



**Pentecost**  
Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and courage to bear witness to the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to be faithful witnesses of your love and grace in all the places to which you send us, both near and far. Draw all people close to you, so that the world may unite in one song of praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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.**

Prelude *The Spirit Comes Upon Us* Blake

\* Call to Worship  
 Leader: Praise and glory to you, Holy Spirit of God.  
**People: You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.**  
 Leader: You illumine the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day.  
**People: Be with us, Holy Spirit, in all that we say or think, in all that we do, this day and every day.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER

\* Prayer of Confession  
**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we resist the Spirit's work in our lives. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Time after time, we fail to step forward in faith. Forgive us, Holy One. Transform our timid lives by the power of that same Spirit, so that we would be courageous and compassionate people, not only for those who are close to us, but also for those who are far away. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. 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.**

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
 First Scripture Lesson, Acts 1:6-8 p. 884  
 Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 2:1-21, 37-39 p. 885  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
 Sermon "Far Away"

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

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Burleigh

\* 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 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" LEAD ME GUIDE ME

**Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

\* Postlude *Come, Holy Ghost, God, and Lord* Ore

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Nick Carson, *liturgist*

Rosemary Hughes, *scripture reader*

Rosemary Hughes, *soloist*

Pam Evans, *head usher*

Jennifer McDavid, Brooke Culclasure, Kathryn Freedman,

Creighton Likes, Mary Gentry, *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.

**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.

**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the May 31 Harbinger - deadline for this info is **May 24**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

**With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTHS**

The birth of twins, *Lydia Camille Hoffman* and *Lucas Hanson Hoffman*, to Christopher Hanson & Blake Hoffman, on Friday, May 8, 2026.

The birth of a daughter, *Marilyn Ann Tate*, to Trey and Melissa Tate, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

**We Remember in Prayer**

Gretchen Reed and her family on the death of Gretchen's father, Kenneth Taylor, Sr., on Friday, May 15, 2026.

**CHORAL AND VOCAL TEXTS**

Choral and vocal texts for worship services may be found via the Harbinger Hub 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.

**CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE SALES**

Over the next month, Café Justo coffee will be available for purchase in the Atrium (May 17 - June 14). Coffee purchases support the ministry of Frontera de Cristo, a non-profit organization on the US/Mexico border working to support migrants and address the root causes of mass migration.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL - JUNE 7

Kick off the summer with shrimp and sausage at WPC's Low Country Boil. Share in the fun at Double Stamp Brewery in Holland Park (819 Laurens Rd) on Sunday, June 7, from 5-7p. Families are welcome; childcare will not be provided. This event is free to the WPC community, but space is limited. RSVP on Harbinger Hub. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Contact Leigh Stuckey or Nick Carson to signup online to help.

SUMMER CHOIR IS FOR EVERYONE!

After Music Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir transforms into the Summer Choir. Summer Choir is for everyone who would like to give choir a try, cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal during the regular choir season, and simply enjoys singing. All levels of experience and all voice types are welcome. Youth are invited to join, as well! Two optional Wednesday rehearsals are offered from 7-8p on June 3 and August 5 to rehearse pieces for the Sundays in the month that follow. If you are unable to join for a Wednesday rehearsal, you are still invited to participate on any Sunday that the Summer Choir sings. Look for the schedule in the Harbinger or on the Web site. Contact Marlon Hurst with additional questions or for more information.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Summer is an opportunity for vacations, the beach, and time with family and friends. But even when we are away, the church remains active with our children and youth ministries going strong, the weekday school running throughout the summer, and numerous outside groups using our facilities. In addition, our mission partners depend on us all year long. If possible, we ask you to keep your giving up to date. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to God's work at Westminster.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIVING CARDS

We acknowledge that faithful giving may be offered to Westminster Presbyterian Church in a variety of ways. If you give electronically or by other means, please feel free to place an Acknowledgement of Giving card—found in the Ritual of Friendship—in the offering plate as a sign of your worship and offering to God.

Rescheduled  
**HERITAGE LECTURE**  
Dr. Yolanda Pierce  
Sunday, August 9  
Education Lecture at 9a  
Preaching Hour 10a

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION TODAY

If you are seated in the main section of pews, you will proceed up the center aisle to receive communion. Please wait for an usher to prompt your row. Please take communion from one of the serving stations at the front of the chancel and return to your pew via the side aisle.


When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

If you are seated in the transept pews at either side of the sanctuary, you will take communion from the servers at the back of the transept. The section of pews closest to the chancel will go first. Please wait to be prompted by the usher. When prompted, please proceed down the center aisle of the transept, take communion at the back of the transept, returning to your pew via the side transept aisle closest to your pew.

Please remain quiet during communion so that those who wish to pray may do so.

If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward, or if you would simply prefer to remain seated, there are two rovers to provide you with communion, one on each side aisle. When the rovers approach your pew, simply raise your hand to indicate that you would like to receive communion in your seat.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
May 24-31, 2026

Sunday, May 24

**Pentecost**  
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service w/communion  
11:00 Donut Reception  
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed  
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 26

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Al-Anon

Thursday, May 28

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 31

**Trinity Sunday**  
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 VBS Training #1  
11:00 Donut Reception

**HARBINGER HUB:**  
ALL THE LINKS FROM TODAY'S HARBINGER IN ONE PLACE.  
Scan the QR code to explore and engage with this week's bulletin. You'll find links to events, registrations, ministries, and opportunities to grow and connect within Westminster.



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

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

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

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**HARBINGER**  
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**From the Pews, Hunter Smith**

As someone who spends each week helping children find their voices, in choir rehearsals, preschool classrooms, and worship, I find the story of Pentecost to be profoundly moving. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit comes not in silence, but in sound. Rushing wind, spoken languages, bold proclamation, and people hearing the wonders of God in ways they could finally understand.

Music often feels like a glimpse of that moment.

Every week, I watch children sing with joy before they fully understand every word they are saying. I hear preschoolers clap out rhythms, lift their tiny voices, and learn that worship is not about perfection, it is about participation. Pentecost reminds us that God has always spoken through many voices, many ages, and many expressions.

Peter quotes the prophet Joel saying, "Your sons and daughters shall prophesy." I think of our children when I hear those words. The Spirit was not poured out only on scholars, leaders, or adults. It was poured out on everyone. Young voices matter in the Kingdom of God.

As a musician in the church, I also love that this story is filled with sound. The Holy Spirit did not arrive quietly hidden away, but in a way that gathered people together. Music does that too. A hymn, a choir anthem, or even the joyful noise of preschool worship can unite hearts that otherwise might never speak the same language.

Pentecost is a reminder that the Church is alive when every voice is welcomed into the song.

This week, may we listen for the Spirit in unexpected places — in worship, in children's laughter, in familiar hymns, and in the voices of those we too often overlook. And may we have the courage, like the disciples, to sing and speak boldly of the wonders of God.