Sunday, February 9, 2025 | On Demand on Facebook & YouTube | 9a and 11:15a



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Youth Sunday

Everyday Miracles

Preparation for Worship

"The Gospel of John is more interested in what the events of Jesus' life mean. John assumes the reader knows the outcome of the story. It is not written to uncover the events of Jesus' life, but to express what those events mean for people of faith and to proclaim Jesus' identity as the Messiah."

- The CEB Student Bible

Gloria Patri

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Burton Introit Cantate Domino Cobb

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Declare his glory among the nations; His wonders among all people. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

* Call to Worship

Awesome, astonishing, beautiful and benevolent, **Compassionate**, **caring**, **divine** and **dedicated**, One: **All:**

Eternal, enlightening, forgiving, and faithful.
You, O God, are all these things and more.
You, O God, call us to worship.
Remind us of your attributes as we lift our voices in prayer,

One:

praise, confession, and affirmation.

All: Let us worship God!

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" * Hymn 192 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, the world around us is broken, and we know it.

Forgive us when we pretend otherwise —

when we avert our eyes and close our ears,

when we change the channel or too-carefully-curate our media,

when we resist the truth and deny responsibility.

The world around us is broken.

but you are found in the hard work of transformation, and we know it.

Forgive us when we pretend otherwise —

when we give up on hope and give in to despair,

when we choose to avoid rather than embrace difficult lessons,

when we default to what is easy rather than what is faithful.

The world is broken, and we are, too.

Even still, call us by name and graft us back together, 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

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

Scripture Reflections (9a)

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	Matthew 14:25-33	Reading: Ben Bloodworth Reflection: Gray Blount
	John 14:1-4	Reading: Amelia Hughes Reflection: Audrey Cox
	John 15:1-11	Reading: Charlotte Womack Reflection: Jayne Womack
	John 6:1-14	Reading: Finn Robinson Reflection: Jack Robinson
	John 14:5-7	Reading: Zach Warren Reflection: Shaw Shurley
Scripture Reflections (11:15a)		

John 9:1-12 Reading: Alex Hoffman Reflection: Katie Hoffman

John 9:13-25 Reading: Laney Palmer Reflection: Whit Palmer

Reading: Louise Lowe

Mark 2:1-11 Reflection: David Lowe

John 15 Reading: Charlie Rowan Reflection: Margaret Rowan

Luke 10:29-37 Reading: Cooper Dorr Reflection: Sam Dorr

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (taken from the Gospel of John and WPCYG)

We believe that Jesus is the bread of life.

Like a provider, Jesus feeds us spiritually, nourishing our souls.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus leads the way, bringing us light in times of darkness.

We believe that Jesus is the gate.

He opens the door to life and presents us with new opportunities.

We believe that Jesus is the good shepherd.

Taking care of us, Jesus leads and guides us.

We believe that Jesus is the true vine.

Our faith is founded in him and grows by his grace.

Jesus connects us as members of one body.

We believe that Jesus did many miraculous signs in his disciples' presence.

Many were recorded in Scripture, but many weren't. We believe that if all his miraculous signs were recorded,

the world itself wouldn't have enough room for the books that would be written.

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

The Lord Is My Shepherd

* 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

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE * Hymn 649 * Charge and Benediction The Class of 2025

* Benediction Response "Amen" Iona Please join the youth in singing when invited.

* Postlude Processional in C Johnson

*All who are able may stand

**Note about liturgy: All the liturgy was created by our youth or comes from the 2024 Montreat Youth Conference

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist* Todd Monsell, *organist/pianist* Middler Youth Choi High School Youth Choir Lynne Robinson, *pianist* Ben Bloodworth, *cello* Rosemary Hughes, *flute*Mac Gilliland, Judy McKenney, *guitar* Jacob Barker, head usher Mary Helen Bryan, Pres Bryan, Madeline Barker, Ramsey Glidewell Elizabeth Brasington, Creighton Likes, Alex Woodhouse, youth ushers George Howell, Kathryn Freedman, Creighton Likes, Mary Gentry, Will Edwards (9a), *greeters*Jordan Smith, Ben Bloodworth, Parks Workman,
Lindsey Donlan, Anne Howson (11:15a), *greeters*

Additional Youth Leading in Worship (listed in order of appearance)

Louisa Palmer, Sadie Mattice, Charlotte Hicklin, Caroline Walker, Natalie Dixon, Brigham Simon, Anna Patry, Eliot Cizon, Lucy Cole, Ellie Coker, Mary Mac Fairey, Sarah Katherine White, Caroline Thomasson, Abby Newton, Ellis Farmer, Amelia Koch, McCrae Mattice, Sarah Sanders, Amelia Kent, Savannah Moore, Cole Kirven, Langley Smith, Kate McGhee, Mary Burton Wilkins, Carter Likes, Timmons Hardaway, Capers Bouton.

