



Third Sunday in Lent
Preparation for Worship

“Often we do not feel that...money is an easy thing to be ‘up front’ about. The reason for the taboo is that money has something to do with that intimate place in our heart where we need security...How do we become people whose security base is God and God alone? How can we stand confidently with rich and poor alike on the common ground of God’s love?”

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.**

Prelude *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)* Bizet

* Call to Worship Romans 14

Leader: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

People: **If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.**

Leader: It is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

People: **So then, each of us will be accountable to God.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 63 "The Lord Is God" AZMON

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have stored up for ourselves treasures on earth. We prize possessions instead of people. We pretend that material success is a valid way to measure our worth. We have split our loyalties, creating other gods in place of you. We forget that you are our creator, and we belong to you. Forgive us, and remake us in Christ’s eternal image. Help us to empty ourselves for others, as Christ emptied himself for us. Transform our timid faith, so that we would be extravagant with our giving, ceaseless with our compassion, and selfless with our love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

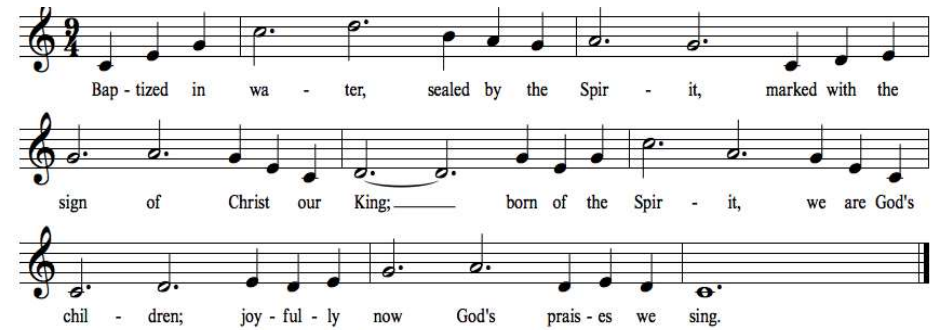
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* 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 9a *Burt Thomas Snellings*
11:15a *John Robert Stallard, Jr.*

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, *Luke 19:1-10* p. 854
Second Scripture Lesson, *Luke 16:1-9* p. 851

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "But Today's Not Commitment Sunday"

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 11:15a, Hymn 469 CHILDREN PRAYING
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory 9a "Turn Thee to Me" from *Biblical Songs* Dvořák
Offertory 11:15a *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* Brahms

* 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 450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 546 SICILIAN MARINERS

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

* Postlude *O Thou of God the Father* Bach

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Nikki Grumbine (9a), Mary Gentry (11:15a), *sponsors*

Emily Lordo (9a), Shelden Timmerman (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Nancy Smith, *guest organist*

Marlon Hurst (9a), *soloist*

Rosemary Hughes, *flute*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Susan Robbins, Will Edwards, George Howell,

Anne Howson, Claire Gilliland (9a), *greeters*

Lindsey Donlan, Mandy Pruitt, George McLarty,

Susan Grier, Ginny Bernard (11:15a), *greeters*

Mary-Frances Reynolds, Virginia Reynolds (9a), *acolytes*

Ellis Bryan, Chandler Murphy (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

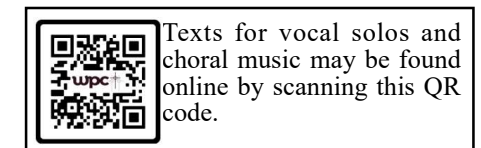
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return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

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Burt Thomas Snellings*, son of Trey & Sara Ellis Snellings.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *John Robert Stallard, Jr.*, son of Robert & Lauren Stallard.

In Memoriam

Stokes Browning
(1/19/1935 - 3/13/2025)

"I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:25

SPRING SERMON SERIES

The World Turned Upside Down:
Exploring the Gospel of Luke

In some ways, Luke is the most well-known and beloved of the four Gospels. Only in Luke do we hear about shepherds at Christmas, the parables of the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, and the Easter story of the road to Emmaus. Luke is a Gospel with prominent themes of table fellowship, forgiveness, and joy. At the same time, some of the most challenging words and parables of Jesus are found in Luke—teachings that deal with repentance, money, and lost opportunities to live for God. Our sermon series this spring will explore Luke, and the “upside down” kingdom of God that Jesus preaches in this Gospel. Our subject this week is our relationship with money.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Witness and Service has donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support disaster relief for the California Wildfires and humanitarian efforts to assist refugees from Ukraine. If you would like to join this effort, you can do so through Westminster. Please note in your giving that your designation is for wildfire response or refugee assistance in Ukraine.

HIKING GROUP

On Thursday, March 27, we will hike the Raven Rock Loop in Keowee-Toxaway State Park. Contact Anne Holleman (holl2759@att.net) if you plan to hike or have questions.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join the WPC Young Adults on Sunday, March 30, following the 11:15a worship service for food and fellowship at Blockhouse Restaurant (1619 Augusta St.). Questions? Contact Emily Lordo (emilydlordo@gmail.com).

