

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 5, 2025 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



World Communion Sunday  
Preparation for Worship

“We know that God is He whom we do not know, and that our ignorance is precisely the problem and the source of our knowledge...[God] is the hidden abyss; but He is also the hidden home at the beginning and end of all our journeyings.”

Karl Barth

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.

Minute for Stewardship Kimberly DuBose

Introit 9a "Come, All You People" Iona

Introit 11:15a This Is the Day Burrows

\* Call to Worship Isaiah 40, 55

Leader: Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counselor has instructed him?  
People: Whom did God consult for enlightenment,  
and who taught God the path of justice?

Leader: My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
People: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
All: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. DENIO

\* Prayer of Confession  
Holy God, we confess that we have tried to domesticate you.  
We have turned our agenda into your agenda.  
We engage in greed, and imagine you bless it.  
We engage in violence, and pretend that you endorse it.  
Forgive us, gracious God.  
Remind us anew that it is only by your revelation,  
your initiative, and your love that we have come to love you.  
Embolden us on our journeys of discipleship,  
so that we would have strength to walk with the suffering,  
courage to carry another’s cross,  
and faith that puts our fears at bay.  
In Christ’s name 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 19:1-6 p. 57

Second Scripture Lesson, Exodus 19:16-25 p. 58

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Meeting God"

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Responding to God’s Word

\* Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being  
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and  
for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and  
is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will  
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and  
the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through  
the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

The bread will be held and taken together.The cup will be taken individually.

Music During Communion "Agnus Dei" Iona

Find a Stillness arr. Monsell

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory 9a Speak, O Lord arr. Ferguson

11:15a Clap Your Hands Fedak

\* Doxology, Hymn 606 OLD HUNDRETH

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 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West" St. PETER

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune German

\*All who are able may stand

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching

Mary Kathleen Duncan, liturgist

Pam Evans (9a), Holly Vanderwal (11:15a), scripture readers

Youth Choir (9a)

Junior and Senior Choristers (11:15a)

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Ben Bloodworth, cello

Jay Bloodworth, violin

Rosemary Hughes, flute

Lynne Robinson, piano

George Howell (9a), Pam Evans (11:15a), head ushers

Bill Ballinger, Amanda Warren, Blake Hoffman,

Ginny Bernard, Coleman Dixon (9a), greeters

Pam Evans, Mary Gentry, Claire Gilliland,

Roger Gower, George Howell, (11:15a), 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.


With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a son, Thomas Michael Schroth, to Matt Schroth and Allie Stern Schroth, on Monday, August 25, 2025.

BIRTH

The birth of a son, Richard Fischer Bryant, to Philip & Elizabeth Bryant, on Friday, September 26, 2025.



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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESSING OFFERING

This Sunday, October 5, we will be taking our annual Peace & Global Witnessing Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster for local peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions are located in the Ritual of Friendship pads.

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:

- Oct 5:
- Exodus 19:16-25
- Oct 12:
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Oct 19:
- Exodus 32:1-14

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.

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.

LUNCHEON GROUP

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, October 15, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

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).

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
October 5-12, 2025

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

- 8:00a Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 Worship Service w/communion  
Education Committee Meeting
- 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
- 4:00 First Steps in Music (Class 1)
- 4:30 First Steps in Music (Class 2)
- 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsals  
Women of Westminster Board Meeting
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
- 6:30 Middler Youth Group  
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, October 6

- 7:00p Monday Game Night
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 7

- 12:00p Al-Anon  
Administrative Committee Meeting
- 6:00 Coach's Basketball Meeting
- 6:30 Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:00a Circle 6 Meeting
- 9:30 Weekday Chapel
- 2:30p It's Elementary
- 3:30 Cherub Choir
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

- 10:00a Bible Study
- 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, October 12

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
NO Children's Church

NO Evening Youth Groups/Choirs

- 9:00a Worship Service  
Witness & Service Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Combined Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:45p Connections Group

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From the Pews, Brad Satterfield

In late 2020, my wife and I made the decision to move from Atlanta to Greenville. At the time, we had a 3- month-old daughter, and we were searching for a preschool for her, as well as a church community that would feel like home. After visiting several options, we found Westminster and it was the perfect fit. Our daughter began preschool here in early 2021, and before long, we felt a deep connection to this church family. We joined shortly thereafter, and five years later, we can't imagine our lives without Westminster!

