



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

And when I die there will be no water.
And when I am gone the well will disappear.
Without me the people will be restless.
But brother, my brother, do not weep:
bury me here on the flats of Zin.

The women will sing my songs at sundown
and I will hear their voices on the wind.
Every woman of Israel who seeks to draw
these waters forth will be my hands.
Thus has God spoken. Amen, amen, selah.

—from *Seven Miriam Stories* 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Walthers

- * Call to Worship

Leader: By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.
People: **By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.**

Leader: By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.
People: **By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.**

Leader: By faith, we follow where God leads.
All: **By faith, we gather as the body of Christ. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

- * Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 *Lucy Grace Ferrell*
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 p. 977
New Testament Lesson, *Hebrews 11:12-29*
Old Testament Lesson, *Exodus 15:1-21* p. 54

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon "A Family Affair"

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 Anthem *Exodus 14* Rory Cooney
As invited, please join in singing the refrains printed on the next page.

- * Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDETH
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 54 Psalm 66: "Make a Joyful Noise to God" DIX
- * 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 *Postlude on OLD 100th* Bock
**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

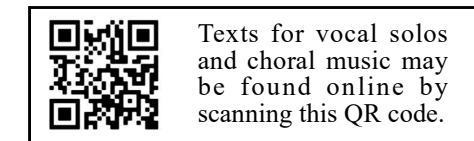
Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*
Will Edwards, *sponsor*
Kathleen Reynolds, *scripture reader*
Nancy Smith, *guest organist* Cory Sanders, *guitar*
Judy McKenney, *guitar* Hunter Smith, *flute*
Marlon Hurst, *cantor*
Summer Choir
Jeff Reynolds, *head usher*
Betsy Raines, Jeff Reynolds, Bill Holt, Zach Freeman, Ben Dillard, *greeters*
Ellis Bryan, Mary Eliza Duncan, *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.

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.



Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM
This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Lucy Grace Ferrell*, daughter of Garland & Anna Kay Ferrell.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH
The birth of a daughter, *Ann Aston Smoak*, to Clay & Meagan Smoak on Friday, June 21, 2024.

We Remember in Prayer
Diana Dailey on the death of her mother, Jeanie Urtz Dailey, on Monday, June 24, 2024, in Pawley's Island, SC.

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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:
The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 7, immediately following worship. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the APNC's recommendation for our next Associate Pastor for Outreach and Congregational Life.

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LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. Our next gathering will be Saturday, July 13, at 6:30p at the home of Mary Jo & Wade Franks (1707 North Main St). Street parking is available on W. Avondale Ave; walk on North Main or up the alley from the rear. Watch your e-mail for more information or check the church's web site ("Connect" then "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

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

Our connection with the Pleasant Valley Community Center continues year round! We invite you to share your hobbies and passions with the children at PVC Summer Camp. There are opportunities for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons all summer. Ideas include sewing, gardening, writing, drawing, playing music, and playing games. Contact Anna Hanor (ahanor@wpc-online.org) to volunteer and for more information.

CAFE JUSTO COFFEE

Today following worship, you will be able to purchase coffee from Cafe Justo. Diane Hughs will be near the coffee station in the Atrium. She will be glad to share more about Cafe Justo's mission.

SUMMER CHOIR

The Summer Choir is off for the month of July and will resume in August with a rehearsal on Wednesday, July 31, at 7p.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 30 - July 7, 2024

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

Monday, July 1
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 2
12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, July 4
Church Office Closed
Weekday School Closed
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, July 7
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE
OCTOBER 11-14

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.

2025 A PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND
MARCH 12-23

Join us on our inaugural international pilgrimage! The 12-day journey provides a deep dive into the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church.

Contact Leigh Stuckey with questions or for more information regarding either, or both, of these pilgrimages.

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From the Pews, Joey Fievet

Allow me to set the scene for today's scripture reading. We are in the book of Exodus when Moses and the Israelites are fleeing Egypt and finally embarking on their long journey. However, Pharaoh has had a change of heart and realized that he did not want to release the Israelites. He sent his massive army—his best officers in their prized chariots—to pursue and capture Moses and his people. Imagine the fear in the Israelite camp when they saw that huge army descending upon them. They were trapped between the Red Sea on one side and the Egyptian army on the other. It appeared to be a hopeless situation. However, as always, God had a plan and the massive Egyptian army miraculously perished into the Red Sea.

Today's scripture takes place immediately following the debacle of the Egyptian army and is entitled "The Song of Moses and Israel." It is a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for their rescue. God had shown both his power and his mercy in saving them and they were in a joyous and celebratory mood.

This scripture, as well as the one preceding it, is quite relevant to us today. The Israelites certainly felt helpless when the Egyptian army was bearing down on them. They appeared to be in a hopeless situation. Have you ever felt that the pressures of the world were bearing down on you and that there was no escape? Do we take God for granted except in times of distress? We should remember that God is with us every day. He cares about us and he desires the best for us. He is our strength but we need to call on him. We need to appreciate him and to communicate with him. He hears our prayers. And, as Exodus 15 shows us, we should be thankful to him and praise him!

EXODUS READING FOR THE GREAT VIGIL

Refrain Rory Cooney
Cantor, All repeat

Sing the song of free - dom!

God has won the vic - t'ry.

Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

Final Refrain
Cantor, All repeat

1. Horse and char - i - ot, fear and lone - li - ness,
2. Horse and char - i - ot, hate and prej - u - dice,

death and emp - ti - ness;
chains and slav - er - y;

Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea. D.S.

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