



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Preparation for Worship

Living God, by the power of your Spirit,  
help us so to hear your holy word  
that we may truly understand;  
that understanding, we may believe;  
and believing, we may follow  
in faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531)

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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Limbaugh

Introit 11:15a *Your Servant I Will Be* Patterson

\* Call to Worship Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard.**

Leader: It is like the dew, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: **For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 31 Psalm 136: "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" MONKLAND

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have betrayed you and our neighbor.**

**We have traded our vulnerability for standoffishness.**

**We have masked our insecurity with self-righteousness.**

**We have taken for ourselves, what belongs to everyone.**

**We refuse to address the roots of the problems before us,  
and deceive ourselves with our own self-importance.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Anoint us with your spirit of generosity, prepare us for burial with you,  
that sin and selfishness would die,  
and we might rise to new life with you. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

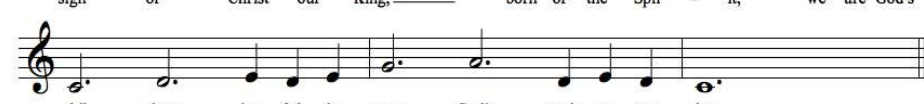
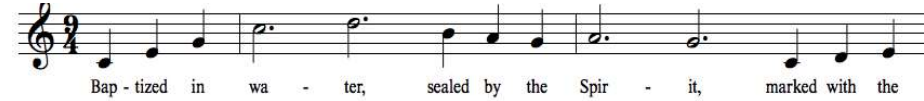
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* 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 Julie Maye Wolcott and James Tucker Wolcott

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, *Philippians 3:4b-14* p. 954

Second Scripture Lesson, *John 12:1-8* p. 874

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Perfume of Abundance" Millie Snyder

Responding to **God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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 *I Will Joyfully Sing* McDonald

Offertory 11:15a *Jesus, I Adore Thee* Caracciolo

\* Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDETH

**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

The Service of **Installation**

Statement on Ministry of Church

Constitutional Questions

\* Questions to Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Declaration and Charge to the Pastor

Charge to Congregation

\* Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

\* 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 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Phillips

\*All who are able may stand

**COMMISSION TO INSTALL**

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**GUEST**

**Millie Snyder**

Teaching Elder, Myers Park Presbyterian, Charlotte

*This is a day of celebration in the life of our church as we host the installation of the Reverend Nick Carson as Associate Pastor for Outreach and Congregational Life. We ask for God's blessing on his ministry as we share in this important moment in his life and the life of the Church. You are invited to a reception honoring Nick immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary Atrium.*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*  
Becky Warth (9a), *sponsor*  
Melissa Threath (9a),  
Walker Miller (11:15a), *scripture readers*  
Nancy Smith, *guest organist*  
Youth Choir (9a)  
Lynne Robinson (9a), *piano*  
Chorister Choirs (11:15a)  
Martha Gower (11:15a), *piano*  
Diana Dailey and Hunter Smith,  
*Chorister Choir Directors*  
George Howell (9a), Elizabeth Palmer  
(11:15a), *head ushers*  
Elizabeth Timmons, Mandy Pruitt,  
Trey Morrow, Creighton Likes,  
Roger Gower (9a), *greeters*  
Nancy Johnson, Carrie Marguet, George  
McLarty, Walker Miller,  
Amanda Warren (11:15a), *greeters*  
Berkeley Blumer, Ella Heegard (11:15a),  
*acolytes*

**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.


**Chorister Choirs Holy Week Musical: The Tale of the Three Trees**

The Junior and Senior Chorister choirs under the direction of Diana Dailey and Hunter Smith will present their spring musical, *The Tale of the Three Trees*, on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 13, 3p in the Sanctuary. This musical is based on an American folk tale about three trees with dreams of grandeur, but whose ultimate fates serve Holy Purposes the likes of which they could have never dreamed. This is a wonderful way to begin your Holy Week reflections.

Join Us in Welcoming

**BAPTISM**

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Julie Maye Wolcott and James Tucker Wolcott, children of Jayson Wolcott & Meg Galipeau.



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

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Witness and Service has donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support disaster relief for the wildfires in California and South Carolina 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.

**CREATION STEWARDSHIP**

WPC's Creation Stewardship group will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 13, at 9a in Room 211. All who are interested in the care of God's creation are invited to participate.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at 4:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

**ACOLYTES**

WPC children in grades 3-5 are invited to serve as acolytes, carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the beginning of Sunday worship services. Children who would like to serve as an acolyte must complete a 15-minute training session (at which a parent must also be present). Training sessions will be held three to four times per year following an 11:15a worship service. To enlist your child for acolyte service, or if you need additional information, please contact Hunter Smith at hsmith@wpc-online.org.

