



**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Preparation for **Worship**

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Pettit Team/adap. Snyder

\* Call to Worship *Psalm 139*

**Leader:** O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**People:** **You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**  
**Leader:** For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**People:** **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**  
**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

\* Prayer of Confession  
**Holy God, it is in you that we live and move and have our being. You are the author of our days and the creator of our lives. Forgive us, O Lord, for living as if we are our own idea. We have trusted our wisdom instead of your word. We have tried to increase our security, our power, our prestige, and our wealth, instead of increasing our capacity to love like Jesus loved. Send your Spirit to cleanse our hearts and restore our courage, so that we would do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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 *Bennett Leland Pile*  
 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 6:25-34* p. 787  
 Epistle Lesson, *2 Corinthians 4:6-12* p. 939  
**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**  
 Sermon *"Fragile"*

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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Parker  
 \* 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 678 "Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight" *LA TÈNÈBRE*  
*1st time, Summer Choir; 2nd and 3rd times, All*

\* Charge and Benediction  
 \* Benediction Response, Hymn 842 *THE LORD IS MY LIGHT*  
 Psalm 27: "The Lord Is My Light"  
*Theme 1, Summer Choir; Theme 1, All (sing twice)*  
 \* Postlude *Fanfare* Leighton  
*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*  
 Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*  
 Elizabeth Timmons, *sponsor*  
 Jordan Smith, *scripture reader*  
 Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*  
 Jordan Smith, *soloist*  
 Lynden Kallenberger, *harp*  
 Hunter Smith and Rosemary Hughes, *flute*  
 Judy McKenney, *guitar*  
 Jacob Barker, *head usher*  
 Susan Robbins, Susan Grier, Lindsey Donlan,  
 Sam White, Jacob Barker, *greeters*  
 Ella Heegard, *acolyte*

**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.

**YOUTH WITNESS & SERVICE TRIPS**

Please keep our 29 Sr. High and 14 Middler Witness & Service participants and their chaperones in your prayers this week. The Sr. Highs will be serving through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in southwest Florida. The Middlers will be participating in service opportunities through Camp Fellowship in Waterloo, SC and helping with Vacation Bible School Prep.

**Join Us in Welcoming**


**BAPTISM**  
 This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Bennett Leland Pile*, son of Quintin & Molly Pile.

**With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH**  
 The birth of a daughter, *Katherine McKay Gilliland*, to Mac & Claire Gilliland on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

**In Memoriam**  
 E. Vernon Anderson, Jr.  
 (10/16/1943 - 5/27/2024)  
*"I am the resurrection and the life."  
 - John 11:25*

**BEN'S SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Ben Dorr will be out of the office June 8-July 28 for vacation, study leave, and medical leave following hip replacement surgery. If you have a pastoral care concern during this time, please contact the church office or reach out to Leigh, Mary Kathleen, Lauren, or Terri. Ben is grateful for your prayers, and will return to the office on Monday, July 29.



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

WORSHIP BUDDIES

We are gathering information about families with children with additional support needs who might benefit from having a worship buddy. Worship buddies are adults with backgrounds in supporting the diverse needs of children and they would be available to partner with your child during worship for frequent breaks, varied activities, or an alternate setting. If your child has additional support needs or you're interested in learning more, please contact Lauren Slingerland for more information. <https://wpc-online.org/worship-buddies/>

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Our connection with the Pleasant Valley Community Center continues year round! We invite you to share your hobbies and passions with the children at Pleasant Valley Summer Camp. There are opportunities for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons all summer. Ideas include but are not limited to sewing, gardening, writing, drawing, playing music, and playing a game. The kids love learning new skills! Contact Anna Hanor ([ahanor@wpc-online.org](mailto:ahanor@wpc-online.org)) to volunteer and for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church who are completing high school, college, or graduate school. We offer them our best wishes as they move into new phases of their lives.

2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Christ Church Episcopal High School

Julia Freedman  
Alec Norris

Greenville High School

Thomas Barnhardt  
Harrison Beck  
Dargan Culclasure  
Patrick Farmer  
CeCe Gault  
Charlie McFadden  
Nan Partridge  
Addison Royal  
Libby Sheppard  
Abby Young  
Andy Young  
Caroline Young

JL Mann High School

Jack DuBose  
Nate Porterfield  
Lily Runnion

St. Joseph's Catholic School

Caroline Howard

SC Governor's School

Parker Leshner

Wade Hampton High School

Morgan Broderick  
Sam Gosnell

2024 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Clemson University

Ellie DuBose  
Robert Farmer  
Eli Gosnell  
Thomas Hycher

Northwestern University

Douglas Culclasure

Presbyterian College

Madeleine Hopkins

University of South Carolina

Kell Runnion

Washington & Lee University

Kate Edmondson

Wofford College

Riley Gettys  
Henry Hill  
Emma Skelton

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SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is a low-commitment way to experience leading worship as a choir member. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, June 5 and July 31 from 7-8:30p to preview the Sunday morning choral anthems for the following several Sundays. For Sundays in June and August, the Summer Choir gathers weekly from 9-9:45a in anticipation of the 10a service. Summer Choir is open to adults and high school students. For more information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2-9, 2024

Sunday, June 2

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Senior High Mission Trip

Middler Mission Trip

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:40 Sunday Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Fellowship

5:00p Low Country Boil

Monday, June 3

Senior High Mission Trip

Middler Mission Trip

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 4

Senior High Mission Trip

Middler Mission Trip

12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

Senior High Mission Trip

Middler Mission Trip

Thursday, June 6

Senior High Mission Trip

Middler Mission Trip

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 7

Senior High Mission Trip

Sunday, June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:40 Sunday Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Fellowship

Our Vision:

Open Minds  
Open Hearts

Our Pillars:

Hospitality  
Generosity  
Justice  
Imagination  
Joy

Our Goals:

Connect  
Serve  
Grow

the  
**HARBINGER**  
open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Derek Pitman

In the divisional round of the 2022 NFL playoffs, the San Francisco 49ers were clinging to a 7-0 lead on the road at Lambeau Field against the Green Bay Packers. There were 40 seconds left on the clock before halftime, and the Packers had the ball on their own 11-yard line. Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers (he of the excellent throwing arm and outspoken societal views) threw a 78-yard completion to Aaron Jones, and the Packers were suddenly threatening to tie the game before the end of the half. Two wild plays later, though, special teams defender Jimmy Ward of the Niners blocked a field goal as time expired in the half. Jimmy and San Francisco preserved their 7-0 lead and provided the cushion that allowed them to eventually win the game 13-10.

Drives that see the defense give up dozens of yards to the offense but don't allow any points are referred to as "bend but don't break" defensive stands. The defense may give up yards, but they show fortitude when it matters most. They have faith in each other, and they collectively buckle down to prevent any points from being scored by the opposing team. This is exactly how I read the following excerpt from today's passage in Paul's letter to the Corinthians: *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed* (NIV, 2011, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

We bend, but we do not break. I am reassured seeing reminders of God's grace and protection in unexpected areas of my life outside the church. Those San Francisco defensive players displayed resilience, endurance, and a collective commitment to their goal on the gridiron. They believed in their mission, and they knew they could complete it.

May we also remain steadfast even as we experience difficulties. May we link arms and weather the storm, allowing God's light to shine in our hearts as a testament to his all-encompassing glory. May we carry Christ's death with us so that his life may be revealed to the world. Amen.