



Trinity Sunday

Preparation for Worship

“...freedom is a relation and nothing else...No one can think of freedom as a substance or as something individualistic. Freedom is just not something I have at my command like an attribute of my own; it is simply something that comes to happen, that takes place, that happens to me through the other...the message of the gospel itself that God’s freedom has bound itself to us, that God’s free grace becomes real with us alone, that God wills not to be free for God’s self but for humankind. Because God in Christ is free for humankind, because God does not keep God’s freedom to God’s self, we can think of freedom only as a ‘being free for...”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Creation and Fall*

Gathering and Preparing for God’s Word

Welcome and Announcements		
Leader:	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Prelude	<i>Fantasy on NICAEA</i>	Post
* Call to Worship	adapted from Psalm 46	
Leader:	God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.	
People:	<b>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.</b>	
Leader:	God is in the midst of the city; God shall help it at the dawn of the day.	
People:	<b>The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.</b>	
All:	<b>Let us worship God!</b>	
* Hymn 29	"O God, You Search Me" <i>Stanza 1, soloist; Stanzas 2-5, All</i>	O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME
* Prayer of Confession		
	<b>Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.</b>	
* Assurance of Pardon		
Leader:	Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.	
People:	<b>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.</b>	
* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581	GLORIA PATRI	
	<b><i>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.</i></b>	
Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.		

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination		
First Scripture Lesson, Exodus 33:17-19		p. 70
Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 8:9-26		p. 892
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"The Freedom and the Power"	

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

Spirit, Open My Heart

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\* 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 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fantasy on NICAEA, "Finale"

Post

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship this Morning

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*  
Nick Carson, *liturgist*  
Steve Johnson, *scripture reader*  
Summer Choir  
Rosemary Hughes, *flute*  
Bill Young, *head usher*  
Nancy Johnson, Sam White, Walker Miller,  
Stan Pendergrass, Anne Howson, *greeters*  
Mary Frances Reynolds, Virginia Reynolds, *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.

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 the freedom of God.

GIVING TO WPC

Did you know that you can fulfill your pledge or give an unpledged gift to Westminster online? Your gift helps our church keep faith with community partners and maintain excellence in our programming. To learn more about online giving, or to make a gift, follow the prompts from the QR code below.



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.

WPCYG MONTREAT  
PRE-TRIP MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 11A  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Attention all 100 youth and chaperones attending Montreat's Youth Conference (July 20-26) - please attend one session. This is mandatory for first-time participants.

LUNCHEON GROUP  
The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, June 18, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (Imaryanncox@gmail.com).

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.

CONNECTIONS GROUP  
Connections, a lunch group for couples and singles, will meet on Sunday, June 29, at Travinia's (105 Beacon Dr) at 11:45a after the 10a worship service. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, June 27. Newcomers are always welcome!

THE SESSION  
The Class of 2026  
Ben Bloodworth Walker Miller  
Emily Cole Stan Pendergrass  
Ingrid Erwin Betsy Raines  
Roger Gower Jeff Reynolds  
Amy Hawkins Susan Robbins  
Anne Howson Zach Weaver  
George McLarty

The Class of 2027  
Ben Dillard Creighton Likes  
Will Edwards Carrie Marguet  
Mary Mac Fairey Trey Morrow  
Kathryn Freedman Mandy Pruitt  
Mary Gentry Elizabeth Timmons  
Claire Gilliland Sam White, Jr  
George Howell

The Class of 2028  
Bill Ballinger Mike Peters  
Denise Broderick Tim Reed  
Coleman Dixon Stephen Ridgeway  
Pam Evans Tony Threatt  
Blake Hoffman Amanda Warren  
Nancy Johnson Tiffany Williams

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 through June 29, 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.

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*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
June 15-22, 2025

**Sunday, June 15**  
*First Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal

Education Committee Meeting

9:40 Weekly Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts

WPCYG Montreat Pre-Trip Meeting

**Monday, June 16**

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, June 17**

12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, June 18**

12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting

**Thursday, June 19**

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

**Sunday, June 22**  
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Montreat Worship & Music Conference*

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal

Middler Book Club

9:40 Weekly Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts

Senior High Book Club

3:00p Young Adult Dip Party

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

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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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***From the Pews, Grace Loveless***

**KNOWN BY NAME**

So... it's June 15th. My birthday. I'm 36—which I'm still calling mid-thirties, thank you very much. My kids are getting bigger—like, actually big. We've left the diaper years behind, and now it's all homework folders, sports schedules, and full-on conversations about fairness, friendships, and why bedtime still exists. I'm still in the thick of parenting, but something's shifting. It's not survival mode anymore—it's this deeper, sometimes heavier season of shaping little people while still trying to figure out who I'm becoming, too.

Lately I've been coming back to a passage from Exodus 33, where God says to Moses: "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me... I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you." I've read it before, but this year, it hit different.

There's something grounding about being known by name. Not just seen or tolerated or added to a long to-do list—but really known. I think as parents (or just as people), we carry so much. We handle logistics, emotions, decisions, meals, messes—and rarely stop to ask how we're doing. But God doesn't lose track of us. He doesn't define us by how much we get done or how well we're holding it all together. He knows our name. He sees our hearts.

And His goodness? It doesn't always look like a big breakthrough or miracle. Sometimes it's a quiet moment of peace in a loud house. A laugh around the dinner table. A kind word when you didn't realize how much you needed one. Sometimes it's just enough grace to keep going when the tank feels empty.

This birthday, I'm not setting any grand resolutions or chasing big changes. I'm just thankful—for the reminder that I'm known. That His presence goes with me. And that even in the middle of regular, messy, wonderful life—His goodness is still showing up.

*"I know you by name... I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."*  
– Exodus 33:17–19