to intentionally commit to WPC today.

This stewardship season I pray that we all can quiet the questions, the doubts and worries, and instead focus on the BEYOND - the sermons, the Sunday school lessons, the service work, the youth dinners, the retreats, the It's Elementaries, and all other good things to come, knowing fully that our commitment to WPC translates to a life of abundant love and eternal life with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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1. Faith & Medical Ethics

Teachers: Scott & Denise Broderick with Trey & Kimmie DuBose, Rob Morgan, and Ben Alexander, Jim & Betsy Bloodworth

Room 209

From the earliest beginnings of the Christian faith, its members have been devoted to helping others. After a brief review of the interwoven history of Christianity and medicine in general, the focus of this class will be on the current interaction between the Christian faith and the complexities of the modern medical world. Topics will be presented by a variety of congregational members involved in the medical field and will include mission work, challenging patients and diagnoses, medical malpractice, and medical finances.

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Teacher: Leigh Stuckey

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