Sunday, November 3, 2024 | On Demand on Facebook & YouTube | 9a and 11:15a



All Saints' SundayPreparation for **Worship**

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant us grace to follow in the footsteps of your blessed saints of every age, living with courage and compassion, with gentleness and joy, confident that in your love, you have knit us together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ, belonging to one another and to you. Amen.

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.

Minute for Stewardship Ingrid Erwin

Prelude Shall We Gather at the River

Choral Introit, Hymn 412 11:15a "God, Reveal Your Presence" ARNSBERG

* Call to Worship Hebrews 12:1-2

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

Leader: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 326 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God.

in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

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

Logan

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.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 6:25-34* p. 787 Epistle Lesson, *Philippians 4:1-7* p. 955

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

Sermon "What Makes a Saint?"

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith

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.

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: Patricia Anderson, Vernon Anderson, Vance Bakeman, Janet Burton, Dale Comer, Larry Cooke, Betty Crawford, John Douglas, Lyn Douglas, Phil Hill, Anderson Horne, Judy Lowry, Nancy Peacock, Nancy Quinn, Dan Sanders, Lynelle Sik, Chip Simmons.

Meditation Steal Away to Jesus Carter

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 9a Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Schweizer
Offertory 11:15a Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Parker

* Doxology Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 549 11:15a "May the Love of the Lord" Soon Ti

* Postlude For All the Saints Callahan

*All who are able may stand

HANSON PLACE

The Apostles' Creed

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching
Lauren Slingerland, liturgist
Holly Vanderwal (9a), John Ashmore (11:15a), scripture readers
Todd Monsell, organist/pianist
The Chancel Choir (9a)
The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), flute
Jacob Barker, head usher
Parks Workman, Amy Hawkins, Walker Miller,
Stan Pendergrass, Betsy Raines (9a), greeters
Anne Howson, George McLarty, Zach Weaver,
Ben Dillard, Kathryn Freedman (11:15a), greeters
Mary-Frances Reynolds, Virginia Reynolds (9a), 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.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

Remember to turn your clocks *back* one hour <u>this</u> Saturday evening, November 2.



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

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate Birth

The birth of a son, *John Rhoades White, III.*, to Rhoades & Weston White on Sunday, October 27, 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. The topic this Sunday is what makes a saint.

Nominations for Elders

If you have a name that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider for next year's Session, please email Parks Workman, Nominating Committee chair, at parks.workman@gmail.com.The Nominating Committee will meet this Sunday, November 3.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, at 4p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 10!

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is Invest. We are asking the congregation, if possible, to increase its investment in Westminster. If you do not currently give to Westminster, please consider making a gift. If you do currently give or pledge, please consider raising your investment. If everyone increases their giving by 8%, we will reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity, and for all the ways that you invest in Westminster!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024 PLEDGE UPDATE

At the end of September, we were 3/4 of the way through the year, and had received 58% of anticipated pledge income. Please check your quarterly giving statement to see where you stand with your 2024 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Child Protection Training will be offered on Sunday, November 10, during the 10a Sunday School hour in Room 114. required by the Session for anyone volunteering with children and youth. Contact Lauren Slingerland (Islingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

Women of Westminster SOTERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WPC is continuing monthly dinners with the women of Soteria! Our next dinner is Monday, November 11. We are looking for women to bring dinner and participate in fellowship with residents of the Soteria Women's House. Please email Brooke Culclasure (bculclasure@ mac.com) to volunteer.

2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write short devotionals to be included in the 2024 Advent Devotions series. Please contact Abbie Coleman at abbie.garrison3@gmail.com if you would be willing to help with this.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group meet in the Charter Room Monday, November 18 at Dianne Scherer will lead the discussion of selections from These Precious Days: Essays by Ann Patchett. All are welcome. The particular selections for discussion are Three Fathers, The Worthless Servant, How to Practice, These Precious Days.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS

Join us Sunday, November 3. at 10a for a combined Sunday School for children, youth, and adults in the Fellowship Hall. Come help us pack hospitality kits for our Greenville neighbors.

