



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for Worship

Lord, hear;
Lord, forgive;
Lord, do.
Hear what we speak not;
forgive what we speak amiss;
do what we leave undone;
that not according to our words, or our deeds,
but according to your mercy and truth,
all may work for your glory,
and the good of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

— Maria Ware (1798)

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 Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring Bach

* Call to Worship Psalm 33

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
People: **Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

Leader: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings,
praise God with loud shouts.

People: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord,
be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 410 "God is Calling through the Whisper" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

* Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess that we think we can save ourselves.
We believe that our own actions, accomplishments,
and beliefs will justify us, and we hesitate to trust in your mercy.
We set out to prove ourselves worthy,
and overlook the worth you have already given us.
We cast judgments on others who think differently than us,
and build fences around your grace.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Teach us to loosen our grip on truth,
to release our illusions of control,
and open our hearts to the movement of the Spirit. 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 Porter Elia Papapieris

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, Matthew 11:25-30 p. 792

Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 15:3-11 p. 899

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Unnecessary Burdens"

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 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Mote

* Doxology, Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDT

**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 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" SHOWALTER

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Toccata in Seven Rutter

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Nick Carson, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Amy Grace, *scripture reader*

Betsy Raines, *sponsor*

Benjamin Barker, *hammered dulcimer*

Ben Edwards, *head usher*

Zach Weaver, Emily Cole, Pam Evans,

Ben Dillard, Elizabeth Timmons, *greeters*

Ella Heegard, *acolyte*

WORSHIP NOTES

Benjamin Barker is a Hammered Dulcimerist, Harpist, and Composer based in Greenville. He was the winner of the 2021 National Hammered Dulcimer Championship.

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.

Join Us in Welcoming
BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Porter Elia Papapieris, daughter of Nik & Taylor Papapieris.



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



With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, June 14, 2025, Cooper Kemp and Caroline Odom were united in marriage in Greenville.

BIRTH

The birth of a son, Andrew William Rhodes, to Johnny & Lizzie Rhodes, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

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 gentiles in the early church.

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