Youth Choir Leading in Worship

Ben Bloodworth, George Blount, Gray Blount, Addy Cizon, Eliot Cizon, Audrey Cox, Braden Cox, Caroline Cox, David Craddock, Emily Craddock, Reid Craddock Natálie Dixon, Cooper Dorr, Ben DuBose, Amelia Hughes, Preston Lancaster, David Lowe, Louise Lowe, McCrae Mattice, Sadie Mattice, Julian Monsell, Anna Patry, Ellen Reynolds, Jack Robinson, Shaw Shurley, Brigham Simon, Lillian Threatt, Cam Warren, Zach Warren, Sarah Katherine White, Grayson Williams, Sawyer Woodard.

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.



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



tacklehunger.org An estimated 124 million people

will watch the Superbowl every year. Imagine what we could do to help end hunger if each person just gave 1 dollar or 1 can. The youth will be collecting donations today during both services. Please consider bringing the following: canned mixed vegetables, hearty soups, individual tuna packets, canned chicken, saltine crackers, rice, apple juices, ramen noodles, peanut butter. Cash donations will also be accepted. Donations will be divided between United Ministries and the Pleasant Valley Free Pantry.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HERITAGE LECTURE - 2025

Announcing the 2025 Heritage Lecturer, the Reverend Dr. Hunter Join us on Sunday. February 23, to hear Dr. Farrell preach at both 9a and 11:15a. He will also lead the adult Sunday School class. Farrell previously served the PCUSA as Director of World Mission, and is presently the Leader of World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is also the author of Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development.

SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

The Chancel Choir, a part time choir for adults, will lead in the 9a worship service on Sunday February 16. Rehearsal will be held February 11 from 7-7:45p in the choir room. Participation is open to all who desire to sing in a choir but who cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal schedule. To participate, please contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

Women of Westminster CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 11

Circle 3, at the home of Fran Walker (47 Charbury St) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).

Wednesday, February 12

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).

Tuesday, February 18

Circle 7, at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr) at 6p. Circle Contact: Gaye Sprague (gayesprague@ cs.com).

SOTERIA MEALS

WPC is continuing monthly dinners with the women of Soteria. We are on the schedule to bring/ share dinner and participate in fellowship the second Monday of each month. Our next dinner is Monday, February 10, and there are future dates available. Please email Brooke Culclasure at bculclasure@ mac.com if you can help.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet in the Charter Room on Monday, February 17, at 7p. We will VIEW and discuss a portion of the Martin Doblmeier documentary film, Sabbath. Pat Shufeldt is in charge of the program. All are welcome.

New Members@WPC

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on February 2, 2025:

- · Stephen & Emily Ahnrud come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have one son. Mark (6 mos.).
- Chase & Megan Arbra come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have two children: Olivia (3) and Callum (4 mos.).
- Will & McIntyre Barnes come to us by reaffirmation of faith.
- · Maddy Dezen comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. Maddy and husband, Drew, have a son, Bodie
- Melissa Nocks comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. She and her husband, Matt, have three children: LG (15), CeCe (13), and Charlie (8).
- · Alexi & Meredith Papapieris. Alexi comes by transfer from St. George Greek Orthodox, Greenville and Meredith by transfer from Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville. They have three children: Stella (9), Maddie (7), and Lily (5).
- · Sims & Anne Propst come to us by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian,
- Trey Snellings joins by transfer from Northside United Methodist, Atlanta, GA. He and his wife, WPC member Sara Ellis Pearce Snellings, have one child, Burt (11 mos)
- · Michael & Susan Stuart come to us by reaffirmation of faith.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS SUMMER 2025! WAVES OF WONDER - JUNE 9-13

Let waves of wonder wash over you as you get out into God's creation this summer! At Waves of Wonder VBS, children will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants and animals. They will visit the wilderness and miraculously receive water from a rock. They will take a boat ride with Jesus and weather a wavy storm. They will even imagine a new heaven and a new earth where all are invited to receive life-giving water. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, and active games, children will deepen their understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource. Registration coming soon!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 9-16, 2025

