



**Second Sunday of Easter
Preparation for Worship**

Loving Jesus, in a broken and fearful world, you continue to reveal yourself to us each day, bringing your peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We seek to live a life worthy of these gifts, knowing that we can never repay you. You have been our steadfast companion. Guide us still, that we might follow you before any human authority and know the saving power of your love. Amen.

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 Know that My Redeemer Lives* Held
Introit, Hymn 590 "Hallelujah" HALLELUJAH (Maraire)

* Call to Worship Psalm 150

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
People: Praise God in God's sanctuary!
Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
**People: Praise God for God's mighty deeds!
Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**
Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Hallelujah!**
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 254 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* Prayer of Confession
**God, you have been made known to us in deeds of power,
signs, and wonders.
You will not abandon us
and you call us to confess the truth about our lives.
We are so distracted that we don't recognize you in our midst.
You have made known to us the ways of life.
Yet, too often,
we put other things above you
and turn away from the ways of life
and toward the ways of death.
Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,
to walk the pilgrim way with you
so that we may know the fullness of joy. 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 Bryan Chattin Kingrey, 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, *Psalms 118:14-29* p. 492

Second Scripture Lesson, *Luke 24:13-35* p. 860

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "On the Road Again"

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 *O Risen Lord* Scott

* 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
Recognition of New Members 11:15a

* Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia!* Smith

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Lauren Slingerland, *preaching*
Ben Dorr, *liturgist*
Claire Gilliland (9a), Trey Morrow (11:15a), *sponsors*
Ingrid Erwin (9a), Mary Ashmore (11:15a), *scripture readers*
Octet (9a): Kathi Hurst, Marlon Hurst, Kathy Jabara, Katie Knauer,
Margaret Lowry-Brock, Derek Pitman, Hunter Smith, Jordan Smith
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Rosemary Hughes, flute
Bryan Kelley (9a), Elizabeth Palmer (11:15a), *head ushers*
Sam White, Carrie Marguet, Betsy Raines,
Mary Mac Fairey, Ingrid Erwin (9a), *greeters*
Ingrid Erwin, Roger Gower, Emily Cole,
Mandy Pruitt, Tim Reed (11:15a), *greeters*
Manning Dailey (9a), 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

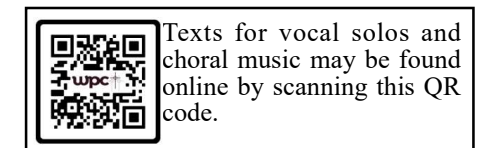
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return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



Join Us in Welcoming BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Bryan Chattin Kingrey, Jr, son of Bryan & Anna Kingrey.

We Remember in Prayer

Amy Hawkins and her family on the death of Amy's father, Ed Keelen, on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in Columbia.

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 this Sunday, April 27. 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.

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. The topic this Sunday is pilgrimage.

**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!

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.

WPC BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will meet in the Library at 6:30p on Tuesday, May 6. Ellen Stevenson will review *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. All are welcome!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
April 27**

The Bible Through Time and Place
Led by Dr. Bryan Bibb,
Professor of Religion - Furman University 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?

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. Rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, April 29 from 7-7:45p. For more information contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

SUMMER CHOIR

Would you like to sing in choir but cannot make a full-time commitment? Are you curious about what it would be like to sing in a choir? Are you seeking ways to connect with others at WPC? If so, then Summer Choir is for you! Adults and youth are invited to participate in Summer Choir each Sunday from May 11 - June 29 (except May 25), gathering at 9a each Sunday to rehearse a choral piece to be presented as the offertory at the 10a service. For additional information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

WITNESS AND SERVICE CUBA TRIP INTEREST MEETING:

If you are interested in learning more about our Witness and Service Trip to Cuba, an informational meeting will be held after worship at 11:30a on May 11 in the Charter Room. No commitment required. Reach out to Nick Carson with questions or sign up on the website.

SOTERIA MEALS

We are looking for women to participate in our monthly dinner and fellowship with the residents of the Soteria Women's House. Help is needed on Monday, June 9 and Monday, July 8. Please email Brooke Culclasure at bculclasure@mac.com if you are interested in helping with dinner and sharing in fellowship.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING LUNCHEON

Ladies of Westminster are invited to our Annual Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 27, at 12:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served and we will honor our new Honorary Life Members for 2025. We will have David White, CEO and Founder of Fostering Great Ideas as our guest speaker. Signups begin April 7.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL
Tuesday, May 6, 6p
New York Butcher Shop
(2222 Augusta St)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
April 27-May 4, 2025**

Sunday, April 27
Second Sunday of Easter
Men of Westminster Retreat
8:00a Creation Stewardship Outdoor Service at First Baptist - Greenville
9:00 Worship Service
New Member Class
10:00 Sunday School
WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
10:55 Weekly Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p New Member Reception
12:30 Women of Westminster Spring Luncheon
4:45 WPCYG Gratitude Night
5:45 Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 28
5:00p Personnel Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 29
12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
6:00 Chancel Bells Rehearsal
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 30
2:15p It's Elementary Carnival
4:00 8th Grade Bible Study
Final Jr & Sr Choristers Rehearsal
Final Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00

Thursday, May 1
10:00a Bible Study
4:30p Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting
5:30 Health & Safety Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 4
Third Sunday of Easter
9:40a Weekly Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service - Church Music Sunday
11:00 Reception in Atrium
WPCYG Parent Fellowship & Feedback Time

Our Vision:
*Open Minds
Open Hearts*

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

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HARBINGER
open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Deb VanderVeer

Learning on the way back to home to Emmaus:

This story teaches us how to join others in their journey. The importance of listening to others, especially as one shares their pain and doubt. The reminder to help others see their story in God's story, and in the story of the death and resurrection of God's Son. The significance of breaking bread with one another, of celebrating communion and having our eyes opened to the presence of Christ among us. May we have the urgent call to go and share our faith and our joy with the world. For the Lord has risen indeed, and is walking with us on our journey through life.

May our eyes be opened, so that we recognize Jesus in our midst. May our hearts burn with joy as we see our story wrapped up in his. May we always be eager to share the joy of his resurrection and presence among us.

To the Glory of God! Amen!

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

As we search for a new AV Coordinator, we encourage your spiritual gift of patience with any unintended hiccups with sound or cameras that may occur during this time.

Spotlight on Westminster's Endowment**Did you know that Westminster has an Endowment?**

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How can I contribute to the Endowment?

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If you are interested in learning more about making a gift to the Endowment, please contact Ben Dorr or the Endowment Committee chair, Larkin Watson, at larkin.watson@gmail.com.

Is contributing to the Endowment a substitute for my annual pledge?

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one service at 10a

followed by a reception honoring
Westminster's music program

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the 2025 Class of Confirmands

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followed by a bbq luncheon
celebrating WPC's 78th birthday

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