



Second Sunday after Epiphany

Preparation for **Worship**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Biery

Choral Introit 11:15a *Hymn 666, Stanza 1 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\* Call to Worship Hebrews 11:1-3

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

People: **Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.**

Leader: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

People: **so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

\* Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God, we know we are blind to your glory and grace in our midst.**

**Far too often, we evade the responsibilities of discipleship.**

**Our attention wanders, our hearts become selfish and lazy, and we respond to our neighbors with fear instead of faith.**

**Forgive us, Holy One.**

**Teach us to see our neighbors with the eyes of Christ,**

**to love our neighbors with the heart of Christ,**

**and to carry our neighbor's cross with the courage of Christ.**

**We ask it all in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

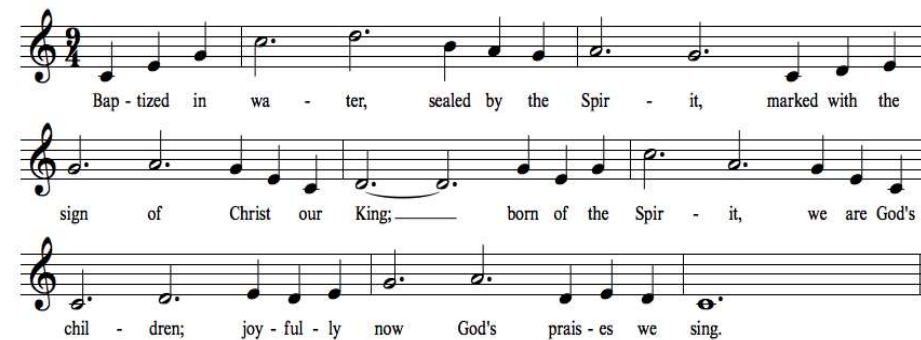
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* 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 11:15a Edward Beaumonde Dimling

Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" Bunessan



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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16* p. 503

Gospel Lesson, *John 1:35-51* p. 862

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Come and See"

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 9a *Psalm 139: "O God, You Search Me"* Farrell

Offertory 11:15a *O Christ, Surround Me* art. McNair

\* 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

\* Hymn 721 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response 11:15a PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Hymn 666, Stanza 4 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

\* Postlude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Carlson

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

LeAnne White, *sponsor*

Eleanor Peters (11:15a), *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist/pianist*

Judy McKenney, *solo (9a), guitarist*

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Jacob Barker (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*

Laura Cox, Hastings Blumer, Jay Culclasure,

Ross Glidewell, Nikki Grumbine (9a), *greeters*

Russ Williams, Toni Paylor, Neil Shurley,

Keith Stevenson, Lesley Usher (11:15a), *greeters*

Mary Alice Price (9a), Ellis Bryan, Caroline Riley (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 Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver 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 meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

**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.

**Join Us in Welcoming**

**BAPTISM**

We welcome Edward Beaumonde Dimling, son of Nick & Anna Grace Dimling in our worship service this morning.

**With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH**

The birth of a son, Theodore Michael Huang, to Andrew Huang & Caroline Mayberry Huang on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

**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, February 4. 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.



Locate texts for all choral music online.

**WPC BOOK CLUB AND THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

On Monday, January 15, at 7p, the WPC Book Club and the Theology Reading Group will meet jointly in the Charter Room. Jean Weaver will lead the discussion of *The Covenant of Water*, a novel by Abraham Verghese. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are welcome.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLE MEETING**

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

**LUNCHEON GROUP**

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, January 17, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (maryanncox@gmail.com).

**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 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.

**LIGHTLY SEASONED**

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties, will gather Saturday, January 27, at 6:30p at the home of Susan & Tim Reed (51 Club Forest Ln). 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!

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER RETREAT - FEBRUARY 23 - 25, 2024**

The Women of Westminster Retreat at Montreat Conference Center is a time to unwind, experience peace and relax. The immediate calm and serenity as you come into Montreat is apparent. It's truly beautiful. At the Westminster Women's Retreat, our hope is that you experience God in a new and powerful way; learn something new about yourself through the messages brought to us by our speaker, Reverend Neeley Lane; meet new friends; grow relationships; and have a getaway weekend for yourself. Please join us for a weekend of devotions, fellowship, music and fun. Sign up now through January 22, 2024 via the WPC homepage. Single rooms are first come, first serve and fill up! Join up with a friend(s) to get a double or quad room! Contact the church office or Jill Fairey, Moderator, (802-920-2071) with any questions.

Music is an important way to communicate with young children even before they are able to sing along. First Steps in Music is an opportunity at Westminster that provides important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child/grandchild. Led by WPC member Diana Dailey, the First Steps classes teach simple songs, games, and prayers for 2- and 3-year olds and adults to experience together. The next class will be offered from 4:30-5p beginning Sunday, January 21. Register is available on the home page of Westminster's website: [www.wpc-online.org/events](http://www.wpc-online.org/events) registration.