SEEKING HANDBELL RINGERS

Chancel Bells is a pilot, part-time handbell choir that will meet occasionally on Tuesday evenings for rehearsal and play periodically at 9a worship services. Prior bell ringing experience is not required. Participants must be able to read music. Upcoming dates are 11/5, 11/12 and 11/17. If interested in participating, please contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, by Monday, 11/4.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 5, at 6:30p in the library. Carol Hinton will lead our discussion of Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. This book is about a family dealing with their mother's romance with a film star before the children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. All are welcome to come!

Interested in Joining Westminster?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 17. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday Childcare is available. Please contact Nick Carson (ncarson@ wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

WITNESS AND SERVICE TRIP TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO FEBRUARY 22- MARCH 1, 2025

Join us as we travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico to partner with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance response in the Monteflores neighborhood of San Juan. Puerto Rico was severely affected by Tropical Storm Ernesto this past summer, and we'll be joining the ongoing disaster response effort which began in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Contact Nick Carson to learn more or sign up.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY: 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.

Young Adults

Join us for an oyster roast on Sunday, November 17, from 3-5p at the home of Tyler & Mary Knight Felt (214 Aberdeen Dr). Cost is \$15 per adult and covers oysters and appetizers. Please BYOB. Children are welcome and eat for free! To reserve your spot, please Venmo @MarvKnightFelt. Ouestions? Contact Mary Frances Weed (mfhb08@gmail.com)

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Our Pillars: Hospitalitu Generosity Justice **Imagination** Jou

Our Goals: Connect

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 3-10, 2024

Membership Committee Meeting

Youth Group Out to Eat following

Evening Fall Vespers

WestConnect (HDorr - 213)

Worship Service

Sunday School

Sunday, November 3 All Saints' Sunday

10:00

WestConnect (LMiller - 309) WestConnect Youth (BBloodworth-211) WestConnect (KReynolds - 312) WestConnect (CBuchanan - 313) WestConnect (EStevenson - 213) 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting Worship Service 11:15 Nominating Committee Meeting 1:30n3:30 First Steps Music Class 1 First Steps Music Class 2 4:00 Evening Fall Vespers 4:30

Monday, November 4

5:15

6:00

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 5

Sanctuary Open for Prayer 9:00a Al-Anon Meeting Administrative Committee Meeting 6:00 Connect, Serve, Grow Task Force Meeting 6:30 Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

6:00p WestConnect (PEvans - lounge) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

Middler Retreat

Saturday, November 9 Middler Retreat

Sunday, November 10 Commitment Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Middler Retreat 9:00a Worship Service

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Middler Choir Rehearsal

HARBINGER

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From the Pews, Brad Lucas

Westminster has made a tremendous difference in my life over the years and has been a foundational and spiritual home for my family for decades. Westminster was one of the first churches I remember attending as a child. During my childhood, my grandparents lived in the English tudor home across Westminster Drive, where we spent many Sunday afternoons after church. When I was young, my mom was a preschool teacher here, my siblings and I attended preschool here. Sarah and I baptized our four children here, and Sarah taught preschool here for a number of years while our children were attending preschool. We have coached basketball and chaperoned youth group retreats. I had the opportunity to serve on Session during a historic time in our church's history and have served the Men of Westminster. Looking back, it is evident that Westminster has played a role in shaping me into the person I am today.

For these reasons, among others, there is a history and pattern of "investing" in Westminster. As we have invested our time and financial gifts over the years, we have been continuously blessed by the connections, growth and spiritual fulfillment. I have seen God at work in this congregation as we care for one another in need and care for our community near and far. I have seen God at work in the pastors and staff who tirelessly pour into the congregation, and I have seen God at work through our youth and how they are being developed spiritually into believers who will shape our future. Personally, I have watched our children grow into youth and young adults that have a solid faith foundation, and as a parent, it is a blessing and truly rewarding to watch and be a part of.

As I take a step back and observe, all the areas mentioned above are where I have seen God at work utilizing the love, energy, time and financial gifts we have invested. In return, all of that and much more is being invested back into us as church goers and members of the congregation.

In the spirit of this year's stewardship campaign, I encourage you to come alongside our family and prayerfully consider growing your "investment" by increasing your pledges this year so that Westminster can continue its long heritage of using these gifts to further our mission.

EVENING FALL VESPERS

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