

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



World Communion Sunday
Preparation for Worship

“We ought not to be frightened away from the law or to shun its instruction merely because it requires a much stricter moral purity than we shall reach while we bear about with us the prison house of our own body. For the law is not now acting toward us as a rigorous enforcement officer who is not satisfied unless the requirements are met. But in this perfection to which it exhorts us, the law points out the goal toward which throughout life we are to strive.”
John Calvin

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.

Minute for Stewardship

Ben Alexander

Prelude 9a

I Come with Joy

arr. Cherwein

Introit 11:15a

Come One, Come All, Come Follow the Call

Dietrich

* Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: the world and those who live in it.

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord

for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

* Prayer of Confession

O God, we have no righteousness of our own.

We have bent and ignored your law.

Your commandments inform us but do not transform.

We give lip service to your law

but seek to avoid its implication for our lives.

As we come today to your great table,

we realize how small we have made our own.

Our vision of your grace is too narrow.

Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.

Save us, we pray, from our transgressions

and help us to reorder our days around your law

which is wholly righteous.

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.

11:15a

Children in K5 – first grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, Psalm 19

p. 433

Second Scripture Lesson, Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

p. 58

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Where Do the 10 Commandments Belong?"

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Responding to God’s Word

* Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory

For Everyone Born

arr. Trenney

* Doxology, Hymn 606

Old Hundredth

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 61

Psalm 19: "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

* Postlude

A Joyous Acclamation

Smith

*All who are able may stand

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*
Ben Dorr, *liturgist*
Holly Vanderwal (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *scripture readers*
John Levantino, *cello*
Youth Choir (9a)
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Junior and Senior Chorister Choirs (11:15a)
Martha Gower (11:15a), *piano*
Jacob Barker (9a), Dorothy Dowe (11:15a), *head ushers*
Chris Carsten, Brooke Culclasure, Judy O’Neal,
Ben Dillard, Bill Ballinger (9a), *greeters*
Trey DuBose, Sam White, Coleman Dixon,
Kathryn Freedman, Nancy Johnson, (11:15a), *greeters*

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

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.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 11, immediately following the 11:15a worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2026 Nominating Committee. The slate proposed by the Session is the following: Stephen Ridgeway (chair), Mary Knight Felt, Nancy Giguere, George Howell, Christa Likes, Sarah Lucas, Butler Mullins, Stan Pendergrass, and Jennifer Shurley.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESSING OFFERING
This Sunday, October 4, we will be taking our annual Peace & Global Witnessing Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster for local peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions are located in the Ritual of Friendship pads.

FALL SERMON SERIES
CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH MORE THAN ONE ANSWER

In our Presbyterian Book of Order, one of the historical theological tenets that grounds us is the concept of “Mutual Forbearance,” which means “there are truths and forms with respect to which [people] of good characters and principles may differ.” (Book of Order, F-3.0105) Our fall sermon series will explore questions with more than one faithful answer, questions you may have asked yourself from time to time. Our question this Sunday is "Where Do the 10 Commandments Belong?"

We Remember in Prayer

Michael Hoffman on the death of his mother, Carol Hoffman, on Thursday, September 24, 2026.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Children and youth ages 5K–Grade 12 are invited to register for the church basketball season through Sunday, October 11. Registration may be accessed through the Harbinger Hub. WPC members interested in being a coach or an assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (864-915-5686).

CONNECTIONS GROUP

Connections, a luncheon group for singles and couples, will meet at City Range (615 Haywood Rd) on Sunday, October 11, at 12:45p after the 11:15 worship service. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, October 9. Newcomers are always welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

We are offering free blood pressure screenings once a month. Screenings will take place this Sunday, October 4, in the Friendship Court following the 10a Sunday School hour. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at tmiller470@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Join the Women of Westminster for our October Social on Tuesday, October 13, 6p at Tacozzini (1818 Augusta St).

WPC YOUNG ADULTS

WPC Young Adults is sponsoring a playdate on Friday, October 16, at 4p at Brooks Playground. Come gather with other WPC families and enjoy fellowship together! Contact Molly Rubin (mollyjrubin19@gmail.com) with any questions!