Throughout these years, we've made lifelong friendships, deepened our faith, and been blessed to be part of a loving community where we can watch our children grow in Christ. One of my favorite aspects of Westminster is the opportunities we have to grow and serve. Whether it's through one of the many children/youth programs, the Men of Westminster Pancake Breakfast, WPC-YA, or West Connect, the church's vision of open minds open hearts is evident in everything we do. The generosity of our congregation, both in time and resources, has enabled us to support our wonderful staff and continue growing in our mission to our community.

God is at work in so many ways at Westminster, but one area that is particularly close to my heart is our children's program. With three young daughters, it is a true blessing to watch them experience God's love in so many ways - whether they're attending the Weekday School during the week, the nursery, Sunday School or Children's Church on Sundays, or Cherub Choir on Wednesdays. They spend a lot of time at Westminster, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Seeing the impact of God's work in their lives is something that fills us with joy and gratitude.

As we continue to grow together as a church family, I encourage you to reflect on the many ways God is calling us to be faithful stewards of the gifts He's entrusted to us. Our church thrives because of the love, time, and resources each of us gives - whether through prayer, service, or financial support. Let us continue to give generously, as God has so generously given to us.



Join us for a new term of Adult Education!  
Classes will meet September 14 - October 12

**Faith and Politics: Christian Nationalism and Faithful Christianity**  
Facilitated by Dr. Bryan Bibb, *Professor of Religion Furman University*

**Room 209 and Streaming**

We will continue our conversation about faith in the civic sphere, Christian nationalism, race, and faith.

October 5:	Dr. Camille Lewis
October 12:	Q&A, moderated by Dr. Bibb

**Discussion Sunday School Class:  
Room 212**

Join us each week for a discussion-based Sunday School class to dive into a weekly topic and scripture passage. All are welcome to join us on a journey of faith and fellowship - come every week or come when you can. Topics change every week, and the class is facilitated by rotating members.

October 5:	Stacy Martin and Katie Reid
October 12:	Jennifer Dillard

**Children on Sunday Mornings**

***Nursery is available for infant through 4K on the Mezzanine level.***

During Nursery, children in 4K explore the Bible story through play.

**Children Sunday School Class Locations**

Shine Curriculum - *5K/1st (Room 109)*  
  
*2nd/3rd (Movie Room)*  
  
*4th/5th (Room 112A)*

**Youth on Sunday Mornings**

**Middlers** will meet each week during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Suite. Facilitated by Claire & Mac Gilliland, this class will study the Feasting on the Word curriculum.

**Senior Highs** are invited to join our Senior High WestConnect that will begin in October and is facilitated by youth elders, Ben Bloodworth and Mary Mac Fairey. On Sundays when Senior High WestConnect is not meeting, older youth are more than welcome to join the Middler class.

ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION

Our goal is to provide elements for communion that all are able to consume. It is an act of hospitality mirrored in God's hospitality inviting us to the table. The bread we are offering at today's communion is labeled by the manufacturer as gluten, nut, egg, and dairy free, and includes the following ingredients: water, sour dough (rice flour, water), rice starch, cornstarch, sugars (rice syrup, caramelized sugar), modified cellulose, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fibre), sunflower oil, pea protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fibre, rice flour, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour. May Contain: Mustard, Sesame.

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- WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLE MEETINGS**  
Wednesday, October 8
- Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave) at 9a. Circle Co-Chairs: Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com).
- Tuesday, October 14
- Circle 3, at the home of Eleanor Peters (500 Berkman's Ln) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).
- Tuesday, October 14
- Circle 7, at the home of Margaret Paylor (Waterstone @ 1004 Augusta St) at 6p. Circle Contact: Gaye Sprague (gayesprague@cs.com).

**2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONS**  
It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write short devotionals to be included in the 2025 Advent Devotions series. Please contact Abbie Coleman at abbie.garrison3@gmail.com if you would be willing to help with this.

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

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

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

**BOOK CLUB**  
The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30p in the church library. Talitha Allen will review *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. All are welcome to attend.

**CONNECTIONS**  
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!

**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**  
The Theology Reading Group will meet in the Charter Room on Monday, October 20, at 7p. Dianne Scherer will lead the discussion of *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, a novel by Mitch Albom. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are welcome.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays, October 7 and 14 from 7-7:45p in the Choir Room to prepare a piece to sing for the 9a worship service on October 19. The Chancel Choir is a part-time choir for adults and high schoolers, and meets for two rehearsals to learn a single choral piece for worship. All are welcome to participate! Contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, with questions or for additional information.

**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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**2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONS**  
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