FAITH MILESTONE FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADE

On Sunday, March 30, 1st and 2nd Grades will celebrate an important faith milestone, the Worship Workshop. This workshop is designed to teach children about the parts of worship and how to participate in age appropriate ways. It provides them with vocabulary and a framework for engaging in worship as they transition to joining their families regularly in the Sanctuary for the full worship hour. We'll cover topics like how to prepare for worship, joining in the service, Communion, Baptism and more! All 1st and 2nd graders (including visitors!) are invited to join us in the Children's Church room at 10a on March 30 for this special milestone. Contact Lauren Slingerland, Associate Pastor for Children for more information, lslingerland@wpc-online.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Get ready for a week of fun, faith, and adventure as we explore the "Waves of Wonder" in God's creation through exciting lessons, creative crafts, games, and more! VBS is the perfect place for kids to grow closer to God and make lasting memories.

- Event Date and Time: June 9-13, 9a-12p
- Ages: Rising K5-5th grade
- Registration Link: Visit the church's website to sign up!

Spaces are limited, and priority will be given to WPC members, so be sure to register early. We can't wait to see your child there as we embark on an unforgettable adventure!




MEN OF WESTMINSTER:

ANNUAL RETREAT MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER APRIL 25-27, 2025

All men of Westminster are invited to the third annual men's retreat in Montreat, NC. Nick Carson, Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$280. Sign up online at wpc-online.org. For more information, contact Tony Threath (tony.threath@gmail.com).

CUBA WITNESS AND SERVICE TRIP

Join us as we visit our Witness and Service partners at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba November 8-15, 2025. During our time together we will learn about the cultural, social, and economic realities of living in Cuba, engage theology with seminary students and professors, and join the seminary in their ongoing library renovation. Contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) with any questions and to sign up.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 23-30, 2025

Sunday, March 23
Third Sunday in Lent
Scotland Pilgrimage returns
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
WestConnect [Buchanan - Room 313]
WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
4:00p First Steps in Music - Class 1
4:30 First Steps in Music - Class 2
4:45 Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 March Madness Youth Party w/ snacks

Monday, March 24
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 25
12:00p AI-Anon Meeting
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
5:00 Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 26
9:30a Weekday Chapel
2:15p It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers Rehearsal
6:00 WestConnect (Evans - Family Lounge)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 27
8:30a Hiking Group
10:00 Bible Study
12:00p Child Protection Training (Zoom)
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 29
9:00a Session Retreat & Stated Meeting in Room 209

Sunday, March 30
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class Meeting
Worship Workshop Milestone for 1st & 2nd Graders
WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
11:15 Worship Service - Ordination/Installation Service
12:15p Young Adult Group Gathering
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 Open Gym/Snack
6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group

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From the Pews, Skip Gordon

While working for Jeep, I heard the following, probably apocryphal story:

A poorly dressed man walked into a Jeep dealership and started looking at vehicles. While his clothes were not torn, they were quite dirty and his boots muddy. No seasoned salesman would approach this “bum.” However, a new salesman did approach and after a while they came up with an acceptable model with accessories. The salesman gently questioned if financing would be needed. “Oh no” responded the buyer. “I will pay in cash” and pulled out a big roll of bills. Soon after he was on his way with a new Jeep.

In our lesson today, Zacchaeus was a “bum.” As a tax collector, he was at the bottom of the social ladder, and no one would associate with him. Not only did Jesus notice him, but he reached out to him such that he requested that he stay in Zacchaeus’ house. He saw into Zacchaeus’ heart and saw something in Zacchaeus that no one else had seen.

How often have each of us met someone different from us and considered him or her a “bum.” Maybe they do not dress or talk the same; maybe they come from a different social-economic background; even maybe they come from a different political party. Once that label is made, it is very difficult to change it.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus constantly admonishes us to love one another. His encounter with Zacchaeus emphasizes the importance of looking for the spiritual value of a person rather than their outward appearance. Even in the Old Testament, we are encouraged to love people not like ourselves. It is very difficult for us to change our ways and to stop making quick judgments. No, we do not have to make friends with everyone we see or meet. We do not even have to like everyone. However, with Jesus’ inspiration and love, we may be able to modify our behavior to suspend judgement and show our love to those people with whom we meet.

**JOIN US FOR A NEW TERM OF ADULT EDUCATION
AT WESTMINSTER!**

Classes will meet March 23 - April 27 (not Easter Sunday)

The Bible Through Time and Place

Led by Dr. Bryan Bibb, Professor of Religion
with a specialty in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Room 209 and Streaming

This series will look at the Bible from a different sort of perspective, broadly called "reception history." We will focus on the way that the Bible has been edited, translated, transmitted, published, and interpreted over time. In fact, there has never been just one "Bible," but myriad forms of "the Bible" that have meant different things and served different purposes. How has "the Bible" been understood over time, and how does "the Bible" function in today's religious and cultural contexts?

Sunday School for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meets on the 100 hall in the following classrooms:

- K-1st Grade Room 109
- 2nd-3rd Grade Movie Room
- 4th-5th Grade Room 112

Nursery is available for infants through 4K on the Mezzanine level. During Nursery, children in 4K explore the Bible story through play.

**HOLY WEEK
APRIL 13-20, 2025**

Palm Sunday
The Lord's Supper at 9a & 11:15a
with Sunday School at 10a

***Maundy Thursday* with Communion, 6p**

***Good Friday*, noon**

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Open Minds

Open Hearts

Our Pillars:

Hospitality

Generosity

Justice

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Joy

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Grow

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