



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Glory be to God for dappled things –

For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins, "Pied Beauty"

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 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Held

* Call to Worship

Leader: God the Creator is with us here.

People: **The love of God surrounds us.**

Leader: God the Redeemer renews us in our living.

People: **The grace of God is with us.**

Leader: God the Spirit call us forward.

People: **The fellowship of God sustains us along the way.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

* Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession

God of creation:

you call us into being,

sustain our lives,

and set a path for our days.

We stand each day in your presence,

proclaiming your splendor and majesty,

but too often fail to recognize you in our daily living.

We see strangers where you have called us siblings.

We isolate ourselves,

content with a faith of our own imagination.

You call out for response, but we turn our ears,

neglecting the cries of our neighbors.

Startle us, O God.

Cleanse us from our selfishness.

Set our hearts ablaze to proclaim your word to a world in need.

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.

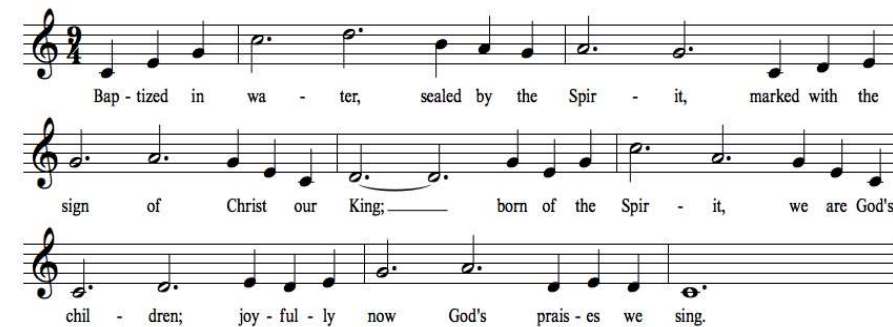
The Sacrament of Baptism

Barnes Lowndes Buchanan

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

First Scripture Lesson, 2 Chronicles 26:3-4

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Second Scripture Lesson, Isaiah 6:1-12

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Isaiah and the Hot Coal Diet"

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 "Search Me, O God" from *Biblical Songs* DVOŘÁK

* 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 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

* Postlude *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* Spiritual, arr. Hayes

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Jeff Reynolds, *sponsor*

Rosemary Hughes, *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *piano/organ*

Rosemary Hughes, *soloist*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Zach Freeman, Mandy Pruitt, Bill Holt, Marian Carpenter, Lindsey Donlan, *greeters*

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 *Barnes Lowndes Buchanan*, son of Chip & Emily Buchanan.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a daughter, *Eleanor Quinn Moore*, to Kyle & Sarah Moore on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

In Memoriam

Philip G. Hill
(9/19/1934 - 7/12/2024)

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

In Memoriam

Vance Bakeman
(6/19/1931 - 7/12/2024)

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

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 scanning this QR code.

6TH GRADE DAY

Calling all rising 6th graders! Come learn about youth group with Lauren and Mary Kathleen on Sunday, August 4, at 11a. We will have lunch together then learn about youth group, have time for questions, and play some games. Parents can pick up from the Fellowship Hall at 1p. Email Anna Hanor (ahanor@wpc-online.org) to RSVP.

BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, August 6, the WPC Book Club will meet at 6:30p in the library to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Beth Holldady-Edwards will lead the discussion. All are welcome! Note that book club members are asked to arrive at 5:30p in order to participate in the Long Range Committee's plan survey.

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.

GAMES, FOOD, AND PRIZES!

WPC Kids is hosting a Family Bingo Night on Wednesday, July 31, from 6-8p in the Fellowship Hall. A hot dog supper will be provided. This event is for children ages birth-5th grade and their families. There is no cost, but families are encouraged to register on the WPC website. Email Caroline Blouin at cblouin@wpc-online.org with any questions.

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 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.

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.

THE SESSION

The Class of 2025

Jacob Barker	Nikki Grumbine
Marian Carpenter	Bill Holt
Lindsey Donlan	Ginny Reed
Carroll Farmer	Jordan Smith
Zach Freeman	Tom Vanderbloemen
Susan Grier	Parks Workman

The Class of 2026

Ben Bloodworth	Walker Miller
Emily Cole	Stan Pendergrass
Ingrid Erwin	Betsy Raines
Roger Gower	Jeff Reynolds
Amy Hawkins	Susan Robbins
Anne Howson	Zach Weaver

The Class of 2027

Ben Dillard	Creighton Likes
Will Edwards	Carrie Marguet
Kathryn Freedman	Trey Morrow
Mary Gentry	Mandy Pruitt
Claire Gilliland	Elizabeth Timmons
George Howell	Sam White, Jr

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21-28, 2024

Sunday, July 21

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

9:00a Library Committee Meeting

9:40 Sunday Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, July 22

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 23

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

Thursday, July 25

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 26

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

Saturday, July 27

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

Sunday, July 28

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:40a 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, Blake Hoffman

I feel pretty confident that, if not you personally, most of your pew mates have played Charades at least once. It is a game of description through miming, and there is no shortage of challenging words to stump the actor. Some will wrestle with conveying a place through action. Others will find a celebrity impersonation particularly challenging. If you are like me, it may be the acting itself that causes the word or phrase to seem indescribable (we are Presbyterians after all).

There is a concept, however, that would paralyze more than just the stage shy among us: glory. We each know glory when we experience what Merriam-Webster defines as “great beauty and splendor.” Glory is astonishing on its own. It is even more incredible when it belongs to the Almighty.

Words or actions may begin a description of God’s glory, but we can rest assured that our human vocabulary and expression are completely insufficient. It is a goodness, beauty, love, and being that is beyond all description. His glory is in the small spaces and in the large expanses. It is a reason to go hiking and a cause to stay at home. As a great comfort, glory is all around us. As we seek God, his glory is revealed to us. As we show love, we are honored to embody it.

Allow yourself to be humbled by the concept of glory. This may be frustrating to a person playing Charades, but it is the most satisfying loss for words (and actions) that you can ever experience. Seek God. Be open to his glory. Receive all that God is, and praise the Lord!