

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 16, 2025 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

“We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God, who will thwart our plans and frustrate our ways time and again, even daily, by sending people across our path with their demands and requests. We can, then, pass them by, preoccupied with our important daily tasks, just as the priest-perhaps reading the Bible-passed by the man who had fallen among robbers. When we do that, we pass by the visible sign of the Cross raised in our lives to show us that God’s way, and not our own, is what counts.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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 StewardshipThe Barker Family
- PreludeMany and Great, O God, Are Your WorksDakota tune, arr. Farlee
- * Call to Worshipadapted from Psalm 107:1

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: **Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.**
Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised!**
- * Hymn 826"Lift High the Cross"CRUCIFER
- * Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. Wrapped in our own concerns, we walk away from neighbors in need. We follow our desires and wonder at your absence. Help us to admit our waywardness and bind ourselves to you, seeking your glory in all our living, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may respond in discipleship, living as people forgiven, and following after your eternal Word: Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
- * Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
- * Gloria Patri, Hymn 581GLORIA 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 Brooks Davis Dennison,
John Patrick Dennison, Elizabeth Edwards Dennison

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 33:12-14p.70
- Second Scripture Lesson, Exodus 33:15-23p. 70
- Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon"The Hind of Glory"

Responding to **God’s Word**

- * Affirmation of FaithThe 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 9aIf You Search with All Your HeartCourtney

Offertory 11:15aFor the Beauty of the EarthRutter

* Doxology, Hymn 606OLD 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 816"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide TheeWER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response 11:15a"Grant Us Your Peace, O God"IONA

* PostludeMarch in GSmart

*All who are able may stand
- WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- Leading Worship **this Morning**
- Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*
Ben Dorr, *liturgist*
Walker Miller (9a), *sponsor*
Jeff Reynolds (9a), Derek Pitman (11:15a), *scripture readers*
John Sewell, *soloist* (9a)
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
George Howell (9a), Pam Evans (11:15a), *head ushers*
Nancy Johnson, Stan Pendergrass, George McLarty,
Mandy Pruitt, Will Edwards (9a), *greeters*
Ingrid Erwin, Blake Hoffman, Stephen Ridgeway,
Emily Cole, Amanda Warren (11:15a), *greeters*
Luke Pruitt (9a), Delaney Cox, Ella Kate Maxwell (11:15a), *acolytes*
- 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 daughter, *Mabel Rowe Ashmore*, to John & Lindsey Ashmore, on Saturday, November 1, 2025.
BIRTH
The birth of a son, *Wilson Scott Lordo*, to Ross & Emily Lordo, on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.
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- The birth of a son, *George Walter Faulk*, to Daniel & Rebecca Faulk, on Friday, November 7, 2025.
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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 *Brooks Davis Dennison, John Patrick Dennison, and Elizabeth Edwards Dennison*, children of Patrick & Becca Dennison.
- In Memoriam
- Larry Watson
(6/13/1956 – 11/3/2025)

Bill Thalheimer
(8/11/1934 – 11/7/2025)

“*I am the resurrection and the life.*”
– John 11:25
- 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 week in this series, the suggested reading is Exodus 33:12-23.
- WESTFEST XIII 5-7P**
Join us for the thirteenth annual WestFest from 5-7p in the main parking lot. We'll have live music from Trey Duncan Sings and food from the Knight Bites and Local Pie Pizza. Kick off Advent with your church family for one of our most beloved traditions!

2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

At the end of October, WPC had received 78% of anticipated pledge income. Please check your quarterly giving statements to see where you stand with your 2025 giving. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster.

CREATION STEWARDSHIP

WPC’s Creation Stewardship group will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, November 16 at 9a in Room 211. All who are interested in the care of God’s creation are invited to participate.

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. Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7-7:45p in the choir room. All are welcomed to participate, regardless of skill level. Please contact Marlon Hurst for additional information.

SOTERIA WOMEN'S HOUSE

We are looking for women interested in participating in our monthly dinners/fellowship nights with the residents of the Soteria Women’s House. Dinners take place on the second Monday evenings of each month. Please contact Brooke Culclasure (bculclasure@mac.com or 864-593-8912) if you are interested in learning more!

