



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Commitment Sunday  
Preparation for **Worship**

"Gratitude...goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy."

Henri Nouwen

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

Parks Workman

Prelude *Hymn*

Wagner

Introit 11:15a *Shout with Joy!*

Patterson

\* Call to Worship

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: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Dix

9a: Sing all stanzas

11:15a: Stanzas 1,2 - All; Stanza 3: omit; Stanza 4: Chorister Choirs; Stanza 5 - All

\* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**  
**in whom we live and move and have our being,**  
**we know that our sin is too heavy to carry,**  
**too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**  
**We make promises we fail to keep.**  
**We judge others with strict moral standards,**  
**but grade our own lives on a curve.**  
**We imagine that our thoughts are your thoughts,**  
**and your ways are our ways.**  
**Forgive us, Holy One.**  
**Restore our courage and rekindle our faith,**  
**so that we would live simply, love generously,**  
**speak truthfully, serve joyfully,**  
**and share the goods gifts you have given us.**  
**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

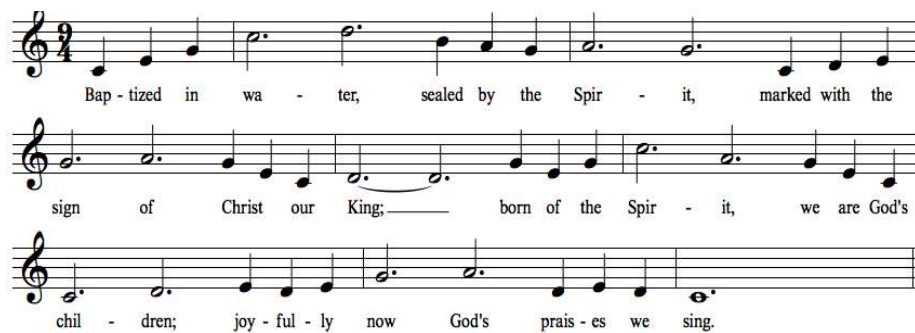
\* Assurance of Pardon

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 11:15a Sutton Louise Carraway  
Congregational Response *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN



11:15a Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, Mark 10:35-40 p. 823

Second Scripture Lesson, 2 Corinthians 8:7-12 p. 941

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "What Did You Bring to Church Today?"

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 9a *King of Glory, King of Peace* Scott

Offertory 11:15a *From All the Earth Send Up the Song* Weaver/Pasch

\* 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 714 "God of the Fertile Fields" ITALIAN HYMN

*During the hymn you are invited to bring your pledge card forward.*

*Please come to the chancel by way of the center aisle and return to your pew from the side aisles.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude *March in G* Smart

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*  
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*  
Jeff Reynolds (11:15a), *sponsor*  
Susan Grier (9a), Sheldon Timmerman (11:15a), *scripture readers*  
Todd Monsell, *organist/pianist*  
Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), *flute*  
Tom Vanderbloemen (11:15a), *trumpet*  
Allie Ablewood (9a), *soloist*  
Junior and Senior Chorister Choirs (11:15a)  
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)  
Jacob Barker, *head usher*  
Jeff Reynolds, Tom Vanderbloemen, Ben Dillard,  
George Howell, Lindsey Donlan (9a), *greeters*  
Mary Gentry, Zach Freeman, Elizabeth Timmons,  
Mandy Pruitt, Nikki Grumbine (11:15a), *greeters*  
Lillie O'Neal (11:15a), *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

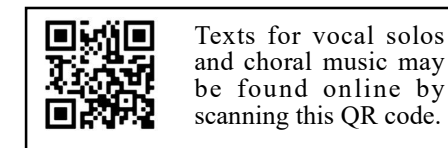
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return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

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.

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.



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

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Sutton Louise Carraway, daughter of Adam & Neely Carraway.

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 commitment.

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.

THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On Thanksgiving morning, we are partnering with Church Without Walls to help distribute meals. Share in the spirit of gratitude by helping deliver pre-cooked meals to neighbors around Greenville. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Nick Carson to sign up.

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 this Sunday, November 10, during the 10a Sunday School hour in Room 114. Training is required by the Session for anyone volunteering with children and youth. Contact Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@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 will meet in the Charter Room on Monday, November 18 at 7p. 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*.

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. Sign up on the website by December 1 to secure a spot!

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 @MaryKnightFelt. Questions? Contact Mary Frances Weed (mfhb08@gmail.com).

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER  
CIRCLE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tuesday, November 12

- Circle 3, at the home of Barbara Wallace (220 Shannon Lake Circle, 29615) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).

Wednesday, November 13

- Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave) at 9a. Circle Co-Chairs: Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com).

