



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preparation for Worship

We trust in the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to heart the voices of peoples long silence, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Purifoy

\* Call to Worship

Leader: With believers and seekers the whole world wide,  
people in every land, and speakers of every language,

People: **We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: With the Creator who formed the foundations of the earth,  
Jesus who promised his presence,  
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

People: **We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: Here let heaven and earth embrace.  
Here may God's people find a home.

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 246 "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**  
**you have raised Jesus from death to life,**  
**and crowned him Lord of all.**  
**We confess that have not followed in his path.**  
**For the roads we avoid traveling,**  
**the kind words we refuse to share,**  
**the false gods who received our worship,**  
**the careless use of our time and resources,**  
**the hidden hurts and fears held too tightly, forgive us.**  
**By your grace and the renewing power of your Spirit,**  
**renew us and guide us to be your faithful people. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

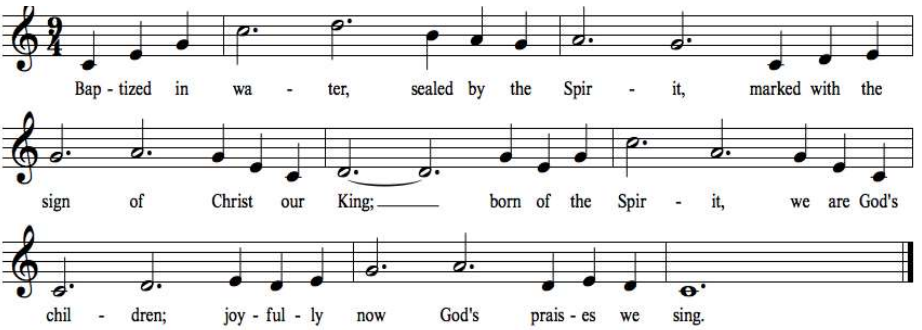
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* 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 *Cecilia Parks Satterfield*

Congregational Response *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN



Children in K5 – first grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Jeremiah 36:1-6* p. 646

Second Scripture Lesson, *Acts 10:34-43* p. 895

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Witnesses Among All People"*

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 *Hope of the World* Davis

\* 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 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" SPIRIT

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude *Grand Triumphal Chorus* Guilmant

*\*All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Lauren Slingerland, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Shelden Timmerman, *scripture reader*

Summer Choir

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Susan Robbins, Tony Threatt, Anne Howson,

Amy Hawkins, Tiffany Williams, *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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Cecilia Parks Satterfield*, daughter of Brad & Jaime Satterfield.

In Memoriam

Mickey Brown  
(6/8/1954 – 5/21/2025)

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

We Remember in Prayer

Jason Farmer and his family on the death of Jason's father, Mike Farmer, on Sunday, May 25, 2025, in Taylors.

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.

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 inclusion.

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**  
The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30p in the Library. Nancy Kier will review *The Empty Cell* by Paulette Alden. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church who are completing high school, college, or graduate school. We offer them our best wishes as they move into new phases of their lives.

**2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

*Christ Church Episcopal High School*

Will Marguet  
Alex Montgomery  
Laura Morgan

**Greenville High School**

Gray Blount  
Capers Bouton  
Audrey Cox  
Jackson Eller  
Timmons Hardaway  
Katie Hoffman  
Carter Likes  
David Lowe  
Miles McGregor  
Abby Newton  
Whit Palmer  
Emily Jane Rayneri  
Jack Robinson  
Margaret Rowan  
Lilla Surka  
Caroline Taylor  
Mary Burton Wilkins

**JL Mann High School**

Sam Dorr  
Olivia Galipeau  
Sam Vanderbloemen

**SC Governor's School**

Charlie Ratterree

**Wade Hampton High School**

Shaw Shurley

**2025 COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**Clemson University**

Hughes Clark  
Jack Montgomery  
Anna Sanders

**Rhodes College**



Mac Ridgeway

**University of South Carolina**

Sutton Vanderbloemen

**Wofford College**

James Moon

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
June 1-8, 2025

**Sunday, June 1**  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service 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

**Monday, June 2**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

8:00	Narcotics Anonymous
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**Tuesday, June 3**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

12:00p	Al-Anon Meeting Administrative Committee Meeting
6:30	Book Club Meeting

**Wednesday, June 4**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

**Thursday, June 5**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
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**Friday, June 6**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

**Saturday, June 7**  
WPCYG - Jamaica Witness & Service Trip

**Sunday, June 8**  
*Pentecost*

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Fellowship with donuts
5:00p	Low Country Boil

*Ben Dorr is on sabbatical  
May 19 - August 10.*

**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!

**Our Vision:**  
*Open minds, open hearts.*

**Our Pillars:**  
*Hospitality  
Generosity  
Justice  
Imagination  
Joy*

**Our Goals:**  
*Connect  
Serve  
Grow*

the  
**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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***From the Pews, Mary Frances Knapp***

Some of my fondest memories from high school years are those involving my youth group. Many of us went to different schools and had different friend groups, but our Sunday night crew became some of the people I felt most comfortable around. Ski trips to West Virginia and mission trips to Arizona and Canada remain some of the highlights of my teenage years. One of the most anticipated events occurred every summer when we got to attend Montreat’s summer youth conference. (For our Westminster youth who will go this summer.... soak it up! I wish I could go back and do it again!)

One particular summer, the theme of the conference was “Come As you Are.” The week was spent singing songs and meeting new faces. We were intentionally divided into small groups where we weren’t with anyone from our hometown. Even though none of us knew each other, we quickly connected through shared stories and experiences. It didn’t take long for us to realize that we were all much more alike than we were different. There was no judgment within the group. No one made fun or cast another’s opinion aside. We connected with others and created a sense of belonging. What a gift that was to spend a week with people where you can truly, “Come as You Are.” Why don’t we all do that more often?

As I read Peter’s story in Acts, I thought back to our weeks in Montreat. What I realize now is that we were doing more than just having fun and making friends. We were doing and spreading God’s word. Peter tells us that God gives salvation to all, when you believe in him and do good by him. It doesn’t matter your background, your status, or where you came from. We are all worthy of God’s love. What good news that we can be just who we are, and God loves us all the same! In God’s eyes, we are all invited and welcomed into his grace. We can never have enough reminders that we should “Come as we are.” Peter reminds us to do as God would do. Love others like God loves us. Be yourself and let everyone else be themselves too. God embraces us all...just as we are.