



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you my whole being. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of your love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. Amen.

Anselm (1033-1109)

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 *O Day of Peace* Callahan

* Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
It is God who made us, and we are his.

People: **We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

* Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we have accepted lies as truth, pretending that our lives belong to us. We disregard the grace that has carried us to where we are today. We forget the people who have shaped us and made us better versions of ourselves. We like to imagine we are self-made people, and that the world revolves around our needs. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Remake our complacent hearts, and remove our insecurities and fears. Mold us into people who reflect the love of Christ at all times, in any and all circumstances, with neighbors near and far. We ask it in Christ's name. 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 Anne Michael Riley
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, *1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27* p. 933

Second Scripture Lesson, *Romans 8:28-39* p. 919

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Would Paul Have Been a Good Presbyterian?"

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 *If God Be for Us* McCormick

* 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 761 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 501, stanza 4 "Feed Us, Lord" FEED US

Lead us, Lord, Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

* Postlude *Joyful Day* Hayes

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Betsy Raines, *sponsor*

Talitha Allen, *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

Rosemary Hughes, *guest Summer Choir conductor*

Summer Choir

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Walker Miller, Mary Gentry, Anne Howson,

Jeff Reynolds, Zach Weaver, *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

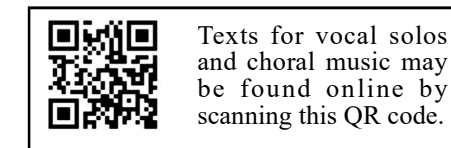
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return 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.



Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Anne Michael Riley, daughter of Josh & Allison Riley.

We Remember in Prayer

Trey Morrow on the death of his father, Anthony Haynes Morrow, on Monday, July 29, 2024.

FALL SERMON SERIES

"Against the Grain: Paul's Radical Message of Love and Hope"

The letters of the Apostle Paul are the earliest documents of the New Testament, written before any of the Gospels. They have shaped Christian theology and thought for centuries, and remain a powerful message of love and hope today. Our fall sermon series will explore Paul's theology and the ways in which his message is good news, particularly in a time of cultural division, religious decline, and an upcoming election season. This Sunday's sermon will introduce Paul, exploring how our Presbyterian theology has been influenced by his letters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Plan to join us for Kick-Off Sunday, September 8. Signups for breakfast will be opening soon!

9a Breakfast
10a Sunday School
11:15a Worship

On September 15, we'll resume worship services at 9a and 11:15a with Sunday School at 10a.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible study will resume on August 15 at 10a in the Charter Room. Ben and the pastoral staff lead discussions about the upcoming Sunday's scripture texts. All are welcome!

CONNECTIONS

Connections, a lunch group for singles and couples, will meet on Sunday, August 18, at Lieu's Chinese Bistro (1149 Woodruff Rd) at 11:30a following the 10a worship service. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, August 16. Newcomers are always welcome!

WPC DAY OF SERVICE

Join us Saturday, August 24, for a Day of Service benefitting our local Witness and Service partners here in Greenville. We will meet at the church from 10a-12p and gather at The Commons afterwards. Come hear about the work our W&S partners are doing, as we build community and serve Greenville together! Contact Nick Carson with any questions.

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.

CHORISTERS CHOIRS

Registration for Junior Choristers (grades 1&2) and Senior Choristers (grades 3-5) is now open through Wednesday, August 21. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4, from 4:30-5:15p. If you have any questions, contact Marlon Hurst.

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is in session through the month of August. To participate on any Sunday this month, come to the choir room a few minutes before 9a to collect music for the day. Rehearsal is in the Sanctuary at 9a.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

Registration is open via the WPC website for WPC Middle and High School Choirs. Middle School Choir rehearses each Sunday from 6:30-7:15p; High School Choir rehearses each Sunday from 5:15-6p. Marlon Hurst conducts both groups. Contact him for further information.

WESTCONNECT

WestConnect groups are starting up again this October! WestConnect is a weekly small group ministry gathered around fellowship, study, and prayer. Fill out an interest form (located in the Ritual of Friendship books) to sign up, or contact Nick Carson with any questions.

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*
George McLarty

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

August 11-18, 2024

Sunday, August 11

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Donut Fellowship
- WPC Kids and WPCYG Training Event
- 2:00p Memorial Service for Phil Hill

Monday, August 12

- 5:30p Personnel Committee Meeting
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 13

- 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
- Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 15

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00a Education Committee Meeting
- 9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Reception Welcoming
- Nick Carson
- 11:30 Connections Group
- 11:45 Stated Session Meeting
- 4:00p Youth Group Parent Meeting
- 5:30 Youth Class Dinners
- WoW Board Meeting

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, Megan Revson

In the passage Romans 8:28-39 we are reminded of the assurance that God works all things for the good of those who love him. God works in all things, not just isolated incidents, for our good. God is able to turn every circumstance around for our long-range benefit. As a believer, we are not left to our own resources to cope with problems. Even when we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with us and for us, and God answers. We are to serve and honor God, and if we believe in Jesus, we can rejoice in the fact that God has always known us. His love is eternal and his wisdom and power are supreme.

This passage can be paralleled to any family with children. As a mother of two children, I am constantly facing challenges and uncertainties, but can always find comfort in knowing that everything will work out in the end. Just as God's love is unchanging and unfailing, a mother's love for her children remains steady and unwavering through all the ups and downs of day-to-day life.

Romans 8:28-39 serves as a reminder that no matter what struggles we face, we can find solace in the fact that we are loved and supported beyond measure. God gives me the strength that we need to face any of life's challenges through the fact that nothing can separate us from the love he provides.