



Trinity Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "Variations" from *Organ Concerto, Op. 4* Handel

* Call to Worship Psalm 9

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
People: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
 Leader: Those who know your name put their trust in you.
People: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, love, and communion,
 we confess that we have failed to love you
 with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,
 and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 We ignore your commandments,
 stray from your way, and follow other gods.
 Have mercy on us, Holy One.
 Forgive our sin and raise us to new life.
 Let your Spirit spark our courage,
 so that we would share your grace
 no matter the cost,
 and show your love by being Christ's body in the world.
 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

Gloria 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism *Tatum Aiken Timmerman*
 Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
 Epistle Lesson, *1 Corinthians 3:5-11* p. 927
 New Testament Lesson, *Matthew 28:16-20* p. 812
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
 Sermon "Is This Our Responsibility?"

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 arr. Innes/Kimbrough

* Doxology Hymn 606 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* OLD HUNDRETH

**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 733 "We Are All One in Mission" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 740 11:15a LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

"Lead Me, Guide Me"
 Please join in singing.

* Postlude *Fantasy on NICAEA* Post

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
 Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*
 Susan Robbins, *sponsor*
 Laura-Allen Kerlin, *scripture reader*
 Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*
 Marlon Hurst, *soloist*
 Bill Young, *head usher*
 Mary Gentry, Nikki Grumbine, George Howell,
 Ben Bloodworth, Carrie Marguet, *greeters*
 Ellis Bryan, Miles Threatt, *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

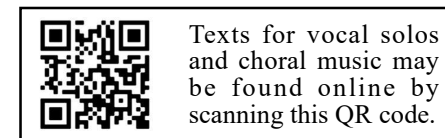
Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

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.

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 *Tatum Aiken Timmerman*, son of Kristin Timmerman.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MAY 26

Children's Church will not gather this Sunday, May 26, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Children are encouraged to join their families in worship!

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, *Samantha Sorrow* and *Jeff Merritt* were united in marriage in Greenville.

SERMON SERIES: THEN AND NOW

During the spring season, our sermon series will explore the question, "What does the early church have to teach us?" We will look at how the early church is described in the New Testament, and explore how those descriptions are related to being God's church in the 21st century. Our topic this Sunday is evangelism.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL - JUNE 2

Kick off the summer with shrimp and sausage at WPC's Low Country Boil. Share in the fun at Magnetic South Brewery in Judson Mill (701 Easley Bridge Rd. #4155, Greenville, 29611) on Sunday, June 2, 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 WPC's website. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Contact Leigh Stuckey or signup online to help.

WORSHIP BUDDIES

We are gathering information about families with children with additional support needs who might benefit from having a worship buddy. Worship buddies are adults with backgrounds in supporting the diverse needs of children and they would be available to partner with your child during worship for frequent breaks, varied activities, or an alternate setting. If your child has additional support needs or you're interested in learning more, please contact Lauren Slingerland for more information. <https://wpc-online.org/worship-buddies/>

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is a low-commitment way to experience leading worship as a choir member. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, June 5 and July 31 from 7-8:30p to preview the Sunday morning choral anthems for the following several Sundays. For Sundays in June and August, the Summer Choir gathers weekly from 9-9:45a in anticipation of the 10a service. Summer Choir is open to adults and high school students. For more information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

HIKING GROUP

On Thursday, May 30, we will travel to Landsford Canal State Park to see the largest known population of Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies in full bloom. The level hiking path is about 3 miles long. It is a 2-hour drive from Greenville to the park. Meet at WPC at 9a or at the park visitor center at 11a. Contact Anne Holleman (holl2759@att.net) if planning to join us, or with questions.

THORNWELL SUPPLY DRIVE:

Westminster is a proud supporter of Thornwell. Join our supply drive to support Thornwell's Foster Care Program, which works to provide children in need with safe homes to support trauma recovery and healing while their families cope with crisis. For a list of needed items, visit <https://qrco.de/betsMV> or scan the QR code. You can drop off items at WPC throughout the month of May.



