



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Perhaps this week will be the week when something in the womb of my heart will crack open with exuberance. Allow the joy of my transformed life to overflow into daily living. Open my eyes to the moments of resurrection that surround me every day. There is always something rising, opening to new life, forgiving and transforming. Teach me to live awake that I may recognize the renaissance being celebrated in my midst every moment. Intercede for me, make me a disciple of joy.

- *Macrina Weiderkehr*

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 *Voluntary* Boyce

* Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness!
 People: **We come into God's presence with singing.**
 Leader: For the Lord our God is good.
 People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
 All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

* Prayer of Confession

**Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One,
 we confess that we do not know how to look for you.
 We do not sense your nearness,
 and if there are angels among us, we are unaware.
 We do not show the hospitality to strangers
 that Abraham showed to you.
 We do not trust that our hardships
 can be transformed by your Spirit.
 O Covenant-keeper, forgive us.
 Let us laugh with joy because your peace
 has made peace among us.
 Remind us that the mystery of God brings the promise of life
 and the resurrection reveals
 that nothing is impossible with you, gracious God.
 Send us out with this good news through Jesus Christ,
 our Lord. Amen.**

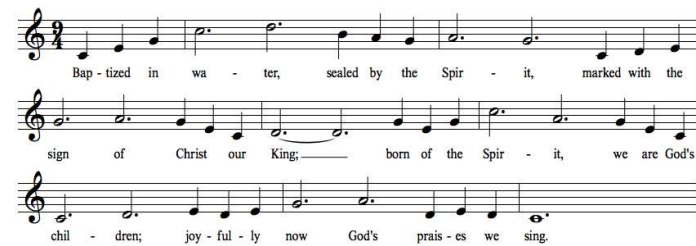
* Assurance of Pardon

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 *Grayson James and Mary Stevens Norman*
 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
 Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 9:35-10:7* p. 790
 Old Testament Lesson, *Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)* p. 12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Holy Disruption"

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 Has Called Us* Hobby

* 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 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 842 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Psalm 27: "The Lord Is My Light"

Theme 1: first time, **all in unison**; 2nd and 3rd times, **all in canon as invited.**

* Postlude *March in D* Johnson

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Lauren Slingerland, *preaching*
 Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*
 Ingrid Erwin, *sponsor*
 Derek Pitman, *scripture reader*
 Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*
 Rosemary Hughes and Hunter Smith, *flute*
 Ted Gentry, *bassoon*
 Judy McKenney, *guitar*
 Summer Choir
 Jacob Barker, *head usher*
 Amy Hawkins, Anne Howson, Ben Bloodworth,
 George McLarty, Walker Miller, *greeters*
 Miles Threatt, *acolyte*

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

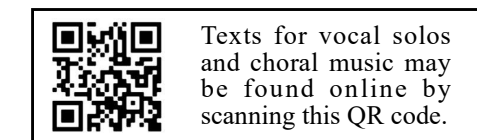
Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School 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.

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.



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 *Grayson James Norman* and *Mary Stevens Norman*, children of Will & Dani Norman.

In Memoriam

John Edgar Douglas
 (12/14/1941 - 6/11/2024)

"I am the resurrection and the life."
 - John 11:25

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH

The birth of a son, *John Robert Stallard, Jr.*, to Robert & Lauren Stallard on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT

During the week of 6/23-29, eleven members of WPC will attend the annual Worship & Music Conference at Montreat sponsored by the Presbyterian Assoc. of Musicians. This conference is the largest annual gathering of PC(USA) folks! Participants engage in daily worship services, bible study classes, vocal/handbell choirs, liturgical art classes, and more. If you would like to attend next year's event June 22-28, 2025, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, to reserve a spot.

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).

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.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 23-30, 2024

Sunday, June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Music Conference at Montreat
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal
Education Committee Meeting
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, June 24

Music Conference at Montreat
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 25

Music Conference at Montreat
12:00p AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

Music Conference at Montreat
12:00p Youth Lunch/Rock Climbing

Thursday, June 27

Music Conference at Montreat
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 28

Music Conference at Montreat

Saturday, June 29

Music Conference at Montreat

Sunday, June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal
Library Committee Meeting
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship

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From the Pews, Laurie Koch

In today's first scripture, Jesus is traveling. As he makes his way from place to place teaching and healing, he encounters crowds of people that really need help. He feels compassion for them, and says, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Haven't we all felt this way? Many times I have felt that what I have to get done is overwhelming for just one person to manage. I love reading passages like this in which Jesus encounters emotions and situations that I have in my daily life, because it gives me a road map of how to handle these situations in a Christian way.

When Jesus saw that there was too much work and not enough workers, he gathered his disciples - his most trusted inner circle - and gave them detailed instructions on how they could expand his mission of teaching and healing others. It seems the protocol he is showing us for leadership is to find trusted and competent helpers and empower them to act, while giving them specific instructions and guidance. Not only is Jesus showing us that we don't have to do it all ourselves, but that it is important to include others in meaningful work.

In addition, this scripture shows us that it's not enough to simply notice those around us that need help. When we see those who are overlooked and ignored, we should find ways to actively help them. Jesus is showing us that it's not the compassion itself that makes us Christians, it's the action after the emotion. If we feel called to help others in a certain way, it's likely that God is behind that pull. Let's resolve to act on those calls and help others in our lives who are called to do important work.

Our Vision:
*Open Minds
Open Hearts*

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*