**MEN OF WESTMINSTER SOCIAL GATHERING**

The Men of Westminster will host a social gathering on Thursday, April 10, at Yee-Haw Brewing Co (307 E. McBee Ave) starting at 5:30p. Please join us for fellowship and an opportunity to meet other men in the church.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLE MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, April 8**
  - Circle 3, at the home of Ruth Collins (103 Haddon Ln, Greer) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).
- Wednesday, April 9**
  - Circle 6, at the home of Kay Williams (12 McDaniel Ct) at 9a. Circle Co-Chairs: Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com).

**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!

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

The Chancel Choir is a part-time music ensemble for those who would like to participate in a choir at Westminster, but who cannot make a commitment to weekly rehearsals. The Chancel Choir will participate in Music Sunday on May 4. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays, April 22 and 29 from 7-7:45p. For more information contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

**CONNECTIONS**

Connections, a lunch group for singles and couples, will meet on Sunday, April 13, at Bonefish Grill (1515 Woodruff) at 12:45p. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, April 11. Newcomers are always welcome!

**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.

**LUNCHEON GROUP**

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, April 16, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
April 6-13, 2025

- Sunday, April 6**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**
- 9:00a Worship Service
  - Membership Committee Meeting
  - 10:00 Sunday School
  - Confirmation Class Meeting
  - WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
  - WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
  - 10:55 Weekly Session Meeting
  - 11:15 Worship Service - Installation of Nick Carson
  - 12:15p Reception in Atrium
  - 5:00 Middler Youth Group
  - 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
  - 6:00 Youth Dinner
  - 6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
  - Senior High Youth Group

- Monday, April 7**
- 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

- Tuesday, April 8**
- 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
  - 2:00 Circle 3

- Wednesday, April 9**
- 9:00a Circle 6
  - 9:30 Weekday Chapel
  - 2:15p It's Elementary
  - 3:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal
  - 4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers Rehearsal
  - 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- Thursday, April 10**
- 10:00a Bible Study
  - 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
  - 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- Friday, April 11**
- 4:00p Weekday School Spring Carnival

- Sunday, April 13**  
**Palm Sunday**
- 9:00a Worship Service with communion
  - Creation Stewardship Meeting
  - Witness & Service Committee Meeting
  - 10:00 Sunday School
  - Confirmation Class Meeting
  - WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
  - WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
  - 10:55 Weekly Session Meeting
  - 11:15 Worship Service with communion
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  - 4:30 Baptism Class
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*open minds open hearts*

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***From the Pews, Parks Workman***

Sometimes we get so caught up in our lives, our service, and our routine that we lose sight of our foundation. This is also true in our faith. Many in this congregation devote countless hours to serving the community, give generously to charitable causes, actively participate in our church, and truly work to advance the kingdom of God. This is all very important, and our efforts should certainly continue.

However, today's passage from the Gospel of John reminds me that sometimes we need to slow down and take the time to love and praise Jesus. Mary showed her love for Jesus by taking a pint of expensive perfume, pouring it on his feet, and wiping his feet with her hair. Although she was admonished for not being more "practical" with her faith—by selling the perfume and giving the money to the poor—Jesus recognized her act of love.

Mary's devotion was extravagant, unreserved, and deeply personal. Sometimes, the purest expressions of love for God come not through grand acts in our community, but through moments of praise and love. I was reminded of this recently while teaching Sunday School with my wife. We taught an excellent group of 4th and 5th graders last week. The students took time to write a one-sentence psalm to show their praise and love for God. With their permission, I have shared these psalms with you below:

*"I praise God and am satisfied by His love." – Mary Eliza Duncan*

*"I am blessed for God's faithful love." – Ella Heegard*

*"God protects me, satisfies me, blesses me, and loves me. He also fills me with joy." – Luke Pruitt*

*"Glory to God. You bless me. You are strong." – Elizabeth Workman*

*"God I praise, for he brings me joy and love." – Mary Wayne Workman*

*"We praise in the Glory and Power of God." – Elle Mannes*

I hope everyone continues the good work we have done to advance God's kingdom in this church, in our community, in our families, and beyond. However, when life starts to feel busy and the weight of responsibilities presses in, take a cue from Mary and these insightful students—slow down, be with God, and offer your praise and love.



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For most of our history, the Undesignated fund has not been large enough to justify expenditures from it. One of the Endowment Committee’s goals is to increase the Undesignated fund to the point at which it can actively support WPC’s vision, pillars, and goals.

The WWS fund was recently established and has not yet been used to fund WWS operations. The Divinity School Scholarship fund distributes a small annual scholarship to any Westminster member who is attending seminary; two of our members have received such grants in recent years.

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