



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

“God can use unworthy material to accomplish magnificent purposes. Worthiness is not a criterion. One can be worthy and closed, like the Pharisees in all generations and all races, all religions, failing to understand that openness to God’s revelation is first and foremost. One can be worthy and so wrapped in one’s worthiness that one fails to recognize the three angels who came to Abraham, or the angel Isaac knew would pick the right wife for Jacob, or those angels ascending and descending the great ladder as Jacob lay with his head on the stone. Those three great patriarchs were unworthy, but they were open to change, change in themselves, change in their understanding of their Maker. All of them saw angels. Through them we, too, can learn to be open, not closed. We, too, can have eyes and ears open to the great challenges God offers us. This does not mean fluctuation with the winds of chance or whim, but recognizing the wind of the Holy Spirit, whose sign is always the sign of Love.”

Madeleine L’Engle, *A Stone for a Pillow*

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 *Meditation on St. George's Windsor* Bennett

* Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims divine handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard.

**People: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

* Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
you alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ 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

***Glorry 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, *Psalms 139:7-12, 23-24* p. 503

Second Scripture Lesson, *Genesis 28:10-22* p. 22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What Water?"

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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Althouse

* 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 450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Johnson

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*
Nick Carson, *liturgist*
Ellison Mallico, *scripture reader*
Ray Bennett, *guest organist*
Kathi Hurst, *soloist*
George Howell, *head usher*
Carrie Marguet, Josie Williams, Creighton Likes,
Stephen Ridgeway, Josh Riley, *greeters*
Manning Dailey, David Heegard, *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.

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.

In Memoriam

Parks Leonard
(3/12/1979 – 7/9/2026)

*“I am the resurrection and the life.”
– John 11:25*

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.

BINGO NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

WPC Kids presents its 3rd annual Bingo Night! On Wednesday, July 29, from 6-7:30p in the Fellowship Hall, all are invited – children, families, and children at heart – to a fun night of games, food, and prizes. A hotdog supper will be served. There is no cost, but please sign up using the Harbinger Hub link before Sunday, July 26.

HERITAGE LECTURE

Dr. Yolanda Pierce

Sunday, August 9

Education Lecture at 9a

Preaching Hour 10a

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

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.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, (6:30p) and the book reviewed will be *In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss* by Amy Bloom. Kathryn Algary will lead the discussion. All are welcome to attend!

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.

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.



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.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. We will next meet this Saturday, July 25, at 6:30p at the home of Stan & Tricia Pendergrass (25 Norman Pl). Watch your email for more information or check the church's website ("Connect", "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

MEN OF WESTMINSTER
GREENVILLE DRIVE SOCIAL

On August 20, the Men of Westminster will have our summer social at the Greenville Drive game. We have reserved a box to watch the game in style! Limited space available, tickets are \$15 each. Sign up on the Harbinger Hub.

IT'S ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!

Member registration is now open for It's Elementary, our afterschool faith-formation program for children in 1st-5th grade! The program meets every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30p and begins September 2. Throughout the year, children will grow in their faith through engaging lessons, activities, and fellowship as we explore the Books of the Bible together. Non-member registration will open August 3. We look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing in God's Word. Be sure to register your child today through the Harbinger Hub!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
July 19-26, 2026

Sunday, July 19
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:40a Weekly Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Reception

Monday, July 20

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

4:30p Game Group

8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 21

12:00p Al-Anon

Thursday, July 23

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 25

6:30p Lightly Seasoned

Sunday, July 26
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
WPCYG - Montreat Youth Conference

9:40a Weekly Session Meeting

10:00 Worship Service

11:00 Donut Reception

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From the Pews, Jaime Satterfield

Summer with three kids ages 5 and under feels like a beautiful kind of chaos. From the moment they wake up, there's always something going on! Keeping track of who is going where and at what time can become a full-time job on top of the other items on my husband's and my plate. I'm constantly amazed at how busy and long the days can feel, yet how quickly they pass. One minute we're planning for summer camps and beach vacations, and the next I'm realizing another month has flown by, and we are weeks away from school starting!

Even without a consistent schedule, I've found that Sunday church helps anchor our family and gives the children a sense of rhythm. It reminds them what day it is (Sundays mean donuts!) and helps the week feel organized, even when the rest of summer doesn't. There's something comforting about that and brings us together and gives the kids a familiar marker in a season that can otherwise feel like one long blur.

In the middle of all the summer noise and commotion, today's scripture reading, Psalm 139:7-24, reminds me that there is nowhere we can go apart from God's presence. Whether we are at home, in the car, at church, or outside playing at the park in the summer sun, God is always with us. That truth gives me peace as a mother, because even when I feel stretched thin or unsure if I'm doing enough, I know the Lord is always near, watching over my family.