Sunday, February 9

Youth Sunday 9:00a

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

	Witness & Service Committee Meeting	tha
10:00	Sunday School	the
	WestConnect (Miller - 213)	
	WestConnect (Reynolds - 312)	
	WestConnect (Buchanan - 313)	
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting	
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11:15 Worship Service 12:30p Scotland Pilgrimage Meeting 12:45 Connections Group Meeting

Worship Service

2:00 Incoming Elder Training 4:00 First Steps in Music (Class 1) 4:30 First Steps in Music (Class 2)

No WPCYG and Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 10

4:00p Worship Committee Meeting Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, February 11

12:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
2:00	Circle 3

4:30 Weekday School Committee Meeting

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 12 9:00a Circle 6 9:30 Weekday Chapel

2:15p It's Elementary 3:30 Cherub Choir

4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

10:00a Bible Study

12:00p Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, February 14

Follow & Serve Youth Retreat

Senior Adult Dinner hosted by WPCYG David LaMotte Concert

Saturday, February 15 Follow & Serve Youth Retreat

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Follow & Serve Youth Retreat 9:00a Worship Service

> 10:00 Sunday School WestConnect (Reynolds - 312) WestConnect (Buchanan - 313)

10:55 Sunday Session Meeting 11:15 Worship Service

12:30p Stated Session Meeting First Steps in Music (Class 1) 4:00

4:30 First Steps in Music (Class 2)

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From the Youth Group

Did you know that the Gospel of John features seven "signs" or miracles and seven "I Am" sayings of Jesus?

Signs/Miracles in the Gospel of John:

- 1. Water to wine
- Healing a royal official's son
- Healing at the pool of Bethsaida
- Feeding of the 5,000
- Walking on water
- Healing a man born blind
- Raising of Lazarus

"I Am" Sayings in the Gospel of John:

- 1. I am the bread of life
- I am the light of the world
- I am the gate
- I am the good shepherd
- I am the resurrection and the life
- I am the way, the truth, and the life
- I am the true vine

John 20:31 says, "But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name." This school year, WPCYG has been studying these miracles and sayings. Some of the stories are also found in the other gospels, such as the Feeding of the 5,000 or Jesus Walking on Water. Others, like changing Water to Wine at the wedding in Cana or the Raising of Lazarus are unique to John. The "I Am" sayings are all unique to John, but they harken back to Exodus 3 and Moses' encounter with the great "I Am" at the burning bush. During both worship services this week, you will hear our seniors proclaim God's words through the lens of these stories and sayings. They will tell you about the extraordinary and ordinary miracles of their everyday lives. We recently studied the penultimate sign of the Healing of the man born blind in John 9. When questioned why this man was born blind Jesus said, "so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him." (John 9:3) I think this claim can extend to each of our lives. No matter how messy, mundane, ordinary, or extraordinary they are, God's mighty works can be displayed through us, our living, and our circumstances. One of my everyday miracles is working with the youth of our congregation. I see God's mighty works displayed in them regularly. They are amazing. They are fun. They are faithful. They are interesting. They are committed. They are hopeful. May you get a glimpse of one of my everyday miracles through these special worship services.

Mary Kathleen Duncan

DAVID LAMOTTE CONCERT - FEBRUARY 14

Westminster is hosting acclaimed singer/songwriter from western NC, David LaMotte, on Friday, February 14th from 7-9p in the Fellowship Hall. This event is free (donations accepted at the door) and open to our members and friends.

CALLING ALL OLDER ADULTS

You are invited to a dinner served by our youth before the David LaMotte concert on 2/14. We are able to host up to 50 folks for a dinner of pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and tea/lemonade. Dinner will be served at 6p in room 209. Then, you can walk over to the Fellowship Hall for a special Valentine's Day concert with David LaMotte. That will last from 7-9p. Interested? Call the church office to sign-up! There is no cost for either event.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER RETREAT MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER APRIL 25-27, 2025

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Open Minds Open Hearts

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Hospitality Generosity Justice Imagination Joy

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Connect Serve Grow

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL TERM JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 9, 2025

I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting: A Brief Tour of Heaven and Hell Ted Gentry

Room 209 and Streaming

Drawing on scripture, history, theology, and the occasional first-hand account, this course will consider what Presbyterians believe about the afterlife, some of the reasons for those beliefs, and the many questions that remain unanswered.

The Text This Week

Leigh Stuckey Room 212

Join us for an in-depth exploration of the texts being preached each week. We will explore the Gospel of Luke. The class is lecture-style and will be recorded.

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