

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 19, 2025 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Preparation for Worship

“The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts. This line shifts. Inside us, it oscillates with the years. And even within hearts overwhelmed by evil, one small bridgehead of good is retained.”

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

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

Gaye Sprague

Prelude

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Monsell

\* Call to Worship

Isaiah 1:2, Micah 6:8

Leader: Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth;  
for the Lord has spoken:

People: **I reared children and brought them up,  
but they have rebelled against me.**

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

People: **To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 619 Psalm 103: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

\* Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God, we are skilled at self-deception.**

**We pretend that we have control of our fears.**

**We ignore the insecurity that drives our daily lives.**

**We imagine that our wisdom is aligned with your wisdom.**

**We forget that we are nothing without your grace.**

**Forgive us, Holy One.**

**Remake our minds and reshape our hearts.**

**By the power of your Spirit,**

**make us more generous with our words,**

**more compassionate with our decisions,**

**more forgiving with our faith,**

**and more courageous with our love.**

**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.**

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The Sacrament of Baptism 11:15a

Thomas Dixon Amacker

Congregational Response

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN



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 32:1-6

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Second Scripture Lesson, Exodus 32:7-14

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"When Moses Went Missing"*

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

Offering

Offertory 9a

*Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Farrant

Offertory 11:15a

*God of the Ages*

arr. Clarke

\* 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 695

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART

*First time, choir; Second time, all.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

*Christ for the World We Sing!*

Smith

*\*All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Pam Evans, *sponsor*

Rosemary Hughes (9a), Steve Johnson (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Chancel Choir (9a)

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Judy McKenney, *guitar*

George Howell (9a), Elizabeth Palmer (11:15a), *head ushers*

Creighton Likes, Nancy Johnson, Ben Dillard,

Tim Reed, George McLarty (9a), *greeters*

Mary Gentry, Ben Bloodworth, Mandy Pruitt,

Jeff Reynolds, Claire Gilliland (11:15a), *greeters*

Manning Dailey (9a), David Heegard, Georgia Kester (11:15a), *acolytes*

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prelude is the latest arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members and friends. *It Is Well with My Soul* was requested by and is dedicated to Laura-Allen Kerlin.

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Thomas Dixon Amacker*, son of Wyatt & Mary-Elizabeth Amacker.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate  
MARRIAGE

On Friday, October 10, 2025, *Ellis McLarty* and *Jake Liptak* were united in marriage at Westminster.

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 19: Exodus 32:1-14

Oct 26: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Nov 2: Deuteronomy 34:1-8

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.

TRICK OR TREAT AT TERRA BELLA

Our annual Witness & Service trick-or-treat event at Terra Bella will be Wednesday, October 29. Our children will bring joy to residents at Terra Bella Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. Arrive at the church at 5:30p to walk over together to trick-or-treat with residents. We'll return to the Fellowship Hall for dinner afterwards. There is no cost. There will be a basket for donations to offset the cost of the meal at the event. We ask that you sign up so we will know how much food to prepare.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Can you spare one hour a month? Are you a good listener or a good conversationalist? Would you like to get involved in a meaningful ministry at WPC? If so, the WPC Visitation Ministry just might be a good fit for you. The Visitation Ministry consists of volunteers who commit to visiting a fellow WPC member once a month. Recipients of this visitation ministry are those who are elderly, infirmed or isolated and may no longer be able to come to church. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the Visitation Ministry contact Janie Little at 864-414-0184 or jrlittle42@gmail.com.

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.



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.

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](mailto:abbie.garrison3@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this.

MEN'S GROUP SOCIAL

Our next Men of Westminster Social is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, at 6p. Join us at Fireforge brewery for a beverage, snacks, and an evening of fellowship.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. We will next meet on Saturday, November 1, at 6:30p at the home of Mike & Joanie Martin (66 Woodvale Ave). Watch your email for more information or check the church's website ("Connect" then "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier ([susan@grierfamily.org](mailto:susan@grierfamily.org)) for details.

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.



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

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
October 19-26, 2025

- Sunday, October 19**  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
- 8:15a Chancel Choir Rehearsal
  - 9:00 Worship Service
  - 10:00 Sunday School
  - 10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
  - 11:15 Worship Service
  - 12:30p Stated Session Meeting
  - 4:00 First Steps in Music (Class 1)
  - 4:30 First Steps in Music (Class 2)
  - 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsals
  - 6:00 Youth Dinner
  - Youth Parent Meeting
  - 6:30 Middler Youth Group
  - Senior High Youth Group

- Monday, October 20**
- 5:30p Community Gifts & Needs Task Force Meeting
  - 7:00 Monday Game Night
  - Theology Reading Group
  - 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- Tuesday, October 21**
- 12:00p Al-Anon
  - 5:00 Stewardship Task Force Meeting
  - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

- Wednesday, October 22**
- 9:30a Weekday Chapel
  - 2:30p It's Elementary
  - 3:30 Cherub Choir
  - 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
  - 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- Thursday, October 23**
- 10:00a Bible Study
  - 6:00p Men of Westminster Social
  - 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- Sunday, October 26**  
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
- 9:00a Worship Service
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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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*From the Pews, Walker Miller*

Open. When I was asked to write a cover for the Harbinger, I wanted to (quickly) say no. While I do not mind public speaking, writing a cover for the Harbinger feels different. Then I thought if my children were asked to do the same, maybe one day since they are 4 and 6, I would encourage them to go for it! Don't be afraid! Fear not!