WOW SOCIAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 6P

Join us for our monthly Happy Hour Social at Hoppin' Greenville (120 N Markley St, 29601). Come enjoy being with your WOW friends.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
November 10-17, 2024

Sunday, November 10

Commitment Sunday

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Middler Retreat

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Sunday School  
WestConnect (LMiller - 309)  
WestConnect Youth (BBloodworth-211)  
WestConnect (KReynolds - 312)  
WestConnect (CBuchanan - 313)  
WestConnect (EStevenson - 213)
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 3:30p First Steps Music Class 1
- 4:00 First Steps Music Class 2  
Baptism Class
- 4:30 Evening Fall Vespers
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Senior High College Workshop  
and Dinner  
WestConnect (HDorr - 213)  
Middler Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 11

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 12

- 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting
- 2:00 Circle 3 Meeting
- 6:00 Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:00a Circle 6 Meeting
- 9:30 Weekday Chapel
- 2:15p It's Elementary
- 3:30 Cherub Choir
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:00 WestConnect (PEvans - lounge)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

- 10:00a Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 17

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00a Chancel Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 Worship Service  
Creation Stewardship Meeting  
New Member Class
- 10:00 Sunday School  
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- 12:30 Stated Session Meeting
- 3:00 Young Adults Oyster Roast
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Group Dinners  
WestConnect (HDorr - 213)
- 6:30 Senior High Youth Group  
Middler Choir Rehearsal

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From the Pews, Susan Grier

After twenty years as part of another worshipping community, our family found ourselves looking for a new church home in 2012. We had visited Westminster a few times and returned on Music Sunday; the music was spectacular, everyone was welcoming, and there was a real sense of energy in the sanctuary. As our daughter, Elizabeth, began attending middle school youth group and choir activities that autumn, she too felt welcomed and energized by what was happening at Westminster. From those early days at Westminster through today, we continue to feel that sense of excitement and belonging. It is fair to say that we are invested in Westminster and Westminster is invested in us.

Both Paul and I have been privileged to serve on Westminster's Session, an experience that allowed us to contribute gifts of time and talent, but also an experience that helped further develop our leadership skills. Teaching senior high Sunday School taught us perseverance but provided re-assurance of the values and commitment of the youth of our church. As members of Lightly Seasoned, Circle 7 and Men's Group, we have made new friends that also sense the investment that Westminster makes in their lives.

Elizabeth's journey through middle and high school was enriched through both domestic and international mission trips, Montreat and Triennium youth conferences, and yes, even church basketball. But most importantly, our church enhanced her knowledge of God's word and God's world.

As important as Westminster is to our family, it is even more critical to our community. Through our church's support of Thornwell, Pleasant Valley Connection, and campus ministries at Furman University and Presbyterian College, we are investing in our youth and young adults. Our gifts to Soteria, Greenville Homeless Alliance, Project Host, Gateway House, and United Ministries are investments in our neighbors here in Greenville. Gifts to Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina support faithful members of God's church and contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance help our neighbors both here at home and around the world.

Westminster's commitment to our local and global communities depends on OUR gifts to our church – contributions of time, talent, energy, and finances. This year Paul and I plan to increase our financial commitment to Westminster, and we invite you to do the same. Our investments demonstrate what matters to each of us: do our investments show the importance of God's grace and God's kingdom in our lives?



COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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As he lay swaddled in the manger, Jesus received three gifts from the wise men. To mark the surprise, delight, and joy of that morning two millennia ago, it has been the practice of Christians to exchange gifts with one another on Christmas morning, a tradition that connects us to our past and to generations and communities who have gone ahead of us. Westminster is proud to host the Second Annual Magi Market at Pleasant Valley Connection on Saturday, December 14. Members of Westminster are asked to help provide gifts to stock the shelves of our one-day toy store. Children will receive three gifts (one small, medium, and large) and a stuffed stocking. Each family goes home with a Christmas book and game or puzzle of their choice. We need volunteers to help set up the store, provide hospitality as families shop for gifts, and break down after all the shopping has ended. Find out more about the Market by scanning the QR code above or contact Carrie Marguet ([carriemarguet@gmail.com](mailto:carriemarguet@gmail.com)).

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WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL TERM  
NOVEMBER 10-DECEMBER 8

**Unpacking "I AM:" Jesus' Self-Revelation in the Gospel of John**  
Leigh Stuckey  
Room 209 and Streaming

In the Gospel of John Jesus boldly proclaims his identity: the bread of life, the light of the world, the sheepdoor, the resurrection and the life, the good shepherd, the way, truth, and life, and the true vine. Each saying reveals something new of Jesus' character. Join Leigh for a series of lively lectures exploring the context and abiding legacies of Jesus' "I AM" statements.

**Aging Gracefully**  
**Room 212**

You've heard it before – growing old isn't for sissies! We have questions, and we've gathered a group of experts to share information about four aspects of aging gracefully: where to live, how to make healthcare decisions, legal and financial planning, and funerals. Join us during Sunday school Nov. 10 through Dec. 1 to gather information and resources, whether you're making decisions for yourself, a family member, or a friend. Contact Terri Price with questions.

**November 10 – Living in Place**

Where do we choose to live in this stage of life? How can we stay at home, or support parents who wish to do so? What do we look for in a retirement community? Are there community resources to assist us at each stage of this journey?

- Rev. Mary Morrison, chaplain  
*Foothills Retirement Community, Easley*  
864-404-8427 (c) mary.morrison@prescomm.org
- Becky Pickett, home care specialist  
*Home Helpers*  
864-313-0581 (c) bpickett@homehelpershomecare.com
- Bonnie Noble Silberman, MSW, geriatric support specialist  
*Geriatric Resource Services*  
864-271-0011 bsilberman@geriatricresourceservices.com

**Our Vision:**

*Open Minds*  
*Open Hearts*

**Our Pillars:**

*Hospitality*  
*Generosity*  
*Justice*  
*Imagination*  
*Joy*

**Our Goals:**

*Connect*  
*Serve*  
*Grow*

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