



Trinity Sunday

Preparation for Worship

I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, the One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

-excerpt from St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

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 Nicaea - "Finale" Post

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, be restored.  
Listen to my appeal: agree with one another; live in peace.  
People: **And the God of love and peace will be with you.**

Leader: Greet one another with a holy kiss.  
All the Saints greet you!

People: **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.**  
All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of ourselves and others, and to follow in the path of righteousness.**

**We confess that we are reluctant to heed your call.**

**We doubt our conviction to follow, and hesitate to trust your guidance.**

**We fashion small and timid lives, choosing comfort over company, and defaulting to what we know instead of what might be.**

**We trust in our own feeble authority, rely on our own meager strength, depend on our own knowledge and ability.**

**Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust in the foundation that is Jesus Christ. Encourage by the power of your Holy Spirit. 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.**

Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Lesson, *Psalm 8* p. 427

New Testament Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 28:16-20* p. 812

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Who Authorized This?"

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 *We Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hopson

\* Doxology, Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\* 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 *Toccata in C* Pachelbel

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Nick Carson, *preaching*  
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*  
David Golladay, *scripture reader*  
Summer Choir  
Rosemary Hughes, *flute*  
Judy McKenney, *guitar*  
Brad Hawkins, *head usher*  
Trey DuBose, Jennifer Shurley, Clay Smoak,  
Claire Gilliland, Carrie Marguet, *greeters*  
Manning Dailey, *acolyte*

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.

CHORAL AND VOCAL TEXTS

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

In Memoriam

Becky Murphy  
(4/1/1942 - 5/27/2026)

"I am the resurrection and the life."  
- John 11:25

**Our Vision:**

*Open minds open hearts.*

**Our Pillars:**

*Hospitality  
Generosity  
Justice  
Imagination  
Joy*

**Our Goals:**

*Connect  
Serve  
Grow*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today will be the final Children's Church session for the summer. We will begin having Children's Church again on Sunday, August 2.

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. To volunteer at this event, signup by using the Harbinger Hub QR code.

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.

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.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30p in the church library. A discussion of the book *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon will be led by Betsy Raines. All are welcome to attend.

## YOUNG ADULT SUMMER POOL PARTY

Young adults and their families are invited to a summer pool party on Friday, June 12, from 5-7p at the home of David & Anna Hanor (4 Parkins Lake Rd, 29607). We will have swimming, dinner, drinks, and treats. RSVP via Venmo to Anna @annahanor (\$10 adults, \$5 kids, family max \$30). See you there!

## CONNECTIONS

Connections, a luncheon group for singles and couples, will meet at Lieu's Asian Bistro (103 E Beacon Dr) on Sunday, June 14, at 11:30a. RSVP to Ruth Johnson (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, June 12. Newcomers are always welcome!

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church who are completing high school, college, or graduate school. We offer them our best wishes as they move into new phases of their lives.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### Christ Church

Katy Cox  
Creighton Likes  
Julian Monsell

#### Greenville

Rollins Beck  
Ben Bloodworth  
Winn Bouton  
Lilly Coker  
Max Dennis  
Ellis Farmer  
John Gettys  
Amelia Kent  
Henry Kent  
Cole Kirven

Bradley Lucas  
McCrae Mattice  
Owen McFadden  
Laney Palmer  
Sarah Sanders  
Langley Smith  
Caroline Thomasson

Kate Tiller  
Alex Woodhouse

#### JL Mann

Thomas Anderson  
Emily Craddock  
Dutch Doherty  
Ben DuBose

#### Parker Godwin

Peyton Godwin  
Sarah Katherine White  
Walker Williams

#### Southside Christian

Spencer Ream

#### Wade Hampton

Zach Warren

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### Boston College

Emily Broderick

#### Clemson University

Ellie DuBose  
Cain McCall  
Emma Shurley

#### University of Georgia

Murray Freedman

#### University of Maryland School of Music

Douglas Culclasure

#### Presbyterian College

Wiley Crittenden

#### University of South Carolina

Garrison Hill

#### University of South Carolina Law School

Hal Ridgeway

#### University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Jay Bloodworth

#### Wofford College

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Hugh McGee

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 31-June 7, 2026

### Sunday, May 31

#### Trinity Sunday

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 Donut Reception  
11:15 DC Pilgrimage Meetings  
VBS Training

### Monday, June 1

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
4:30p Game Group  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, June 2

12:00p Administration Committee Meeting  
AI-Anon  
6:30p Book Club

### Wednesday, June 3

7:00p Summer Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 4

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

### Sunday, June 7

#### Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 Donut Reception  
11:15 VBS Training MakeUp  
5:00p Low Country Boil

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

### 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.



# the HARBINGER

open minds open hearts

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## From the Pews, Skip Gordon

In reading Psalm 8, two things stand out to me. First, God has given humanity a special place in his creations on earth. Granted earth is not without its dangers such as hurricanes and earthquakes. But it was created especially for us. Second, God has given us dominion over the earth to use its resources for ourselves.

Carrie and I have always enjoyed outdoor activities including hiking, skiing and sailing. This has given us plenty of opportunities to experience the beauty of nature. Sunset or sunrise at the beach can be wonderful. Seeing the Milky Way without light pollution is a grand wonder. New growth in the spring and the trees changing colors in the fall cannot be missed. God has given us such a wonderful place to live. Looking at the stars makes us realize that even as insignificant creatures, God has loved us in ways we do not fully appreciate. When we are outside, Carrie and I are always praising God for this world and his generosity in placing us in such a special place.

God has given us insignificant humans dominion over the world including the animals and fishes. When Psalm 8 was written, humans had already domesticated most of the farm animals and crops we see today. At that time, population was small. So, the human imprint on the world in the form of land and resource use was correspondingly low.

Today is a different story. Population has exploded. Land and resource use is way beyond what the Psalmist could have ever imagined. We humans have certainly used God's gift of domination over the animals and the world. I grew up with the KJV Bible, and it states that God gave humans dominion over the world. But is "dominion" the right translation or should it be "stewardship"? There are potential differences in interpretation of the Psalm depending on which word is used.

No, I am not going to become a vegan to save animals. I know that chicken is a bird and not something purchased at Publix in plastic wrap. I do consider stewardship to be what God intended, and I try to be a good steward of this wonderful world God gave to us to live in and use.