VOLUNTEERING AT PROJECT HOST

Please consider volunteering for Project Host in the upcoming months. The need for volunteers increases during the summer months. Shifts occur twice monthly on Tuesdays from 9a-1p. Prepare and serve a meal at the Project Host soup kitchen while enjoying fellowship with other members of Westminster Presbyterian. Please check the sign up genius for needs in the upcoming months. For questions please contact Susan Clark at susanhunterclark@gmail.com or at 864-982-4130.

SIGNUP LINK:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caea72babf5c43-project#/>

CONNECTIONS GROUP

Connections, a lunch group for singles and couples, will meet June 9 at 11:45a after the 10a worship service at Lieu's Chinese Bistro (1149 Woodruff Rd.). RSVP by Friday, June 7, to ruthjohnst51@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
May 26-June 2, 2024

Sunday, May 26
Trinity Sunday
9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, May 27
Church Office Closed
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 28
12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
6:00 Connect, Serve, & Grow Task Force Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 30
9:00a Hiking Group
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, June 1
Senior High Mission Trip (thru June 7)
Sunday, June 2
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Senior High Mission Trip (thru June 7)
Middler Mission Trip (thru June 6)

9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Fellowship
5:00p Low Country Boil

Our Vision:
*Open Minds
Open Hearts*

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

MAY/JUNE
WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

In May, we moved to our summer schedule, with one worship service at 10a. Not only does this afford us the opportunity to worship together as one congregation during the summer, but it also gives us time for connection and fellowship following worship. Below is our schedule for May 26 and the first Sunday in June. Taking time to build relationships and make new friends is so important for our life together. We hope you will be able to take part in as many of these gatherings as possible!

May 26 One Worship Service with donuts following the service
June 2 One Worship Service with donuts following the service and the annual Low Country Boil (5-7p) at Magnetic South Brewery

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 June 2 Harbinger - deadline for this info is **May 26**.

Name: _____

School graduating from: _____

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From the Pews, Scott & Susan Clark

We conduct around 40 baptisms per year at Westminster. That's 40 times that the congregation gets to hear a pastor say, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," while applying a wet palm to an often surprised scalp.

If you are reading this, chances are you had your own baptism experience. Depending on how and when that occurred you might remember it or you might not. Between the two of us we had two very different baptism experiences. Susan was a baby just a handful of weeks old. Her parents were in the process of relocating from New Orleans to Philadelphia and chose to have her baptized along the way in her grandparents' living room in Delmar, Maryland. Given the setting it is safe to assume the sacrament as completed by a Methodist minister was done by sprinkle or pour. Scott was baptized as a teenager in Madison, Mississippi following a public profession of faith. His people did not leave as much to chance - he was baptized by full-immersion in a glass tank at the front of a Baptist church.

It is always a treat when we get to witness a baptism. If it is an infant baptism even more so. Will the babe cooperate? Will they buck and wriggle against transfer from parent to clergy? Will the child emit an untimely shriek of glee or terror? Grab the microphone? Will an older sibling activate and upend the proceedings? All these things and more are possible when the family is scrubbed up and dressed up front and center, the congregation assembled and craning to see, the lights on and the cameras running. It's live theater and sometimes it is equal parts improv and script.

Before the proceedings wrap up and if things have gone close enough to script, the presiding pastor will carry the child partway down the aisle to give all a better opportunity to see. This is most people's favorite part of the process - oohing and aahing while marveling at the pastor's deft baby handling skills. Word of advice - the best part of this promenade may be what's going on back at the front of the church. Look back at the parents. See how they beam.

However the method, whatever the age, wherever the location, the result is the same - enacting the sign and seal of the covenant of grace.

As a member of the congregation of Westminster you do not just witness or observe the sacrament of baptism. You participate in it. You even have a speaking part. During the baptism process you are asked to make a promise to guide and nurture by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging the recently baptized to faithfully follow Christ.

It is a promise that you make with and to your fellow members. It is one of the ways that as a member of Westminster you are not just assembled among some people to share the same benches in the same building on the same day at the same time. Rather you are bound by word and deed to see to the spiritual well-being of those people and their lineage. That should be comforting to the smiling parent back at the front - a sanctuary full of people promising together to help guide their child to live a Christian life. Maybe that's why they are smiling.