



**Reign of Christ**  
Preparation for **Worship**

"O Being both far distant and most near,  
O Lover embracing all unlovable, O Tender  
Tether binding us together, and binding, yea  
and tenderly, Your Person to ourselves,  
Being both beyond our ken, and kindred,  
One whose dire energies invest such clay as ours with patent animation,  
O Secret One secreting life anew into our every tissue moribund,  
afresh unto our stale and stalling craft,  
grant in this obscurity a little light."

Scott Cairns,

"Idiot Psalm 12: A psalm of Isaak, amid uncommon darkness"

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 *Fanfare to "Christ the King"* Callahan

\* Call to Worship Psalm 97

**Leader:** Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.  
**People:** **Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,  
and praise God's holy name.**  
**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

\* Prayer of Confession

**Righteous God:**  
**you are robed in power yet among us as our shepherd.**  
**Forgive us for our refusals to listen to your call  
and for our reluctant discipleship.**  
**Forgive us for the idols we build up in our lives  
and the places where we seek our salvation:  
politics and policies, leaders and celebrities,  
security and certainty.**  
**Though we name you "king" we grant our allegiances  
to things of this world,  
and too often ignore those you have called us to serve.**  
**Grant us the humility to embrace your call,  
that we might serve as you have served  
and become a people of justice.**  
**Make us a people whose worship extends into the world,  
that we might better show your peace. 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.**

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 25:31-40*

p. 807

Old Testament Lesson, *Ezekiel 34:1-4, 11-16, 30-31*

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**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"*Sheep of the Shepherd*"

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.**

Call to Prayer, Hymn 654 *11:15a* "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" Taizé

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Archer

\* 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 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude *Father, We Thank You* Farlee

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Rosemary Hughes (9a), Jade Fountain (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Todd Monsell, *organist/pianist*

Rosemary Hughes, Kathi Hurst, Marlon Hurst, Hunter Smith (9a), *quartet*

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Bill Holt, Parks Workman, Carroll Farmer,

Ginny Bernard, Jordan Smith (9a), *greeters*

Betsy Raines, Stan Pendergrass, Ben Dillard,  
Zach Weaver, Zach Freeman (11:15a), *greeters*

Mary-Frances Reynolds, Miles Threatt (9a), *acolytes*

Berkeley Blumer, Virginia Boan (11:15a), *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**

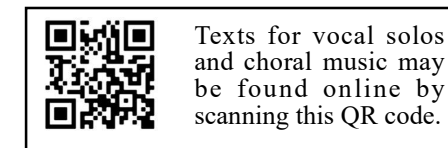
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return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

**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.

**We Remember in Prayer**

Patricia Gettys and her family on the death of Patricia's mother, Gladys DeLoach, on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

**THORNWELL OFFERING**

Thornwell, a residential home and foster program located in Clinton, SC, provides a place for children who need a stable home life, a solid education, and spiritual nurturing. As members of Westminster, we have an opportunity to share in meeting this need. Please make checks payable to Westminster and designate for Thornwell.

**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.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**

Child Protection Training will be offered this Sunday, November 24, during the 10a Sunday School hour in the Youth Suite. A Zoom training class will also be offered on Tuesday, December 3, 12p. Training is required by the Session for anyone volunteering with children and youth. Contact the church office for the Zoom training link or Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

**WESTFEST XII**

Join us for the twelfth annual WestFest from 5-7p in the main parking lot. We'll have live music from Trey Duncan Sings and food from the Spinx Cluk Truck and Local Pie Pizza. Kick off Advent with your church family for one of our most beloved traditions!

**COMMUNITY BOOK FAIR NIGHT**

On Wednesday, December 11 (5:30-7:30p), the Scholastic Book Fair, hosted by the WWS, will be open to the community in the Fellowship Hall. Come and shop for Christmas gifts or new books for the season!

2024 PLEDGE UPDATE

As of the end of October, we are over 80% through the year, and have received 67% of pledges made for 2024. Please check your quarterly giving statement to see where you stand with your 2024 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is a part time choral ensemble that meets periodically to prepare a choral anthem for presentation in the 9a worship service. This is a good opportunity for those who wish to participate in a choir but who are unable to make the commitment for weekly participation in the Sanctuary Choir. All are welcome to sing! For more information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music. Upcoming schedule: Tuesdays, Dec. 3 and 10: Rehearsal, 7-7:45p; Sunday, Dec. 15 – Sing in 9a Worship.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

All ages are invited to gather for a special Advent Wreath-Making Sunday School Hour on Sunday, December 1, at 10a in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for all generations to come together, create, and reflect on the season of Advent. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or new to wreath-making, we'll provide all the supplies you need to make a beautiful wreath for your home. Parents, please plan to stay with your children as we create together in this fun and meaningful activity. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends, loved ones, and a spirit of creativity! We look forward to celebrating this Advent season with you.

