



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

We all flee from uncomfortable conversations  
 the drip of a hospital IV  
 the truths we don't want to own  
 the work we don't want to do.  
 Now we're in the belly of the whale, someplace deep and strange.  
 God calls us to awareness:  
 to stand our ground in the place where we are,  
 to do the work which needs doing.  
 To bring kindness and mercy even to those who are unlike us.  
 Are we listening?  
 From *Are We Jonah* by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

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 *Chanson* Monsell

- \* Call to Worship
 

Leader: Come into God's presence and shout with the heavens,  
**People: our God is very great!**  
 Leader: Clothed with honor and wrapped in glorious light,  
**People: our God is very great!**  
 Leader: Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,  
**People: our God is very great!**  
 Leader: Calling us to humility and compassion,  
**People: our God is very great!**  
 Leader: Come into God's presence, to listen and hear God speak.  
**All: Let us worship God!**

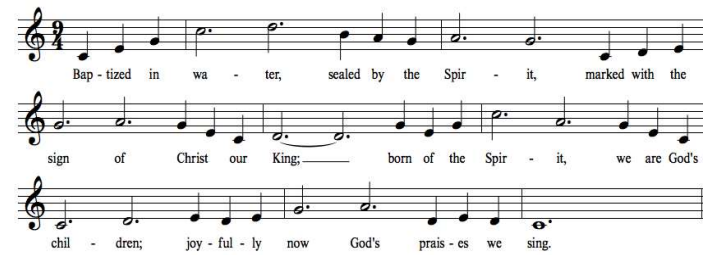
\* Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* Prayer of Confession  
**O Lord our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness,  
 our divided loyalties, our dancing around the truth.  
 We look for human approval instead of seeking to serve you.  
 We answer to human authority instead of listening to your Word.  
 We let anger drive a wedge between us.  
 Turn our hearts back to you, O God.  
 Show us how to live faithfully and serve you and you alone.  
 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 *Theodore Michael Huang*  
 Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



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, *Psalm 104:14-24* p. 483  
 Second Scripture Lesson, *Jonah 3:1-10* p. 753

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Runaway Train"

Responding to **God's Word**

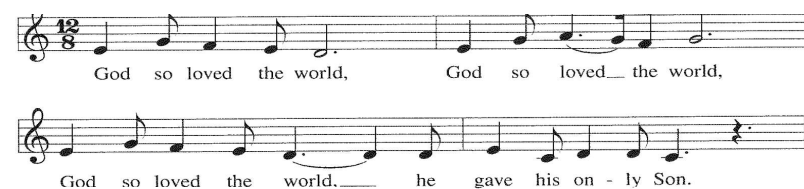
- \* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried; he 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 *God so Loved the World* Keesacker  
 Please sing the refrain as invited.



- \* Prayer of Dedication
- \* Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY
- \* 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.**

\* Benediction Response, Hymn 842 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT  
 Psalm 27: "The Lord Is My Light"  
 Theme 1: 1st time, choir; 2nd time, **all in unison**;  
 3rd & 4th times, **all in canon as invited.**

- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* Sedio  
*\*All who are able may stand*

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Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*  
 Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*  
 Ginny Bernard, *sponsor*  
 David Golladay, *scripture reader*  
 Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*  
 Rosemary Hughes and Hunter Smith, *flute*  
 Ted Gentry, *bassoon*  
 Judy McKenney, *guitar*  
 Summer Choir  
 Brad Hawkins *head usher*  
 Bill Holt, Parks Workman, Susan Grier, Emily Cole, Ingrid Erwin, *greeters*  
 Adeline Johnson, *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.

Join Us in Welcoming

**BAPTISM**  
 This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Theodore Michael Huang*, son of Andrew & Caroline Huang.

**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.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by

**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.

**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).

**LUNCHEON GROUP**

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, June 19, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

**SUMMER CHOIR**

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.

**A GENTLE REMINDER**

Summer is an opportunity for vacations, the beach, and time with family and friends. But even when we are away, the church remains active, with our children and youth ministries going strong, the weekday school running throughout the summer, and numerous outside groups using our facilities. In addition, our mission partners depend on us all year long. If possible, we ask you to consider keeping your giving up to date. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to God's work at Westminster.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
June 16-23, 2024

**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

**Monday, June 17**  
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, June 18**  
9:15a Weekday Chapel  
12:00p AI-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, June 19**  
12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting

**Thursday, June 20**  
5:00p Health & Safety Committee Meeting  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**Sunday, June 23**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal  
Education Committee Meeting  
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*

**CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Donations are needed for camp supplies as WPCKids and Pleasant Valley head down to Lake Greenwood for Summer Camp! Items can be purchased from our Amazon wish list. Contact Anna Hanor (ahanor@wpc-online.org) for more information. All donations needed by July 1. Thank you! [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RH9PNP57A94A?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RH9PNP57A94A?ref_=wl_share)

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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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***From the Pews, Will Edwards***

Each year, while on vacation at the beach, my wife Beth and I wake up very early at least one morning during beach week to go out and watch the sunrise. Standing on the shore as the waves ebb and flow and welcome us to the morning, the morning sky starts to lighten. Then, in an instant the sun breaks the horizon. At first the sun seems small, but its grandeur grows as it rises over the crest of the ocean. The big orange ball lights up the whole world at that moment! We take a few pictures, okay a whole bunch of pictures...but for the majority of the time we stare in awe at the beginning of a new day. A new day that God has created. As I stand there beside Beth, I silently praise God for the blessings I have in my life. I thank God, the Creator, God the Provider for all things.

In today's first scripture lesson, Psalm 104:14-24, the Psalmist praises God the Creator of all the animals of the field, and of the birds of the air. He causes grass to grow for the cattle and plants for the people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth. He provides trees for birds to build their nests and mountains for wild goats. God has made the darkness and the night when animals come out. He has made the moon to mark the seasons and the sun to mark the day. When the sun rises the animals lie in their dens and people go out to their work and labor until the evening.

Verse 24 sums up this passage very well: "O, Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

When I first read this scripture, I thought about creation and all that God provides. I thought about the sun rising in the morning. I also thought of the hymn, "All Things Bright and Beautiful." The refrain is what caught me:

*"All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all."*

I encourage you to take the time and watch the sun rise and let the wonder of God's creation surround you.