Open. Fear not. Those are two easy yet difficult phrases. Fear not is one of the most common phrases we are told in the Scriptures. We should not fear because God tells us of all the good He has planned for us. Open is also difficult. It can be very intimidating to be open. We all know these feelings and stresses.

Westminster is a place where my family and I have grown and learned to be open. A place where we can truly fear not. A place of kindness and love, Christ's love. Westminster embodies the love of being open and without fear. Westminster is intentional in this regard. From the Nursery to Sunday School, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School, VBS, Adult Sunday School, Women of Westminster, Men of Westminster, all of the Retreats, Witness and Service, and the number of events not listed. I am sure you thought of some, which shows how much Westminster does. The beauty of saying what Westminster does, is that reflects Christ's love through us as a congregation. We at Westminster take action to try to embody Christ's commands.

For action to occur, resources are needed. Resources can be financial. When my family and I are making our pledge this year we will try to live on the principles of being open and without fear. Please pray for us. We are leaning into our faith and increasing our pledge. If you have not pledged before, please do. It helps our church plan. If you do pledge, please take a moment to consider everything Westminster means to you and your family and, if possible, maybe you are able to give a little more. If that is not your circumstance, maybe you could give some of your time to Westminster. Time is extremely valuable. Almost all of our programs require volunteers. I think if you volunteer, you will have a really good time! If you want to volunteer but are not sure how, please ask. I bet you will be welcomed with a smile.

Open. Fear Not.

Back to School Adult Sunday School Term  
Classes will meet October 19 – November 9

***Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount***  
***Led by the Reverend Ron Shive, retired PCUSA pastor***  
***Room 209 and Streaming***

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October 26: LeAnne White

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

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*4th/5th (Room 112A)*

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**VESPERS -**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 4P**  
In the Reformed Tradition we do not pray to or celebrate particular saints. Instead, we recognize the Priesthood of all Believers, celebrating that all Christians are called play a role in God's story, to serve God and neighbor, and to be faithful in their lives. All of us are made saints in the eyes of God. On November 2, All Saints Sunday, join us for an afternoon vespers service as we give thanks and remember the Saints of our lives past and present.

**NOVEMBER 9, 4P**  
**TE DEUM BY HANDEL**  
Handel's stirring Baroque masterwork Utrecht Te Deum will be presented by Westminster's Sanctuary Choir with guest soloists and orchestra during Vespers on Sunday, November 9, at 4p. Composed to celebrate peace after years of war, Handel's jubilant work resounds with triumphant choruses, radiant solos, and orchestral brilliance in a musical setting of one of the earliest liturgical texts in the Christian tradition that offers a message of gratitude and hope as relevant today as it was when it premiered in 1713. Whether you are a longtime lover of Baroque music or new to Handel's genius, this service will be sure to lift your spirit as we move into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent. Make plans to join us for this uplifting concert - and bring friends!

**WPC SENIOR ADULTS**  
**INVITED TO DINNER**  
**WITH WPC YOUTH GROUP**  
The WPC Youth Group invites Westminster's senior adults to dinner at 6p on Sunday, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall. As the youth study relationships, we will discuss relationships with our neighbors at 6:30p. Afterwards, we'll have games and crafts. Contact the church office at (864) 232-2424 to make your reservation to join in this special dinner and discussion time with our youth.

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
Young Adults are invited to an oyster roast on Sunday, November 16, from 3-5p at the home of Tyler & Mary Knight Felt (214 Aberdeen Dr). Cost is \$20 per adult and covers oysters and appetizers. Please BYOB. Children are welcome and eat for free! To reserve your spot, please Venmo @MaryKnightFelt. Questions? Contact Mary Frances Weed (mfhb08@gmail.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 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 (rachelwworkman@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.

Congregational Meeting October 26

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 26, immediately following the 11:15a worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2025-26 Nominating Committee.

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**TE DEUM BY HANDEL**  
Handel's stirring Baroque masterwork Utrecht Te Deum will be presented by Westminster's Sanctuary Choir with guest soloists and orchestra during Vespers on Sunday, November 9, at 4p. Composed to celebrate peace after years of war, Handel's jubilant work resounds with triumphant choruses, radiant solos, and orchestral brilliance in a musical setting of one of the earliest liturgical texts in the Christian tradition that offers a message of gratitude and hope as relevant today as it was when it premiered in 1713. Whether you are a longtime lover of Baroque music or new to Handel's genius, this service will be sure to lift your spirit as we move into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent. Make plans to join us for this uplifting concert - and bring friends!

**WPC SENIOR ADULTS**  
**INVITED TO DINNER**  
**WITH WPC YOUTH GROUP**  
The WPC Youth Group invites Westminster's senior adults to dinner at 6p on Sunday, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall. As the youth study relationships, we will discuss relationships with our neighbors at 6:30p. Afterwards, we'll have games and crafts. Contact the church office at (864) 232-2424 to make your reservation to join in this special dinner and discussion time with our youth.

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
Young Adults are invited to an oyster roast on Sunday, November 16, from 3-5p at the home of Tyler & Mary Knight Felt (214 Aberdeen Dr). Cost is \$20 per adult and covers oysters and appetizers. Please BYOB. Children are welcome and eat for free! To reserve your spot, please Venmo @MaryKnightFelt. Questions? Contact Mary Frances Weed (mfhb08@gmail.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 Tacozinni – Tuesday, November 11 (6p)
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