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.



WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30p in the church library. Nancy Kier will lead the discussion on *The Engineer’s Wife: A Novel of the Brooklyn Bridge* by Tracy Emerson Wood. 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.

GUATEMALA

WITNESS AND SERVICE TRIP

In October 2027, we will partner with Porch de Solomon, a Guatemalan mission organization that hosts construction and medical mission trips in the basin region of Lake Atitlan in Guatemala. We will be hosting both a construction and medical mission team. An interest meeting to learn more about the trip will be held in the Charter Room on November 22 at 12:15p following worship. Reach out to Nick Carson with any questions!

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. We will next meet On Friday, October 23, at 7p at the home of Joel & Gaye Sprague. The address is available through MyWPC or by contacting the church office. 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!

Our Vision:

Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:

Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:

Connect
Serve
Grow



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4-11, 2026

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

9:00a Worship Service w/communion
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service w/communion
12:30p Capital Campaign Committee Mtg.
4:00 First Steps in Music
4:30 First Steps in Music
5:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middlers Youth Group
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

2:30p It’s Elementary
WPCKids 4th & 5th Grades to
Conestee Park
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

10:00a Thursday Bible Study
12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 PW Lifetime Membership
Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, October 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Worship Service
Witness & Service Committee
Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p Congregational Meeting
12:45 Connections Group
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From the Pews, Caroline Giguere

There is no coincidence in God’s timing. To confess, Ben asked me to write a Harbinger cover for the Fall Stewardship Campaign on August 25. Today is September 18, and it is due September 21. Some might call that procrastination, and yes, that may be a small part of it, but sitting down to write today feels like God’s perfect timing.

My husband, Kent, and I joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in November 2015. There were many reasons we chose WPC: Kent’s family history and childhood memories here, the preaching, children’s programs, youth ministry, WWS, and the community outreach. Westminster seemed to offer everything we were looking for in a church home.

What we didn’t realize then was how personally we would come to understand the words “Open Minds. Open Hearts.”

When our second son, Row, was born, our family entered a season we never expected. Row is blind, and with his diagnosis came fear, uncertainty, grief, and the realization that the life we had imagined for our family was going to look different.

And that is when Westminster became more than our church. It became a source of living water.

Westminster welcomed Row exactly as God created him. Our church family did not see a child who needed to fit into an existing mold. They saw a child who already belonged. They have continually found ways for him to participate, learn, worship, serve, and simply be one of the kids.

Romans 15:7 says, “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” To me, that is Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Through some of our hardest seasons, this church has reminded our family that God’s love does not simply sustain us. It flows through us and into the lives of others. I see those living waters every time Westminster creates space for someone, reaches beyond its walls, welcomes a neighbor, or reminds a person that there is a place for them here.

Everyone belongs!

Westminster has not only told our family that truth; it has shown it to us. And because we want that same living water to continue flowing for our children, our neighbors, and families we may never meet, Kent and I feel called and grateful to be able to deepen our support of Westminster Presbyterian Church this year.

We give because this place has given so much to us, and because we believe deeply in what God is still doing here!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sung responses for the communion prayer:

...who forever sing to the glory of your holy name:
Sanctus, Hymn 552 “Holy, Holy, Holy” LAND OF REST

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.*

...great is the mystery of faith:
Memorial Acclamation, Hymn 553 LAND OF REST

“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

...and the glory, forever:
Great Amen, Hymn 554 “Amen” LAND OF REST

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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FOR COMMUNION TODAY

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When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

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Join us for a new term of Adult Education!

The Revelation Revisited
September 20 - October 4
Room 209 and Streaming

Facilitated by Ron Shive, retired Presbyterian minister

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Discussion Class:
September 20 - December 13 [October 4 facilitated by Molly Rubin]
Room 212

Join us each week for a discussion-based Sunday School class to dive into a weekly topic and scripture passage. All are welcome to join us on a journey of faith and fellowship - come every week or come when you can. Topics change every week, and the class is facilitated by rotating members.

