



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Preparation for Worship

“I believe that God will give us all the strength we need to help us...in all time of distress. But [God] never gives it in advance, lest we should rely on ourselves and not on [God] alone. A faith such as this should allay all our fears for the future.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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 Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Monsell

\* Call to Worship Isaiah 43:16, 18-19

Leader: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters:

People: Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

All: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

\* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, forgive us for our idolatry,  
our insecurity, and our reluctance to trust in you.  
We have placed our faith in possessions, power,  
and political might.

We have refused to see your image in others.

We have ignored our own complicity  
in the greed and gluttony around us.

We forget that we depend on your goodness every day.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
and teach us anew to trust in you.

Let your love guide our words,  
let your compassion guide our actions,  
and let your grace guide our days.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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.

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, Exodus 16:1-3 p. 55

Second Scripture Lesson, Exodus 16:4-8, 13-15 p. 55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Food for Forty Years"

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 9a Give Me Jesus Spiritual, arr. Hogan

Offertory 11:15a "O Bread of Life from Heaven" arr. J.S. Bach

\* 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

Recognition of New Members 11:15a

\* Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude Toccata in C Major Pachelbel

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching

Lauren Slingerland, liturgist

Mandy Pruitt, sponsor

David Golladay (9a), Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), scripture readers

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Allie Ablewood (9a), soloist

George Howell (9a), Jeff Reynolds (11:15a), head ushers

Kathryn Freedman, Jeff Reynolds, Amy Hawkins,

Tony Threatt, Blake Hoffman (9a), greeters

Anne Howson, Stan Pendergrass, Trey Morrow,

Bill Ballinger, Kathryn Freedman (11:15a), greeters

Manning Dailey, Everett Matthews (9a), acolytes

Grace Huerta, Lillie O'Neal (11:15a), acolytes

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY’S PRELUDE is the latest arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members. Great Is Thy Faithfulness was requested by and is dedicated to Mary Ashmore.

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.



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



FALL SERMON SERIES:

THE EXODUS STORY:

FAITH, FEAR, & FREEDOM

Our fall sermon series will explore the story of the Exodus: God's liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. It's a story about what it means to be heard by God, saved by God, and called into covenant relationship with God. It's a story of fear and courage, of wandering in the wilderness, of God's transcendence and God's imminence, of what it means to live in covenant community with one another. It's the central salvation story of the Old Testament, and one that echoes throughout the New Testament as well. To help you follow along, we will provide scripture passages to read in preparation for the upcoming Sundays. For the next three weeks, the suggested readings are the following:

Sept 21: Exodus 16:1-15  
Sept 28: Exodus 17:1-7  
Oct 5: Exodus 19:16-25

We Remember in Prayer

Caroline Stewart and her family on the death of Caroline's father, H. Elliott Batson, on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

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.

MONDAY GAME GROUP

The Game Group continues to meet Mondays at 7p in the Entrance Pavilion. In addition to Mahjongg, we would love for you to bring a game that you want to play with the group! We will have several different games going on at the same time.

YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH

Join WPC-YA for lunch directly following the 11:15a church service on September 28. We will meet at Tacozzini (1818 Augusta St., 29605). Children are welcome! Questions? Contact Emily Lordo (emilydlordo@gmail.com).

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Children and youth ages 5K-Grade 12 are invited to register online for the church basketball season through Sunday, October 12. Registration may be accessed on the church's website (wpc-online.org). WPC members interested in being a coach or an assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (864-915-5686).

MEN OF WESTMINSTER SERVICE DAY WITH REBUILD UPSTATE

On Saturday, October 11, the Men of Westminster are sponsoring a construction service project with Rebuild Upstate. Rebuild is one of our Witness and Service partners that works to repair and improve houses for low-income families in the upstate to preserve affordable housing and ensure families can stay in their homes. Sign up on the website under "Events Registration." Contact Nick Carson with any questions.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

We are excited for a season filled with connection, encouragement, and growth in faith! Please save these dates for our upcoming events – we'd love for you to join us and bring a friend!

