



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Preparation for **Worship**

“The church of Christ witnesses to the end of all things. It lives from the end, it thinks from the end, it acts from the end. It proclaims its message from the end ... The new is the real end of the old; the new, however, is Christ. Christ is the end of the old. Not the continuation, not the goal, the completion in line with the old, but the end and therefore the new. The church speaks within the old world about the new world. And because it is surer of the new world than of anything else, it sees the old word only in light of the new world.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Creation and Fall*

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 Glory Be to God on High* Albrecht
Introit, Hymn 243 *11:15a "Be Not Afraid"* TAIZÉ
first time, Sanctuary Choir; second time, all

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, disrupting the order of a fallen world. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the world's status quo. Despite our spoken alleluias, we do not live as resurrection people. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call. We do not seek justice. We fail to act with mercy, and too often we walk ahead of you. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to see the new world inaugurated on Easter morning, that all of our living might be transformed by the empty tomb. Grant us the joy of abundant life now and forevermore. 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 *9a* Adelaide Elizabeth Fiscus
11:15a Rollins Elizabeth Dixon

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, *Micah 6:6-8* p. 757
New Testament Lesson, *1 Corinthians 15:12-19* p. 935
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon "If, Then"

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* Rejoice Now, My Spirit J.L. BACH
Offertory *11:15a* If Ye Love Me Wilby
* 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 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised" ENGLEBERG

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 740 *11:15a* LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Please join the choir in singing the Refrain.

* Postlude *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* Kerr

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*
Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*
Susan Robbins (11:15a), *scripture reader*
Emily Busby (9a), Parks Workman (11:15a), *sponsors*
Todd Monsell, *organist/pianist*
The Sanctuary Choir
Diana Dailey (9a), *soloist*
Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), *flute*
Judy McKinney (11:15a), *guitar*
Jacob Barker, *head usher*
Sam White, Jacob Barker, Marian Carpenter,
Lindsey Donlan, Carroll Farmer, (9a), *greeters*
Ingrid Erwin, Bill Holt, Creighton Likes,
Jordan Smith, Tom Vanderbloemen (11:15a), *greeters*
Mary Eliza Duncan, Francie Whitted (9a), Ella Heegard (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.

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.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Adelaide Elizabeth Fiscus*, daughter of Gabe & Lauren Fiscus.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Rollins Elizabeth Dixon*, daughter of Julian & Keri Dixon.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a daughter, *Rose Noelle Saari*, to David & Erin Saari on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

SERMON SERIES: THEN AND NOW

During the Easter season, our sermon series will explore the question, "What does the early church have to teach us?" We will look at how the early church is described in the New Testament, and explore how those descriptions are related to being God's church in the 21st century. Our topic this Sunday is the empty tomb and Christian ethics.

Our Vision:
Open Minds
Open Hearts

Our Pillars:
Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:
Connect
Serve
Grow

**SAVE THE DATE
8TH GRADE BIBLE STUDY**

All 8th graders are invited to join us for a 4-week Relationships Bible Study on Wednesdays in May (1,8,15,22) from 3:45-4:45p. You may sign up by contacting Wendy in the church office (wendy@wpc-online.org).

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Lowcountry Civil Rights Pilgrimage, from October 11-14. Continuing our tradition of educational experiences that enrich our faith and challenge our present discipleship, we will travel to Charleston to learn more about the Gullah-Geechee community of South Carolina, visit Mother Emmanuel AMC, worship with a historically Black PCUSA congregation organized during Reconstruction, and visit the newly opened International African American Museum in Charleston. Watch the Harbinger and eNews for details and to sign up. Email Leigh Stuckey with questions.

**A PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND
CELTIC SPIRITUALITY
AND OUR SCOTTISH ROOTS
MARCH 12-23, 2025**

Join Westminster members and families on our inaugural international pilgrimage! The 12-day journey provides a deep dive into the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church as well as its contemporary expression in the Church of Scotland. Highlights include Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Isle of Iona with its evocative abbey, and key sites related to the life and ministry of John Knox in St. Andrews and Edinburgh. Travelers of all ages are welcome. The trip is designed to partially overlap with Greenville County Schools Spring Break. Spots are limited and can be reserved at the Progressive Pilgrimage portal [https://progressivepilgrimage.com/westminster/]. The estimated cost is \$5971/person with a single supplement of \$950. Round trip airfare, entry fees, transportation-in-country, daily breakfasts, five lunches, seven dinners, and all tips are included. Contact Leigh Stuckey for more information.