Children on Sunday Mornings

Nursery is available for infant through 4K on the Mezzanine level.
During Nursery, children in 4K explore the Bible story through play.

Starting September 20:
Children Sunday School Class Locations

Shine Curriculum - 5K/1st (Room 109)
2nd/3rd (Movie Room)
4th/5th (Room 112A)

Youth on Sunday Mornings

Youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to meet in the Youth Suite for Sunday School from 10-11a. Facilitated by Claire & Mac Gilliland, this class will study the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum. When numbers dictate, this class will split into separate Middler and Senior High Discussion Groups. We hope you'll join us this year!

NEW MEMBERS@WPC

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on September 27, 2026:

- Will & Lauren Boyd come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have three children: Sutton (4), Everett (3), and Thatcher (5 mos.)
- Cody Burke comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. He has a son, Brantly Peeler (11).
- Hollis & Ellen Burnett come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Mills (6 mos.).
- Marc & Ruth Marie Embler come to us by transfer from Westminster Presbyterian, West Ashley.
- Hardy & Christine Emery. Hardy will join by baptism at a future date. Christine comes to us by transfer from North Hills, Taylors. They have a son, Rory (1).
- Brandy Erwin comes to us by reaffirmation of faith.
- Joe & Julie Freeman comes to us by transfer from First Baptist, Greenville.
- Chris & Elizabeth Gary come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have two sons, William (8) and Walker (5).
- Andrea Goess comes to us by reaffirmation of faith.

- Scott & Anna Goettee come to us by reaffirmation of faith.
- Shane & Kaylie Goldsmith come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, Sloane (2).
- Wendy Holmes comes by transfer from Germantown Presbyterian, Germantown, TN.
- Brian & Lindsey Jones come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have four children: Lennon (14), Scout (12), Wilder (10), and Poppy (10).
- Brad Morris comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. Brad is married to WPC member, Hannah Warth Morris. They have three sons, Sawyer (9), Benji (6), and Maddox (6).
- Tom and Sheryl Praktish come to us by transfer from Advent United Methodist, Simpsonville.
- Ford & Betsy Riddle. Ford joins by reaffirmation of faith. Betsy joins by transfer from First Baptist, Greenville. They have a daughter, Helen (1).
- Daniel & Meridyth Robinson. come to us by transfer from Village Anglican, Greenville. They have three children: Jack (14), Luke (12), and Graham (9).
- Matt & Megan Russell come to us by transfer from St. Anthony of Padua, Greenville. They have two daughters: Peyton (5) and Parker (3).

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- Hollis & Ellen Burnett come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Mills (6 mos.).
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- Hardy & Christine Emery. Hardy will join by baptism at a future date. Christine comes to us by transfer from North Hills, Taylors. They have a son, Rory (1).
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- Tom and Sheryl Praktish come to us by transfer from Advent United Methodist, Simpsonville.
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Join us for a new term of Adult Education!

The Revelation Revisited
September 20 - October 4
Room 209 and Streaming

Facilitated by Ron Shive, retired Presbyterian minister

Perhaps you have been frightened at one point in your life by someone's bizarre interpretation of The Revelation of John. Maybe you have found yourself worried that the rapture was going to occur and you would be left behind. It is time to revisit this most often avoided book of the New Testament and realize that John was not trying to frighten us, but rather challenge us to live courageous, faithful, and hopeful lives. This class will be taught by Ron Shive, retired Presbyterian minister.

Discussion Class:
September 20 - December 13 [October 4 facilitated by Molly Rubin]
Room 212

Join us each week for a discussion-based Sunday School class to dive into a weekly topic and scripture passage. All are welcome to join us on a journey of faith and fellowship - come every week or come when you can. Topics change every week, and the class is facilitated by rotating members.

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Nursery is available for infant through 4K on the Mezzanine level.
During Nursery, children in 4K explore the Bible story through play.

Starting September 20:
Children Sunday School Class Locations

Shine Curriculum - 5K/1st (Room 109)
2nd/3rd (Movie Room)
4th/5th (Room 112A)

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