



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

"Every time we retell stories of God's faithfulness in the past...we are reminded that if God can make a way for Moses and the Hebrew slaves...then maybe God can make a way for me, too."

Rachel Held Evans

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 *Adagio* Mozart

* Call to Worship

Leader: We come, because we seek our God.
People: **Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.**
Leader: We come, because we hunger for Christ.
People: **Jesus will feed us with hope, replacing our emptiness with grace.**
Leader: We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.
People: **Who fills our yearning for peace and ends the drought of justice.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 484 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water" RUSTINGTON

* Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. 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.

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders *11:15a*

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, *John 4:7-15* p. 865

Second Scripture Lesson, *Exodus 17:1-7* p. 56

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Was Moses An Enneagram 8?"

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* *Come to the Water* arr. Schrader

Offertory *11:15a* *In the Midst of New Dimenions* arr. Bankson

* 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 37 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Manz

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Ben Dorr, *liturgist*

Melissa Threatt (9a), Bryan Kelley (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Chancel Choir (9a)

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Hunter Smith, *flute*

George Howell (9a), Brad Hawkins (11:15a), *head ushers*

Nancy Johnson, Creighton Likes, George McLarty,

Tony Threatt, Will Edwards (9a), *greeters*

Ingrid Erwin, Blake Hoffman, Susan Robbins,

Emily Cole, Carrie Marguet (11:15a), *greeters*

Georgia Kester (9a), *acolyte*

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.



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 28: Exodus 17:1-7
Oct 5: Exodus 19:16-25
Oct 12: Exodus 20:1-17

We Remember in Prayer

LeAnne White and her family on the death of LeAnne's father, Robert N. Jeanes, on Wednesday, September 17, 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 Pavillion. 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 (emilylordo@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.

CHANCEL HANDBELLS
SEEKING RINGERS

The Chancel Handbell Choir is seeking ringers to ring a piece at the 9a worship service on October 26. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays Oct. 14 and 21 from 6-6:45p and Sunday, Oct. 26, 8a. Ringers must commit to be present for all three dates. While prior handbell ringing experience is helpful but not required, the ability to read music is required. Participation is open to adults and high school students. The deadline to register for this opportunity is 9a, Monday, October 6. To sign up, please e-mail Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

CAFÉ JUSTO

Café Justo (Just Coffee) is a sustainable, small-scale, international coffee cooperative, driven by providing pure, organic coffee in the spirit of justice. With nothing more than a cup of coffee and a fair trade plus business model, the cooperative promotes an alternative to migration, creating fair prices for customers in the US and just wages and medical and retirement benefits for coffee farmers in southern Mexico. This profound endeavor was conceived and is supported by Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry in Aqua Prieta, Mexico and Douglas, AZ. Buy a pound of Café Justo coffee (\$12) at the table in the atrium on the third Sunday of each month. All coffee is freshly roasted and ground. If you prefer whole bean coffee, email Diane Hughs (dhopkinshughs@icloud.com).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 28-October 5, 2025

Sunday, September 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15a Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
Third Grade Bible Workshop
10:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service w/ Third Grade
Bibles presented
12:30p WPCYG Group Lunch
Minute for Stewardship Training
5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, September 29

7:00 Monday Game Night
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 30

12:00p AI-Anon
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

8:30a Hiking Group
2:30p It's Elementary
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

10:00 Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

8:00a Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:00 Worship Service w/communion
10:00 Sunday School
10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Chorister Choir Rehearsal
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service w/communion
4:30p First Steps in Music
5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsals
Women of Westminster Board Meeting
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Youth Group
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open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Charles Little, Jr.

Sadly, recent events in our country emphasize the divisiveness of our society. In contrast, Jesus in John Chapter 4 Verses 7 - 15 ignores ethnic tensions and societal norms, offering instead dignity, respect and redemption to the Samaritan woman. What a profound “open mind, open heart” moment!

At Jacob’s well in the community of Sychar, the woman is initially confused by her encounter with Jesus, unsure of his intent. We learn that this Samaritan woman has had five previous marriages and is living with a man who is not her husband. She approaches the well at midday alone, while most women visit as a group in the early morning. She is scorned by the community and her self-worth is reflected by her sad countenance. Regardless, Jesus breaks down this barrier of culture, gender and shame. He knows her past, yet he offers her a message of acceptance and hope.

Speaking openly with her, Jesus explains God’s love, sharing that spiritual access is available to all, regardless of background. He invites her into the mystery of God’s grace: “If you knew the gift of God... you would have asked Him, and he would have given you living water. Whoever drinks the water I give them,” He said, “will never thirst.” He reveals that by knowing God, she will receive the spiritual sustenance that leads to everlasting life.

As we gather for worship today, open your heart to receive this living water. Cognizant of our mistakes and shortcomings, we need to lay down our “jars” and be refreshed. Let us be transformed and drink deeply of his grace.

Prayer:

We thank you Jesus for the invitation to redemption and salvation. Thank you for bringing our sins to the light and for extending your grace, mercy and forgiveness to us when we fall short of your standard. Thank you for your spirit that fills us and flows through us like living water, quenching our thirst. Amen.

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CHILDREN’S PRAYER

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Connections, a lunch group for singles and couples, will meet at The Blockhouse (1619 Augusta St) on Sunday, October 12, at 12:45p after the 11:15a worship service. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, October 10. Newcomers are always welcome!

TEXT "wpcgreenville"

Wondering if weather will postpone an event? Need a reminder to sign up for a church-wide meal? Text "wpcgreenville" to (864)232-2424 to get up-to-date information about our life together! We promise we won't bombard you. Text today or follow the QR code. Text replies are not frequently monitored, please note that this number does not belong to a member of WPC staff.



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