



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

"Lord / You understand such immense weariness / when one only whispers / release your servant now / deliver me from the scraps of hunger and thirst / called life / I don't need more than / the shade of a broom-tree to rest my head / a shawl of darkness for eyes / call back the angel / who hastens with bread and a jar of water / send me a long purifying / issueless sleep / lift my loneliness above its cumber / above every bereavement / Lord / You know the weariness of your prophets / You wake them with a jolt of new hurt / to place a new desert beneath their feet / to give them a new mouth a new voice / and a new name."

—Anna Kamienska,

The Weariness of the Prophet Elijah (translated from the Polish)

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 *As the Deer* Nystrom/West

* Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to praise the God who is always with us.
People: We seek the one who will never desert us.
 Leader: We open our hearts to the God who calls us by name.
People: We come to hear God's call for our lives.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

* Prayer of Confession

**God of the ages, amidst the business of our lives,
 we fail to make time for your voice.
 In our quest for control, we confuse our desires with your will.
 Buffeted by the winds of change, and burned by the fires of doubt,
 we forget your steady, leading presence.
 Help us even now to seek your voice,
 lead us from our own wilderness wanderings
 into the well-tended garden of your love.
 Be with us in tumult and in peace,
 and enable us to become more faithful disciples
 in all of our living. 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**

Call to Prayer, Hymn 455 LISTEN
 "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *1 Kings 19:1-10* p. 284

Second Scripture Lesson, *1 Kings 19:11-13* p. 284

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Outside Voice"

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 Still, My Soul* Hopp
 * Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 842 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
 Psalm 27: "The Lord Is My Light"

Theme 2, Summer Choir; Theme 2, All (sing three times)

* Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* German

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*
 Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*
 Ken West, *guest organist*
 Rosemary Hughes, *piano/flute*
 Judy McKenney, *guitar*
 Ted Gentry, *bassoon*
 The Summer Choir
 Jacob Barker, *head usher*
 Carroll Farmer, Zach Weaver, Nikki Grumbine,
 Bill Holt, Ginny Reed, *greeters*
 Miles Threatt, *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.

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.

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.

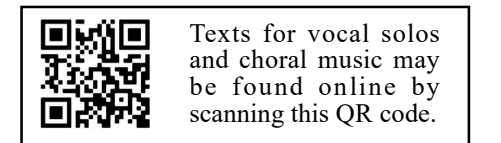
SUMMER SERMON SERIES:

HEARING GOD'S CALL

Ever wonder how we can hear God amidst the noise of our lives? Or perhaps what kind of things God is saying? Throughout the summer we will be exploring call stories in the Old Testament. You'll hear still small voices and booming theophanies with messages ranging from good news to fallen kingships. Join us as we turn our ears to some of Scripture's oldest, most colorful stories and learn to listen for the God who still calls us today.

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) to volunteer and for more information.

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.

Summer Choir is a low-commitment way to experience leading worship as a choir member. A rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CELTIC SPIRITUALITY AND OUR SCOTTISH ROOTS MARCH 12-23, 2025: A PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND

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. Pilgrims will also connect with the contemporary Iona community in Glasgow and on Iona (where aspiring golfers are welcome to choose a tee time). 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. Contact Leigh Stuckey for more information. Final pricing and details to reserve your spot will be released in the coming months.

YOUNG ADULTS

Join the young adults at the home of David & Anna Hanor (4 Parkins Lake Rd) on July 14, from 4-6p, for a backyard BBQ and pool party. \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, with a family maximum of \$30. Bring a beverage of your choice (no glass). To RSVP, venmo Anna Hanor (@anna_hanor) with the subject line "WPC BBQ" by Wednesday, July 10. Questions? Email Abbie Coleman (abbie.garrison3@gmail.com).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9-16, 2024

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
11:45 Connections Group Meeting

Monday, June 10

Vacation Bible School

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 11

Vacation Bible School

- 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

Vacation Bible School

- 12:30p All Youth Lunch

Thursday, June 13

Vacation Bible School

- 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 14

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 16

Fourth 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, Mary Frances Knapp

When is it that we feel closest to God? I think it differs for each of us. For some, it may be when we are sitting in a worship service, listening to his word through a sermon, or singing his praises with hymns. For others, it may be when we are serving out in our communities, or helping others who are in need. But, what about those times when we don't necessarily feel as connected to God?

Our scripture brings us to Elijah, who has just experienced a great victory at Mt. Carmel. His successes infuriate Jezebel, who sends a messenger vowing to kill Elijah. In fear for his life, he flees to Beersheeba. Depressed and forsaken, Elijah prays to die. Then, an angel appears to him with food and water aplenty, and she tells him to eat, drink, and rest. He wakes again, and she tells him to eat and drink more. He is to set out on a journey that will be too great for him, and he will need strength. Once fed and rested, Elijah begins a 40 day trek to Horeb. Upon his arrival, God asks him, "Why are you here?"

Elijah doesn't know why in the world he was there. From the heights of victory to the depths of despair, Elijah is ready to give up. He prays to God to take his life. However, in his deepest sorrow and sadness, Elijah listens to God's call and trusts in God's plan for him. God knows exactly why he is there. God has called him there for reasons Elijah can't yet understand.

Discouraging times can make all of us feel isolated and less connected to God. It is in those times of hardship that we should listen most closely for God's call. It will likely not be in the form of an angel feeding us food and water, but rather a subtle, quiet nudge when we need it most. We may feel God's presence more strongly when we are in our highest of highs. However, I challenge all of us to listen for his call in our lowest of lows. For he is with us always, providing for us when we don't even know yet what we need.