**WPC YOUNG ADULTS**

Join us Sunday, January 28, at Southernside Brewery (25 Delano Dr) for food and fellowship following the 11:15a service and congregational meeting. Kids are welcome! Questions? Email Elizabeth Timmons at [LElizabethTimmons@gmail.com](mailto:LElizabethTimmons@gmail.com).

**PANCAKE LUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 HOSTED BY MEN OF WESTMINSTER**

On Sunday, February 4, immediately following the 11:15a service, the Men of Westminster will host a pancake lunch for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall! The menu includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, and fresh fruit. Sign up on the church website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/#church-life>. Cost is \$10/person, with \$40 max per family. Children 2 and younger are free. Proceeds beyond the cost of the food will go to the Women of Westminster Scholarship Fund. Men of the church - if you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Tyler Fairey at [tylerdfairey@gmail.com](mailto:tylerdfairey@gmail.com) or 803-237-6009.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
 January 14-21, 2024

**Sunday, January 14**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
*Senior Highs to Universal Studios*  
 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 APNC Meeting

**Monday, January 15**  
*Senior Highs return from Universal Studios*  
 Church Office closed  
 Weekday School closed  
 7:00p Theology Reading Group/  
 Book Club Meeting  
 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, January 16**  
 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting  
 Finance Committee Meeting  
 6:00 Circle 7  
 7:00 Men of Westminster Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17**  
 12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting  
 2:15 It's Elementary  
 3:30 Cherub Choir  
 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers

**Thursday, January 18**  
 10:00a Thursday Bible Study  
 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous


**Sunday, January 21**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:00a Worship Service  
 Library Committee Meeting  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 WestConnect - Kathleen Reynolds  
 WestConnect - Leigh Miller  
 WestConnect - George Howell  
 Confirmation Class  
 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting  
 11:15 Worship Service  
 12:30p Stated Session Meeting  
 4:30 Baptism Class  
 5:00 Middler Youth Group  
 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 Youth Dinner  
 6:30 Senior High Youth Group  
 Middler Choir Rehearsal

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**From the Pews, Rosemary Hughes**

We continue in our "The Fabric of Faith" sermon series today, and this morning's focus is "Faith as Seeing." In Hebrews 11:1, we read, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It is this idea of true "sight" manifesting itself in what is not actually visible that intrigues me. Dictionary definitions of the word "sight" range from the physical (perception of objects by use of the eyes) to the intellectual (mental perception or regard) to the emotional (something unusual, surprising, shocking, or distressing), but when we consider the meaning of the word "see," we encounter more figurative language (to penetrate to the true nature of; comprehend; detect; to stay with to the end or until completion; persevere). It is likely fair to say that everyone desires to "be seen," to be valued and affirmed, but so often we struggle with finding that "conviction of things not seen." God sees us, with all of our wrinkles and warts, but we are prone to doubt (like Thomas) what we cannot see with our physical eyes. Growing in our faith is taking a journey into the unknown, into places where we cannot see what lies ahead, but even in those uncertain times, God knows exactly where we are and what directions we need to find our way. Perhaps the truest test of faith is to discard our ideas of sight and allow God to be our GPS.



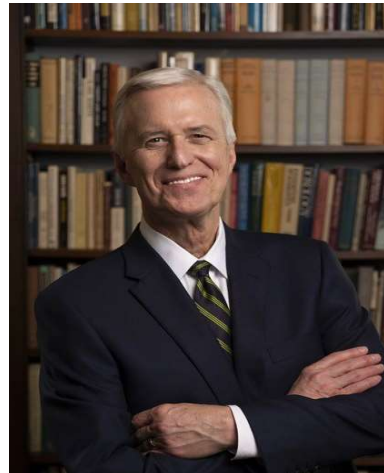
**LIFE@WPC**

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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January 21, 2024

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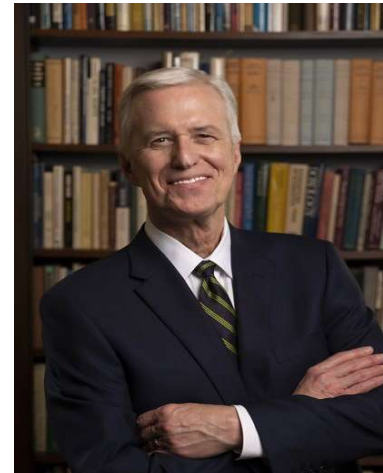
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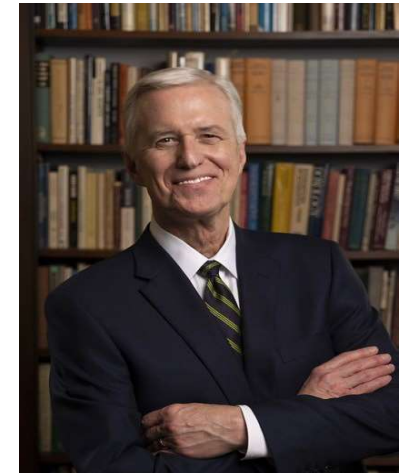
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