- **Social at NY Butcher Shoppe** – Thursday, October 9 (6p)
- **Social at Tacozinni** – Tuesday, November 11 (6p)
- **Advent Luncheon** – Sunday, December 7 (12:30p)
- **Women's Retreat** – February 13-15, 2026, at Kanuga Conference Center

For more information or to get involved, contact Rachel Workman (rachelworkman@gmail.com). We look forward to growing together!



We are kicking off a drive for personal care items for Soteria Women's house. They are in need of feminine hygiene, undergarments, body wash, loofah sponges, journals, small wallets/handbags, simple make-up and more. Please scan the QR code to visit the Amazon wish list, or drop off new/unused items in the labeled cabinet in the Friendship Court.

WESTCONNECT SIGN UPS ARE OPEN

WestConnect is a small group ministry of WPC – groups gather for 6-week sessions of bible study, fellowship and prayer. If you are looking to deepen your understanding of scripture, meet new people at WPC, or feel a smaller sense of community, sign up for a WestConnect group. Groups will begin to meet in early October for the fall. If you have questions, reach out to Nick Carson. Sign up on the website.

CREATION STEWARDSHIP

WPC's Creation Stewardship group will hold its quarterly meeting this Sunday, September 21, at 9a in Room 211. All who are interested in the care of God's creation are invited to participate.

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will hike the Carrick Creek and Pinnacle Lake Trails at Table Rock State Park on Thursday, September 25, 2025. Hike Leaders: Ralph Bouton and Donn James.

CHERUB CHOIR

It's time for Westminster's youngest voices, 4K and 5K children, to register for Cherub Choir. Director Diana Dailey will expose young voices to new sounds and experiences through music beginning Wednesday, October 8. Cherubs will meet in Room 210 from 3:30-4p. Parents may also volunteer to help with Cherubs. Register online, and for more information, contact Diana Dailey (ddailey@wpc-online.org).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 21-28, 2025

Sunday, September 21

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00a	Worship Service
	New Member Class
	Creation Stewardship Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:15p	New Member Reception
12:30	Stated Session Meeting
5:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00	Youth Dinner
6:30	Middler Youth Group
	Senior High Youth Group

Monday, September 22

4:30p	Stewardship Task Force Meeting
7:00	Monday Game Night
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 23

12:00p	AI-Anon
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 24

9:30a	Weekday Chapel
2:30p	It's Elementary
4:30	Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

8:30a	Hiking Group
10:00	Bible Study
8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 28

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Sunday School
	Third Grade Bible Workshop
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service w/ Third Grade
	Bibles presented
12:30p	WPCYG Group Lunch
5:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00	Youth Dinner
6:30	Middler Youth Group
	Senior High Youth Group

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*From the Pews, Jaime Satterfield*

*Then the Lord said to Moses,  
“I am going to rain bread from heaven for you,  
and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day.  
In that way I will test them,  
whether they will follow my instruction or not.  
On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in,  
it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”*

Just like how the Israelites found themselves in today's scripture passage, being a mom to three young children often feels like stepping into the wilderness with no map. Most days are full of needs — snacks to make, messes to clean, laundry to tend to, and the constant background noise of energy and emotions. There are moments I feel like the Israelites grumbling, wondering how I'll find the strength for yet another long day. But just as God provided manna for the Israelites, he provides for me, too. Sometimes it comes as a burst of patience I didn't think I had, or as a child's laughter breaking the tension. Often it is simply a reminder that tomorrow's strength will come tomorrow.

What I love about this passage is that God didn't give the Israelites a week's worth of manna to stockpile; He gave them enough for that day. Motherhood works the same way. I often want to figure out how I'll manage the week, or even the month ahead, but God gently teaches me to focus on today. He reminds me that he is present in the small, ordinary moments — when I'm rocking a child to sleep, folding tiny clothes, or answering a million questions before breakfast. Just like the Israelites learned to depend on God's daily provision, being a mom teaches me to trust that he is enough for me and my children, one day at a time.

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Room 209 and Streaming

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*Open minds open hearts.*

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