THORNWELL SUPPLY DRIVE:

Westminster is a proud supporter of Thornwell. Join our supply drive to support Thornwell's Foster Care Program, which works to provide children in need with safe homes to support trauma recovery and healing while their families cope with crisis. For a list of needed items, visit https://qrco.de/betsMV or scan the QR code. You can drop off items at WPC throughout the month of May.



SUPPLY DRIVE

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join the WPC Young Adults on Sunday, May 5, following the 10a worship service for food and fellowship at Tacozzini (1818 Augusta St.). Questions? Contact Elizabeth Timmons at lelizabethtimmons@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Are you a worker bee with a gift for welcoming others? Join WPC's Hospitality Team! Volunteers receive regular invitations to help with receptions (including donuts!), meals, and other church-wide events. To sign up, contact Wendy Bagley at wendy@wpc-online.org.

THE SESSION

The Class of 2025

<i>Jacob Barker</i>	<i>Nikki Grumbine</i>
<i>Marian Carpenter</i>	<i>Bill Holt</i>
<i>Lindsey Donlan</i>	<i>Ginny Reed</i>
<i>Carrroll Farmer</i>	<i>Jordan Smith</i>
<i>Zach Freeman</i>	<i>Tom Vanderbloemen</i>
<i>Susan Grier</i>	<i>Parks Workman</i>

The Class of 2026

<i>Ben Bloodworth</i>	<i>Walker Miller</i>
<i>Emily Cole</i>	<i>Stan Pendergrass</i>
<i>Ingrid Erwin</i>	<i>Betsy Raines</i>
<i>Roger Gower</i>	<i>Jeff Reynolds</i>
<i>Amy Hawkins</i>	<i>Susan Robbins</i>
<i>Anne Howson</i>	<i>Zach Weaver</i>
<i>George McLarty</i>	

The Class of 2027

<i>Ben Dillard</i>	<i>Creighton Likes</i>
<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Carrie Marguet</i>
<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Trey Morrow</i>
<i>Mary Gentry</i>	<i>Mandy Pruitt</i>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28 - May 5, 2024

Sunday, April 28

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Men of Westminster Retreat

- 9:00a Worship Service
Education Committee Meeting
- 10:00 One Adult Sunday School
WestConnect (George Howell)
WestConnect (Kathleen Reynolds)
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p Women of Westminster Spring
Gathering Luncheon
- 4:45 Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 WPCYG Green Lot Picnic
- 6:00 Connect, Serve & Grow
Committee Meeting

Monday, April 29

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 30

- 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
Gifts & Gratitude Committee
Meeting
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

- 2:15p It's Elementary
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 5

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
- 10:00 Worship Service -
Church Music Sunday



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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HARBINGER
open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Parks Workman

Micah 6 poses profound questions for us in the context of a metaphorical cosmic trial. The Lord asks, "Oh my people, what have I done to you?" For me, the answer could never be captured in words. Even beyond the countless miracles of our lives, there is the infinite grace we have received in Jesus. "With what shall I come before the Lord?" This is a difficult question for wondering minds. The infinite grace of Jesus continues regardless of our shortcomings. Yet how should we respond?

Recently, the Spirit has worked through this church to send me a few reminders. First, I had the pleasure of teaching Sunday School to the 5-and-6-year-olds this past week. It had been a while since I had taught this age group. However, the experience reminded me of the incredible insight that children can provide to a questioning soul. We learned that we can show love for Jesus by "feeding sheep." The children got it immediately and described numerous acts of service for others. Through these 5-and-6-year-olds, the Spirit reminded me to keep it simple: look outwardly and serve others.

Second, there is this Harbinger cover, leading me to spend time with Micah. Here, God shows the many ways we can get lost, but also provides hope and direction for us: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.

Again, this points our response to Jesus outward, not inward. It is through our service to others, this church, our community, sometimes in ways contrary to the needs of our self-serving ego, that we can walk with God.

It can be far too easy to stay comfortable in the many ways our self-serving nature takes us. Who can take on yet another obligation? How does this interfere with my plans, my responsibilities?

Let's keep it simple. Let's find a single finite act of service we can do for others, then find the next, then find the next. If our eyes are open, there will be many steps we can take with God every day. Our finite acts of service, whether large or small, can collectively provide a reflection of the infinite grace of Jesus. Let's demonstrate our love for Jesus by embodying justice, kindness, and humility in our interactions with others, walking alongside Him in service and grace.

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