



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell [people] of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Letters and Papers from Prison

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 *Pastorella* Bach

* Call to Worship Psalm 139

Leader: It was you, O God, who formed me.
People: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**
Leader: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
People: **In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
forgive us for our self-centeredness and our arrogance.
We love to think we are in control of our lives.
Every day, we indulge in the fantasy
that the world revolves around our needs.
We have overestimated our wisdom,
and misconstrued our strength.
Let your mercy wash over us, O Lord,
and restore us to your paths of righteousness.
Grant us a faith that is more powerful than our fears,
a heart that is shaped by the discipline of hope,
and a love that is generous with the gifts you have given us.
We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Clayton James Berline, II and Godwin Ann Berline
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
Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 49:1-6* p. 592
Epistle Lesson, *Galatians 1:13-24* p. 945

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

Sermon "Set Apart"

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 *Psalm 139* Pote

* 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 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

* 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 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Young

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
Nick Carson *liturgist*
Parks Workman, *sponsor*
Lee Freeman, *scripture reader*
Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*
Summer Choir
Jacob Barker, *head usher*
Will Edwards, Kathryn Freedman, Amy Hawkins,
Ben Dillard, Susan Grier, *greeters*
Ella Heegard, *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.

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. The topic this Sunday is Paul's understanding of what it means to be God's Church.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Clayton James Berline, II and Godwin Ann Berline, children of Clayton & Kadie Berline.

In Memoriam

Dan Sanders
(8/20/1939 - 8/7/2024)
"I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:25

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 27, 2024, Mamie Rader and Bob Vannoy were united in marriage in Hendersonville, NC.

BIRTH

The birth of a son, Bryan Chattin Kingrey, Jr, to Bryan & Anna Kingrey on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

We Remember in Prayer

Jennifer Crittenden and Libby Evans on the death of their mother, Hulda McDonald, on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

Bill Ballinger on the death of his mother, Verna Ballinger, on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Carl Muller on the death of his mother, Catherine Muller, on Sunday, August 11, 2024.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LUNCHEON GROUP

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, August 21, at 12p at Waterstone on Augusta (1004 Augusta St/864-605-7236). The group will meet in the small dining room. Participants will bring bag lunches as usual. If you wish to attend, contact Mary Ann Cox (864-382-1321 or Imaryanncox@gmail.com) by Monday, August 19.

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.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Men of Westminster will hold their back from Summer happy hour on Tuesday, August 27, at Southernside Brewery (25 Delano Dr) starting at 5:30p. Please join us for fellowship and an opportunity to meet other men in the church.

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.

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.

WPCYG PARENT MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
FELLOWSHIP HALL 4-5P

We ask that at least one parent from each youth family attend this important meeting to be prepared and equipped for a new year.

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.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join the WPC Young Adults on Sunday, September 8, following the 11:15a worship service for food and fellowship at Topsy Taco (15 Conestee Ave). Questions? Contact Emily Lordo at emilylordo@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR KICK-OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

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

The Men of Westminster will host our annual Kick Off Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, and fruit. Sign up on the church website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/church-wide-breakfast>. Cost is \$10/person, with \$40 max per family. Children 2 and younger are free.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 18-25, 2024

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

Monday, August 19

8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 20

12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
6:00 MoW Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

9:30a Weekday Chapel
12:00p Luncheon Group Meeting
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 22

10:00a Thursday Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, August 24

Youth to Look Up Lodge
10:00a WPC Day of Service

Sunday, August 25

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth return from Look Up Lodge
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*

the HARBINGER

open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Parks Workman

Galatians 1:13-24

Paul, like so many of us, spent the first half of his life chasing things of this world. He sought after the prestige of advancing in his culture beyond many of his own age. Although he was acting for the sake of his religion, he was chasing after things that were outside the Gospel. He did it even to the point of persecution of Christians and destruction of the church.

Yet God called Paul to a new life. Paul changed (from Saul to Paul). His life became wrapped up in the Gospel and his faith came not from this world, but from Jesus. Paul went on to become the most famous theologian in the Christian faith with his writings becoming a significant part of the New Testament.

It is a demonstration of the power of the Grace of Jesus. Only through such power could Paul's wrongful acts of persecution be overcome for the advancement of the church.

Paul's calling is a message of hope. As we go through life, the need for Grace abounds. There have been many hurts and wounds caused by selfish acts. There has been much injustice. Despite our motivations, when acting in accordance with our own power or with the power of the world, the results can be disastrous and have lasting consequences. As painful as it can be, take some time to reflect and acknowledge the effects of your secular motivations.

Let us look to guidance from Paul. Paul's response to God's calling was not to seek the advice of the world, but to seek the advice of God. Only through God's help can we truly change and be the person we are meant to be for God, for our family, for our community, and for ourselves. As hopeful as it can be, let us turn to God in desperation for help.

The church in Judea heard the report "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." They praised God because of Paul. Seeking the true change that can only be powered by Jesus will lead to others praising God because of the good it brings.