



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Preparation for Worship

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God’s gonna trouble the water.
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--Traditional African American Spiritual

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 Andantino Dvořák

- * Call to Worship
- Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.
People: **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**
Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
People: **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**
Leader: In Christ's body, all are fed.
People: **Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 441 "Hear the Good News of Salvation" NETTLETON

- * Prayer of Confession
- God of all people,**
we confess that we have not celebrated the beauty of our differences.
We draw lines between “us” and “them”
and determine who is “in” and who is “out.”
We are quick to judge our neighbor,
and slow to recognize our own failures.
We have tried to confine your grace,
instead of sharing it in abundance and generosity.
We have silenced our own curiosity,
and chosen the comfort of similarity
over the diversity of true community.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to see our differences as reflections of your divine image.
Embolden us to leave behind old assumptions and expectations.
Give us courage to challenge our comfort,
and move beyond the divisions we make for ourselves. 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.**

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Lesson, *Isaiah 56:1-8* p. 599

New Testament Scripture Lesson, Acts 8:26-40 p. 892

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "God's Gonna Trouble the Water"

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

Offering

Offertory *I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me* arr. Burleigh

* 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 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" McKEE
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude *Trumpet Tune in F* Lasky

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Nick Carson, *preaching*
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*
Jade Fountain, *scripture reader*
Kathi Hurst, *soloist*
George Howell, *head usher*
Trey Morrow, Creighton Likes, Pam Evans,
Ingrid Erwin, Kathryn Freedman, *greeters*

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

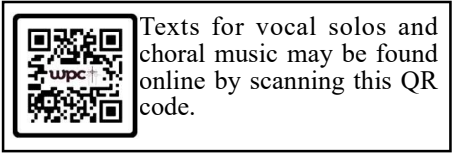
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return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

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH

The birth of a daughter, *Eloise McCarter Jennings*, to Corey & Kaley Jennings, on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL - JUNE 8

Kick off the summer with shrimp, and sausage at WPC’s Low Country Boil. Share in the fun at Magnetic South Brewery in Judson Mill (701 Easley Bridge Rd. #4155, Greenville, 29611) on Sunday, June 8, from 5–7p. Families are welcome; childcare will not be provided. This event is free to the WPC community, but space is limited. RSVP on WPC's website. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Contact Leigh Stuckey or Nick Carson to signup online to help.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children’s Church is worship education for children in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Children leave worship with a pastor to continue worship and age-appropriate exploration and play. Parent volunteers supervise activities and play after a pastor leads the lesson. You can sign up to volunteer with Children's Church here: (<https://signup.com/go/SPYMEVv>). Children's Church will not meet on May 25, due to the holiday.

ACTS: CHARACTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

The book of Acts was written by the author of Luke, and the themes in both books echo one another. From the story of Pentecost to Paul's missionary travels, Acts narrates the characters, conflicts, and congregations of the earliest Christian community. Following the success of our Luke series, we will, this summer, preach through the book of Acts, meeting new characters and exploring Paul's journeys, overhearing conflicts around inclusion and ritual, and mapping the lessons that the first church can teach the modern church. This week's theme is baptism.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT DIP PARTY
Join the WPC Young Adults on Sunday, June 22, from 3-5p at the home of Anna & David Hanor (4 Parkins Lake Rd) for a pool party. Children are welcome. Bring a dip to share. Questions? Text Anna at (803) 413-0365.

**WESTMINSTER
ONLINE DIRECTORY**

Did you know that Westminster Presbyterian Church has an online directory that is accessible to all church members? You can look up addresses, listed phone numbers, and listed emails of other church members. You can see a list of church members who participate in the same groups/activities as you. You can make changes to your address, phone numbers, and emails. Have you recently seen the family or individual photo we have on file for you? You can view it in the online directory and update it with a more up-to-date photo from your own personal collection! Are you ready to become an online user of the WPC directory? Contact the church office (864-232-2424) to set up your user account and then get started exploring all the ways you can benefit from being connected!

Spring at Westminster



May 25: Worship followed by donuts
one service at 10a

Mark your calendars, donuts are back for the summer!

June 8: Worship and Low Country Boil
one service at 10a

Low Country Boil from 5-7p at Magnetic South Brewery

Our two service schedule will resume following Labor Day.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
May 25-June 1, 2025

Sunday, May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00a No Summer Choir today
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Fellowship with donuts
NO Children's Church.

Monday, May 26
Church Office Closed
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 27
12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, May 29
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 31
WPCYG - Jamaica Mission Trip

Sunday, June 1
Seventh Sunday of Easter
WPCYG - Jamaica Mission Trip
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Fellowship with donuts
VBS Volunteer Training/Child Protection Training
*Ben Dorr is on sabbatical
May 19 - August 10.*

Our Vision:
Open minds, open hearts.

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the June 1 Harbinger - **deadline for this info is May 25.**

Name: _____

School graduating from: _____

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HARBINGER
open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Will & Beth Edwards

Our first scripture lesson this morning is from Isaiah chapter 56:1-8.

We are going to be a little picky and highlight a small part of this scripture. Indulge us. It is the second part of verse 7, “for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” To us God is saying all are welcome, so open the doors; invite and share with everyone, everywhere.

God wishes places of worship and prayer to be inclusive: where are all welcome. We may be biased, when we first read those words of verse 7, we thought of our vision of “Open minds, open hearts.” We believe Westminster is a house of prayer for all people. We would like to believe we are a welcoming congregation, pleased to see newcomers and stalwarts alike.

God calls us to be his disciples and treat each other as brothers and sisters in faith and with Christ. To us, Open minds and open hearts leads us to a deeper fellowship. Through this fellowship we allow ourselves to be more available to open our doors both literally and in the way God intends.

The truth is, where two or more are gathered in Christ, that is a Church. Let us all continue to gather together in a place of God.

Prayer:

Lord, open our hearts and minds to embrace the richness of all people, regardless of their background, beliefs, or experiences. Help us to see the beauty and worth of each individual, and to treat them with the same love and respect you have shown us. May we be a source of comfort and support, creating a space where everyone feels safe and valued. Amen