



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for Worship

*Thank you, O God,
that we do not walk this road alone,
but that this journey toward eternity
and toward your heart has been, from the
beginning, one that you ordained we should
undertake in the glad and good company
of our fellow pilgrims.*

-Every Moment Holy, Volume I

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 *Toccata and Fugue* Anonymous (Italian)

* Call to Worship Psalm 133

Leader: How good and how pleasant it is

People: **when kindred live together in unity!**

Leader: It is like fine oil upon the head,

People: **It is like the dew flowing down upon the hills.**

Leader: Here God commands blessing:

People: **Life forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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

* Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.**

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.**

**You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people near and far.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Meriwether Craft Pressley

Congregational Response

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN



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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, Acts 11:19-26

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Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 15:36-16:5

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Pilgrims on a Journey"*

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

Praise the Lord, All Ye People

M. Haydn

* Doxology, Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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 306

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Hayes

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Tiffany Williams, *sponsor*

Ben Edwards, *scripture reader*

Summer Choir

Brad Hawkins, *head usher*

Carrie Marguet, Bill Ballinger, Ingrid Erwin,

George Howell, Emily Cole, *greeters*

Mary Frances Reynolds, Virginia Reynolds, *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.

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.

We Remember in Prayer

Libba Mattison and her family on the death of Libba's mother, Kay Cothran Mattison, on Monday, June 23, 2025.



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 *Meriwether Craft Pressley*, daughter of Al & Callie Pressley.

ACTS: CHARACTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

The book of Acts was written by the author of Luke, and the themes in both books echo one another. From the story of Pentecost to Paul's missionary travels, Acts narrates the characters, conflicts, and congregations of the earliest Christian community. Following the success of our Luke series, we will, this summer, preach through the book of Acts, meeting new characters and exploring Paul's journeys, overhearing conflicts around inclusion and ritual, and mapping out the lessons that the first church can teach the modern church. This week's theme is relationships in the community of faith.

GIVING TO WPC

Did you know that you can fulfill your pledge or give an unpledged gift to Westminster online? Your gift helps our church keep faith with community partners and maintain excellence in our programming. To learn more about online giving, or to make a gift, follow the prompts from the QR code below.



LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

As we search for a new AV Coordinator, we encourage your spiritual gift of patience with any unintended hiccups with sound or cameras that may occur during this time.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT MEETING

Please note that today is the second of three offered pre-trip meetings for the Montreat Youth Conference. All participants are encouraged to attend; the meeting is mandatory for first time participants! We provide lots of good information and should be done before noon.

CUBA WITNESS AND SERVICE TRIP DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 15

Join us as we visit our Witness and Service partners at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba November 8-15, 2025. During our time together we will learn about the cultural, social, and economic realities of living in Cuba, engage theology with seminary students and professors, and join the seminary in their ongoing library renovation. Contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) with any questions and to sign up.

GAME GROUP

Join us Mondays in July at 7p in the Entrance Pavilion for our first series of Mahjong Nights! Open to all who love the game or want to learn it. If you have a game set and would be willing to bring it, please contact Emily Lordo (emilylordo@gmail.com). See you 7/7 at 7p for our first game!

THE SESSION

The Class of 2026

<i>Ben Bloodworth</i>	<i>Walker Miller</i>
<i>Emily Cole</i>	<i>Stan Pendergrass</i>
<i>Ingrid Erwin</i>	<i>Betsy Raines</i>
<i>Roger Gower</i>	<i>Jeff Reynolds</i>
<i>Amy Hawkins</i>	<i>Susan Robbins</i>
<i>Anne Howson</i>	<i>Zach Weaver</i>
<i>George McLarty</i>	

The Class of 2027

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<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Carrie Marguet</i>
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<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Mandy Pruitt</i>
<i>Mary Gentry</i>	<i>Elizabeth Timmons</i>
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The Class of 2028



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<i>Coleman Dixon</i>	<i>Stephen Ridgeway</i>
<i>Pam Evans</i>	<i>Tony Threatt</i>
<i>Blake Hoffman</i>	<i>Amanda Warren</i>
<i>Nancy Johnson</i>	<i>Tiffany Williams</i>

SUMMER CHOIR

Would you like to sing in choir but cannot make a full-time commitment? Are you curious about what it would be like to sing in a choir? Are you seeking ways to connect with others at WPC? If so, then Summer Choir is for you! Adults and youth are invited to participate in Summer Choir each Sunday through June 29, gathering at 9a each Sunday to rehearse a choral piece to be presented as the offertory at the 10a service. For additional information, contact Marlon Hurst, Director of Music.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Did you know that Westminster Presbyterian Church has an online directory that is accessible to all church members? You can look up addresses, listed phone numbers, and listed emails of other church members. You can see a list of church members who participate in the same groups/activities as you. You can make changes to your address, phone numbers, and emails. Have you recently seen the family or individual photo we have on file for you? You can view it in the online directory and update it with a more up-to-date photo from your own personal collection! Are you ready to become an online user of the WPC directory? Contact the church office (864-232-2424) to set up your user account and then get started exploring all the ways you can benefit from being connected!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 29-July 6, 2025

Sunday, June 29

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Fellowship with donuts
	WPCYG Montreat Pre-Trip Meeting
11:30	Connections Group

Monday, June 30

8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
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Tuesday, July 1

12:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
	Administrative Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 3

8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
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Friday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

No Children's Church

9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Fellowship with donuts

Ben Dorr is on sabbatical

May 19 - August 10.

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

the
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From the Pews, Megan Revson

In Acts 15:36-16:5, we see the early church's commitment to spreading the gospel and building relationships, which parallels the importance of raising children in a strong, faith-based church community. In this passage, Paul and Barnabas plan to revisit the churches they had established to encourage and strengthen the believers. Despite their disagreement over whether to bring John Mark, both Paul and Barnabas remain committed to their shared mission of nurturing the faith of those they had disciples. This focus on strengthening existing communities serves as a reminder of how crucial it is for children to grow up in a faith community that supports and uplifts them. Just as Paul and Barnabas were intentional about revisiting and encouraging the believers in each town, as a parent I try to be intentional about involving our children in church life—ensuring that they grow in a community where they are loved, mentored, and held accountable in their faith journey.

Raising our children within a church community provides a space where their faith can be nurtured by multiple people, just as Paul and Silas are supported by the broader body of believers as they embark on their mission in Acts 16. Being part of a church community goes beyond Sunday services—it's about forming relationships with people who can mentor, guide, and encourage everyone in their walk with God. In Acts 16:1-3, when Paul meets Timothy, a young disciple, he sees potential in him and decides to take him along on the mission, showing how mentorship plays an integral role in developing future leaders. This reflects the importance of fostering connections in the church that can help guide everyone, especially children, toward maturity in their faith. By being surrounded by a church family that exemplifies the love of Christ, children are given opportunities to grow spiritually and emotionally.

This past month our children took part in Vacation Bible School. During the week church leaders and volunteers together were helping to build a foundation for our children, teaching them not just through words, but through lived examples of faith. When a child is surrounded by a loving and active church community, they are more likely to internalize the values of the gospel and grow into strong, active participants in the faith themselves. Raising our children within a church community mirrors the early church's mission to nurture, support, and strengthen believers across generations.