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).



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 (rmfhb08@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.

HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet on Wednesday, November 19, at Montreat to hike the Lower Piney Trail. Lunch will be provided following the hike. If interested in this hike, please contact Joey & Polly Fievet (joey.fievet@gmail.com).

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.

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 16-23, 2025

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)
4:30 First Steps in Music (Class 2)
5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, November 17
7:00p Monday Game Night
Theology Reading Group Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 18
12:00p AI-Anon
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
5:00 Stewardship Task Force Meeting
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 19
8:30a Hiking Group
9:30 Weekday Chapel
12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting
2:30 It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20
10:00a Bible Study
5:00p Health & Safety Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 23
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Worship Service
Education Committee Meeting
New Member Class
10:00 Sunday School
10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p New Member Reception
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From the Pews, Kathryn Freedman

During this Stewardship season, we have listened to powerful stories about how Westminster Presbyterian Church touches the lives of our congregation. For the past few weeks, members have shared the ways this church shapes their faith, offers belonging, and inspires generosity. I am grateful to those who have spoken so heartfully about what Westminster means to them. Each story brings our theme, Open, to life and reminds us of our vibrant and faithful community.

I experienced that same spirit last year while serving on the Connect Serve Grow Task Force. Our group was deeply moved by the engagement of this congregation. From the remarkable survey participation to small groups dedicating precious monthly meeting time to envisioning the future, Westminster is filled with people devoted to our mission of embodying Open Minds Open Hearts. You shared not only your love for our church family but also your hopes for how we might continue to open our minds and hearts to where God is leading us next.

For our family, raising children at Westminster has been one of our greatest blessings. Allen and I watched our daughters grow up surrounded by love and faith, from the Weekday School and VBS to WPCKids, WPCYG, and church basketball. We have been nourished through worship, music, small groups, Sunday School, Bible studies, Heritage Lectures, church retreats, and many other formative experiences. Now that our girls are in college, it brings us comfort to know they carry with them a strong spiritual foundation and the example of an uplifting community that walks beside them in both joy and in challenge.

Generosity flows naturally from gratitude. Meeting the Open Door Challenge was an intentional way for our family to give back to the church that continues to nurture our spiritual journey. Whether you are pledging for the first time or continuing a long tradition of giving, know that your gift and active participation sustain the ministries, outreach, and programs of Westminster, especially as we look to what the future might hold. With your help, Westminster’s strength will continue to grow through our shared generosity. I am grateful to belong to a congregation that gives faithfully, imagines boldly, and welcomes joyfully. Together, our gifts ensure Westminster will remain a place where minds are opened, hearts are inspired, and God’s love is shared.

Kathryn Freedman

Adult Sunday School Term

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Jesus, Sin, and the Battle for Humanity***

***Led by Leigh Stuckey
Room 209***

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 five-week look at Soteriology, the theological study of salvation.

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Led by LeAnne White
Room 211***

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MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY@WPC TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY@WPC TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

To Schedule, call: 864-675-4875
**tell the scheduler that you wish to be scheduled for the WPC Mobile Event.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER DECEMBER 7 AT 12:30PM ADVENT LUNCHEON:

All women of Westminster are invited to the annual Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 7. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:15am worship service. The speaker will be Westminster's very own, Mary Kathleen Duncan. Lunch will be catered by Chef Cary Wolfe and a vegetarian option will be offered. Cost is \$15 per person with the deadline to sign up being Wednesday, December 3. Please sign up on the church website.

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! Please sign up on the church website.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

All ages are invited to a church-wide Advent Wreath Making Workshop on Sunday, November 30, at 10a in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a time of creativity and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season by making wreaths together. All materials will be provided, but to help us ensure we have enough supplies for everyone, please register online in advance. Come share in the joy of creating, connecting, and celebrating the start of Advent as a church family!

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 - would consider a subsequent one.
- _____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.