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.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 ADVENT LUNCHEON - 12:30P

All women of Westminster are invited to the annual Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 8. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:15a worship service. Lunch will be catered by Sunflower Cafe and will include a choice of homemade lasagna or vegetable lasagna, salad, roll, and dessert. The cost is \$15 per person and the deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 4. Please sign up on the church website.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SOTERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WPC is continuing monthly dinners with the women of Soteria! Our next dinner is Monday, December 9. 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.




WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, December 3, at 6p in the Charter Room for a Christmas social and to pick books for 2025. Please bring a goodie to share.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on November 17, 2024:

- Brandon & Laurin Cupstid come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have two sons: Henry (7) and Harvin (3).
- Kathi Hurst comes to us by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY.
- Jim and Kim Martin come to us by baptism and profession of faith.
- Jack & Kate Parillo come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have one son: Harvey (7 months).
- Jared & Lauren Plunk come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have three children: Lola (9), Quillin (6), and Ella (3).
- Lee & Meredith Prickett come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have three children: Caroline (12), Tolson (10), and Griffin (8).
- Dan & Suzanne Sanders come to us by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville.
- Jay & Jamie Womack come to us by transfer from First Baptist, Greenville. They have two children: Jayne (17) and Charlotte (12).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 24 - December 1, 2024

Sunday, November 24

Reign of Christ

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Sunday School  
Children Protection Training
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p Sanctuary Choir Lunch and Rehearsal
- 4:00 First Steps in Music Class 1
- 4:30 First Steps in Music Class 2
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Group Snack  
& Hot Cocoa Bar
- 6:30 Senior High Youth Group  
Middler Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 25

- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 26

- 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 27

Weekday School Closed

Thursday, November 28

Weekday School Closed

Church Office Closed

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Friday, November 29

Weekday School Closed

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00a Worship Service with communion
- 10:00 Adult Sunday School  
Intergenerational Wreath Making Class
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service with communion
- 4:00p Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 WestFest XII

RETIREMENT GIVING

Make Qualified Distributions from your IRAs: Westminster members age 70.5 and older can support the church with a gift from their Individual Retirement Account. Qualified charitable distributions from IRAs may offer tax advantages while benefiting WPC's local and global ministries. Contact the church office for more information.

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open minds open hearts

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*From the Pews, Mary Frances Knapp*

Have you ever wondered what God thinks of you? If God gave us a report card, how would yours look? I tend to think that all of ours would look a little different-excelling in various areas. (And maybe needing improvement in some too!) We go through our day to day lives making choices all the time. Whether it's how much we work, how we spend our money, or who we spend our time with. We make choices every day...our lives are full of them. What we choose to do with these choices shapes who we are.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples this very lesson. When our judgment day is upon us, how will God evaluate the way you've lived your life? In God's eyes, our successes are not based on our wealth, our status, or the heights we achieve. Rather, Matthew tells us that in God's eyes, we will be judged on how we treat others. When we serve others in need, we are not only serving them, we are also serving Jesus. Jesus says "whatever you do for the least of your brothers and sisters, you do for me."

As members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, we are blessed with many wonderful opportunities to help others, both in our community and in further reaches. Connect. Serve. Grow. These are the cornerstone goals of our church. We all have different gifts and talents that God uses to work through us. Our congregation consists of choir members, Elders, Sunday school teachers, and individuals who serve on our Session. Our members help lead outreach efforts, such as delivering meals on Thanksgiving Day or participating in the upcoming Magi Market. It can be something as simple as speaking to a new face or new member one Sunday in church. These are just a handful of ways that we can do unto others as we would have them do unto us. If you have already become involved in some of these missions, thank you for enriching our church and communities with your service. If you are looking for ways to become more involved in areas of need, know that Westminster provides ample opportunities. There is so much good to be done around us!

In this time of Thanksgiving, Matthew's message to us seems especially pertinent. How many things we have to be thankful for! Most of all, we are thankful for the gift we receive in Jesus' promise. At the end of the day, it's really not that difficult. The way that we treat others matters, and it is a reflection of what we believe. When we serve others, we are serving God. Our final report card won't be graded on our accolades, successes, or wealth. The way we serve others in need and the manner in which we treat those around us will define how we've lived our lives.





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Room 209 and Streaming

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**Our Vision:**

*Open Minds  
Open Hearts*

**Our Pillars:**

*Hospitality  
Generosity  
Justice  
Imagination  
Joy*

**Our Goals:**

*Connect  
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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 24 – What's the Law?**

How do we plan for future health care? How can we provide for our loved ones financially? What will our legacy be? What legal documents might we complete to ensure our wishes are carried out?

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