

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant us courageous hearts and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see our neighbor clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

The Williams Family
- Prelude

For All the Saints

arr. Monsell
- Introit 11:15a

Cantad al Señor

Ziegenhals
- * Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2, 4, 12

Leader:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People:

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader:

For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past.

People:

So teach us to count our days,
that we may gain a wise heart.

All:

Let us worship God!
- * Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

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- * Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for living with half-hearted faith.
We have prized possessions over people,
greed over grace, comfort over compassion,
and personal success over sacrificial love.
We have broken our promises to you, to our neighbors,
and to one another.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Grant us a clean slate and a new heart,
so that we would put the common good
ahead of our own good,
and place our neighbor’s needs before our own.
Help us to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet.
We ask it in his holy name. 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 9a Theodore Anthony Rowland, V
11:15a Harry McKinnon Williamson, Jr.

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, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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- Second Scripture Lesson, Deuteronomy 6:10-13, 20-25

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- Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.
- Sermon

"When Your Children Ask You"

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

Thy Perfect Love

Scott

Offertory 11:15a

Amazing Grace

arr. Parker/Shaw

* 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 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

During the hymn you are invited to bring your pledge card forward.
Please come to the chancel by way of the center aisle
and return to your pew from the side aisles.
- * Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response 11:15a

"Grant Us Your Peace, O God"

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* Postlude

Rejoice in the Lord

Mansfield

*All who are able may stand
- WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- Leading Worship **this Morning**
- Ben Dorr, *preaching*
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*
Mandy Pruitt (9a), Mike Peters (11:15a), *sponsors*
Jamie Womack (9a), Jade Fountain (11:15a), *scripture readers*
Chorister Choirs (11:15a)
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Kristen Blumer, *soloist* (9a)
Zackery Morris, *soloist* (11:15a)
Pam Evans (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*
Mary Gentry, Jeff Reynolds, Ingrid Erwin, Claire Gilliland, Sam White (9a), *greeters*
Anne Howson, Creighton Likes, Trey Morrow, Bill Ballinger, Tim Reed (11:15a), *greeters*
Bowen Mullins (9a), David Heegard, Georgie Kester (11:15a), *acolytes*
- WORSHIP NOTES
- Today's Prelude is the latest arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members and friends. *For All the Saints* was requested by and is dedicated to Shelden Timmerman.
- 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.
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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 Theodore Anthony Rowland, V, son of Anthony & Kristin Rowland.
- BAPTISM
- This morning we welcome into our fellowship Harry McKinnon Williamson, Jr., son of Harry & Taylor Williamson.
- PRAY FOR OUR CUBA TEAM!
- Join us in praying for our Cuba Mission team traveling this week to Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. They will be joining the seminary in their library renovation, helping to paint, install new windows, and other updates to the library space. During this time they'll also meet with students and professors, attend a lecture, and learn about the life of the Church in Cuba. Our group of 11 leaves November 8 and returns November 15.
- FALL SERMON SERIES:
- THE EXODUS STORY:
- FAITH, FEAR, & FREEDOM
- Our fall sermon series has been exploring 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 last two weeks, the suggested readings are the following:
- Nov 9: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 - Nov 16: Exodus 33:12-23

2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

At the end of September, we were 3/4 of the way through the year, and had received 71% of anticipated pledge income. Please check your quarterly giving statement to see where you stand with your 2025 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is a lower-commitment choir that provides an opportunity for those who have never sung in choir but would like to try or for those who cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal. The Chancel Choir is scheduled to sing next on Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, Nov. 23. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, Nov. 11 and 18 7-7:45p in the choir room. All are welcomed to participate, regardless of skill level. Please contact Marlon Hurst for additional information.

CHANCEL HANDBELL CHOIR

The Chancel Handbell Choir is seeking handbell ringers to ring a piece in worship on Sunday, December 7. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, November 18 and December 2 from 6-6:45p and Sunday morning, December 7, 8a, to prepare a piece to ring in the 9a service on that day. Ringers must commit to be present for all three dates. Prior handbell ringing experience is helpful but not required. The ability to read music is required. A minimum of 8 ringers is necessary for us to proceed. Participation is open to adults and high school students. The deadline to register is 9a, Monday, November 10. Contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, for further information.

