

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 28, 2026 |On Demand on YouTube|10a



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

"Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."

Henri Nouwen

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 *Hymn* Wagner
* Call to Worship Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.
People: **With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**
Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord.
People: **O Lord God, your faithfulness surrounds you.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 301 "Let Us Build a House" Two Oaks

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
we confess that our focus has been
on feeding ourselves before we serve others.
We prioritize our own security,
we create gods out of status and success,
and we prefer a faith
that will cost us no more than occasional inconvenience.
Forgive us, Holy Lord.
Reshape our minds, rekindle our hearts,
and give us a renewed commitment
to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
Grant us the courage to work for the welfare of others,
so that all would feel welcome in our presence,
and through our lives,
the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, would be known. 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.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Response

Baptized in Water

Anderson Ringo Stone

BUNESSAN

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 10:40-42* p. 791
Second Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 20:20-28* p. 801

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Two Cups"

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 *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* Scott

* Doxology Hymn 606 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 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" WELCOME TABLE
* 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 *Trumpet Tune in F* Lasky
*All who are able may stand

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Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*
Sam White, *sponsor*
Ben Edwards, *scripture reader*
Summer Choir
Brad Hawkins, *head usher*
Jason Farmer, Brooke Culclasure, Mandy Pruitt,
Ben Dillard, Claire Gilliland, *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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will not have Children's Church from June 7-July 26. We will begin having Children's Church again on Sunday, August 2.

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.

CHORAL AND VOCAL TEXTS

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

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Anderson Ringo Stone*, son of David & Clair Stone.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, June 6, *Reynolds McLeod* and *Anne Crosswell* were united in marriage at Debordieu Beach, SC.

We Remember in Prayer

Stephen Woods and his family on the death of Stephen's mother, Marlene DeYoung Woods, on Friday, June 19, 2026.

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.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
It's ELEMENTARY!

WPC's weekly after-school faith formation program, It's Elementary, begins in September. Each Wednesday afternoon from 2:15-4:30p, children in grades 1st-5th will grow in their faith, deepen their Bible knowledge, experience worship, and participate in witness and service learning. Volunteers are at the heart of It's Elementary! No teaching required - just helping hands, listening ears, and a joy for children. We are in need of volunteers who are able to donate their time each week or every other week to this special program. Sign up to volunteer in the Harbinger Hub.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TOY DRIVE
FOR THE MAGI MARKET

Help stock the market in our first ever Christmas in July Toy Drive. Shop locally at The Elephant's Trunk and receive a 20% discount on toys for the Magi Market. Stop by the store anytime they are open and ask for Magi Market Shopping Guide for our toy wish list. Unwrapped toys can be brought to the church office or left at the store and we will pick up. We are so grateful for your support getting the Market stocked early! Visit the Harbinger Hub to learn more about the Magi Market.

- WPCYG** will kick off our Christmas in July Toy Drive on Wednesday, July 1, at 5:15p at The Elephant's Trunk. Bring \$15-20 to shop for stocking stuffers then walk down to Augusta Street Pizza for dinner on us. Christmas attire encouraged!
- Women of Westminster** are invited to Sip & Shop on Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30p.

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

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.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

You may have noticed the Little Free Pantry on our campus near the entrance to the gym parking lot. Since the fall, WPCYG families have been stocking it each Thursday. This summer, we would like to open that opportunity to the whole congregation of WPC. Anyone is welcome to add items to the pantry at any time. Needed items include shelf stable items such as pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, beans, canned tuna or chicken, cereal, protein bars, etc. This LFP has been very utilized by our community since being installed and we want to continue the momentum.

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.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 28-July 5, 2026

Sunday, June 28
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat
9:00a Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40 Weekly Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Reception

Monday, June 29
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
4:30p Game Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 30
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat
12:00p Al-Anon

Wednesday, July 1
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat

Thursday, July 2
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 3
Worship & Music Conference at Montreat
Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 5
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:40a Weekly Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service
11:00 Donut Reception

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, Whit Walker

Have you ever noticed that occasionally when you help someone, the effort goes unrecognized and unrewarded? Your helpful gesture might even be coldly rejected. That hasn't happened often to me but it certainly stings more than a little bit when it does occur. However, I believe today's scripture lesson is one way that Jesus teaches us that serving others always brings joy into the world.

In Matthew's scripture, Jesus is commanding his twelve disciples to go out into a sometimes hostile world to spread the gospel and to perform miraculous acts of service aided by the Holy Spirit. He encourages his followers to specifically seek out and nurture relationships with individuals who are willing and eager to hear the good news. Both parties will be eternally rewarded by the Lord for their devotion and their friendship with each other. In other words, these faithful followers will experience true spiritual Joy.

Coincidentally, the day Michelle sent me the reminder that I needed to write this week's Harbinger cover, a good friend sent me a quote from the famous Nobel Prize winning Bengali poet and philosopher Rabindranath Tagore: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

Thus, I think both Jesus and Tagore have identified one of the most important things that make a Christian life so personally and spiritually rewarding: acts of service. Whether you are spreading the gospel or donating your time and efforts to help your family, your church, or total strangers who don't look like you, think like you, or believe in God, you are following Christ's commandment. No sincere gesture made in the spirit of the Lord is ever too small or ever goes unnoticed. These acts do have a profound impact even if you never receive thanks from the recipients.

So, think about how acts of spiritual service help us fulfill God's desire for joy the next time you're out and about. Can you stop and say a prayer for the sick or the lonely, can you volunteer your time for the elderly, can you ask the destitute stranger how you can help, or can you forgive your enemies? When you do, you become yet another member of the faithful following in the joyful footsteps of the Christ's courageous disciples!