MAGI MARKET

It's time for the annual Magi Market on Saturday, December 13. Help us stock the shelves of our one-day toy store hosted at Pleasant Valley Connection. Children will receive three gifts (one small, medium, and large) and a stuffed stocking. Each family goes home with a Christmas book. We need volunteers to help set up the store, provide hospitality as families shop for gifts, and break down after all the shopping has ended. Find out more about the Market by scanning the QR code above or contact Carrie Marguet (carriemarguet@gmail.com).



UNITED MINISTRIES URGENT NEED

United Ministries has an urgent need for food items in their pantry. Specifically, they are requesting peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned mixed vegetables, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, ramen noodles, cereal, and saltines. If you would like to donate, donations will be collected in the United Ministries cabinet in the Friendship Court or you can make a monetary donation on their website.

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).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet in the Charter Room on Monday, November 17. at 7p. Julia Bellew will lead the discussion of *Pilgrim: A Theological Memoir* by Tony Campolo with Steve Rabey. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are welcome.

LUNCHEON GROUP

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, November 19, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 23. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

This year we're joining again with Greenville Church Without Walls to distribute meals to families in our community on Thanksgiving Day. Teams of volunteers will be assigned neighborhoods to pass out traditional Thanksgiving meals, including to all the Greenville Meals on Wheels clients. Starting at 9a, over 2,500 meals will be distributed before noon. Sign up on the website!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 9-16, 2025

Sunday, November 9
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday

Middler Retreat
Cuba Mission Trip
9:00a Worship Service
Witness & Service Committee Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p Baptism Class
2:30 Orchestra/Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
4:00 Vespers Service
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
6:30 Middler Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, November 10

Cuba Mission Trip
7:00p Monday Game Night
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 11

Cuba Mission Trip
10:00a Foothills Presbytery Meeting
12:00p Al-Anon
2:00 Circle 3
6:00 Circle 7
Men of Westminster Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

Cuba Mission Trip
9:00a Circle 6
2:30p It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

Cuba Mission Trip
10:00a Bible Study
12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 16

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Worship Service
Creation Stewardship Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
Child Protection Training
10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p Stated Session Meeting
3:00 Young Adult Oyster Roast
4:00 First Steps in Music (Class 1)
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From the Pews, Rick Gettys

Sherry Anne and I joined Westminster in March of 2017 after about a year and a half of visiting. We had downsized in 2015 in an early anticipation of retirement and as empty nesters we could finally live central to all the places I was subject to being called into in the middle of the night. We decided to change churches from one PCUSA church to another based on the newfound distance from our previous church and both our upbringing in and desire for continued membership in PCUS/PCUSA churches.

Several things went into the choice of a new church. A strong music program, a strong commitment to the church staying in the PCUSA, strong preaching, and traditional services. And of course, no “Passing of the Peace” or TV screen in the sanctuary (jest but not really). Also a strong education program was important. Westminster checked all of these boxes. Also, both of us had acquaintances here so we didn’t feel like total strangers. And the robust adult Sunday School classes were an unanticipated positive. All of that would have been sufficient for us to seek membership!

But what unexpectedly became our chief reason for choosing to join was the considerable emphasis on community and world outreach. Neither of us had seen a church that devoted nearly the percentage of donated resources to those needs as Westminster. This is in addition to supporting Thornwell and other institutions both within and outside the denomination. This became apparent very quickly in our church life here.

Now retired and after 10 years of attending we have found this church to be a place with a profound worship experience and a strong educational experience. Just as importantly it is a church that has a strong positive impact in Greenville and beyond.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is **Open**. Please consider participating in the Open Door Challenge. If half of our membership increases their pledge by \$1,000, and the other half by \$500, we will reach our goal! Every pledge is important, and no gift is too small. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

If you are unable to be here...

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Adult Sunday School Term
November 9

Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount
Led by the Reverend Ron Shive, retired PCUSA pastor
Room 209 and Streaming - Ending November 9

We have all been inspired this fall by the sermon series on Exodus and particularly the central character of Moses. This four-week study will be a complement as we focus on Matthew’s New Moses – Jesus. While the first five books of the Old Testament are often called “The Books of Moses,” Matthew edits the sayings of Jesus into five “books” or rather clusters of sayings. The first of these is what we all know as the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. This sermon or rather redacted discourse is referred to as “the constitution of the church” (Tom Long), “the life calling of the Christian” (Elias Chacour), or “Jesus’ Alternative Plan” (Richard Rohr). We quickly learn that the values of Jesus the New Moses and hopefully of his followers turn our culture’s values upside down.

What We Talk About When We Talk About Salvation:
Jesus, Sin, and the Battle for Humanity
Led by Leigh Stuckey
Room 212

Is there a cosmic battle between good and evil? If so, how does Jesus fit into that picture? Is Jesus simply a model for how to live in a conflicted, chaotic world? Was Jesus a paschal lamb who bore our sins or a ransom sacrifice to a vengeful God? How do we understand “atonement” (the reconciliation of God and humanity) and the Jesus Christ who we proclaim to be our Savior? Join Leigh for this four-week look at Soteriology, the theological study of salvation.

Discussion Sunday School Class:
Led by LeAnne White
Room 211

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VESPERS -

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!

PROJECT HOST

Please consider signing up to volunteer at Project Host in 2026. This is a great opportunity to serve our community with other members of Westminster. Five volunteers are needed every other Tuesday from 9a-1p. During this time, you will prepare a nutritious lunch, serve the patrons, and clean up after lunch service. Contact Nick Carson for further information.

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Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

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*Connect
Serve
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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–Tues, Nov 11, 6p
- Advent Luncheon–Sun, Dec 7, 12:30p

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, November 11
- Circle 3, at the home of Nancy White (35 Stillwood Dr) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).
- Tuesday, November 11
- Circle 7, at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N Brookwood Dr) at 6p. Circle Contact: Gaye Sprague (gayesprague@cs.com).
- Wednesday, November 12
- Circle 6, at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave) at 9a. Circle Leaders: Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S RETREAT
FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026
Join Westminster Women at the annual Women's Retreat on February 13-15, 2026. The retreat will take place at the Kanuga Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. This year's conference will be led by Sandra Smith, a Certified Enneagram Consultant and author of *Heart of the Enneagram: A Companion for Deepening Personal and Spiritual Growth*. You will find the retreat a joy-filled, reflective experience with other women from WPC! Register online.

SUPPERS WITH SEVEN
JANUARY - MARCH 2026

Sharing a meal is one of the best ways to establish and renew relationships with members of the Westminster church community. "Suppers With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 15.

Name(s): _____ (include both names, if a couple)
Phone: _____ (will be shared with your group)
Email Address: _____ (will be shared with your group)

Preferred Method of Contact: ___ email ___ phone call ___ text

Please check as many as apply:

_____ I/We can host and lead the first gathering of Suppers with Seven.

_____ I/We cannot host the first gathering but would consider a subsequent one.

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VESPERS -

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!

PROJECT HOST

Please consider signing up to volunteer at Project Host in 2026. This is a great opportunity to serve our community with other members of Westminster. Five volunteers are needed every other Tuesday from 9a-1p. During this time, you will prepare a nutritious lunch, serve the patrons, and clean up after lunch service. Contact Nick Carson for further information.

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
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Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

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SUPPERS WITH SEVEN
JANUARY - MARCH 2026

Sharing a meal is one of the best ways to establish and renew relationships with members of the Westminster church community. "Suppers With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 15.

Name(s): _____ (include both names, if a couple)
Phone: _____ (will be shared with your group)
Email Address: _____ (will be shared with your group)

Preferred Method of Contact: ___ email ___ phone call ___ text

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