

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2026 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

“One of the few things I know...is this: Do not hoard what seems good...give it all, give it now. Something more will arise for later, something better...the impulse to keep to yourself is destructive. Anything you do not give freely and abundantly becomes lost to you. You open your safe and find ashes.”

Annie Dillard

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 Jonathan & Emily Cole, Lucy and Annie

Prelude Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Sedio

* Call to Worship Psalm 66, 2 Corinthians 9

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.
People: Sing the glory of God's name;
give to God glorious praise.
Leader: God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance.
People: So that by always having enough of everything,
we may share abundantly in every good work.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
forgive us for having narrow minds and closed hearts.
We have turned faith into pointless fights about petty concerns.
We have turned hope into a set of small wishes
that change very little about our lives.
We have turned love into a contract,
wondering what we will receive in exchange
for whatever we give.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Set us free from the possessions that paralyze us,
the despair that diminishes us,
and the self-righteousness that suffocates us.
Let the radical grace of Christ grab us once again,
so that our hearts would be more hopeful
and our hands would be more generous.
We ask it all 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

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 9a Lucas Hanson & Lydia Camille Hoffman
11:15a Corbyn Stirling, Barrett David,
& Wesley Austin Scheinbaum

Congregational Response Baptized in Water BUNESSAN



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, Genesis 28:10-22 p. 22
Second Scripture Lesson, Matthew 19:16-26 p. 800

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

Sermon "What's the Right Question?"

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 Beck

* 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 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 702 BUNESSAN
"Christ Be Beside Me"

Please join in singing:

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

* Postlude Laudation Martin

*All who are able may stand

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Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching

Mary Kathleen Duncan, liturgist

Pam Evans (9a), Mandy Pruitt (11:15a), sponsors

David Golladay (9a), Jade Fountain (11:15a), scripture readers

Sarah Clunan, Bob Dellert, Carole Doyle, Alexander Hamilton,

John Levantino, John Sewell, Emily Sweezy, Tina Wood (9a), octet

Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

George Howell (9a), Bill Young (11:15a), head ushers

Ben Dillard, Claire Gilliland, Trey Morrow,

Jennifer McDavid, Coleman Dixon (9a), greeters

Josie Williams, Nancy Johnson, Tony Threatt,

Denise Broderick, Carrie Marguet (11:15a), greeters

Andrew Heegard, David Heegard (11:15a), acolytes

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISMS

This morning we welcome into our fellowship:

- Lucas Hanson Hoffman and Lydia Camille Hoffman, twins of Christopher Hanson & Blake Hoffman.
- Corbyn Stirling Scheinbaum, Barrett David Scheinbaum, and Wesley Austin Scheinbaum, sons of Ben & Angeline Scheinbaum.

In Memoriam

Annie Leonard
(9/25/1959 - 10/18/2026)

"I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:25

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 "What's the Right Question?"

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS

If you have a name that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider for next year’s Session, please email Stephen Ridgeway, Nominating Committee chair, at srr1999@bellsouth.net. The Nominating Committee will meet Sunday, November 1.

Commitment Sunday is November 8

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is “Living Waters,” and we are calling on all WPC members, as they are able, to answer the “Living Waters Challenge.” If half increase their pledge by \$500, and the other half increase their pledge by \$300, we will fund one additional office staff position, support our growing youth and children’s ministries, and maintain our giving with our mission partners. Every pledge matters, and every pledge makes a difference! Your pledge to our stewardship campaign is the living water that sustains our church and allows us to meet the needs not only of the families of Westminster but also the families of so many others in Greenville County that count on Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

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.

Eventide Prayer Service: Mozart's Missa Brevis

The Westminster Sanctuary Choir with soloists Katie Knauer, Rosemary Hughes, Jackson Collins and Wyatt Pittman, will be joined by the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra to present *Missa brevis in d-minor*, KV65 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in a service of worship on Sunday, November 8 at 4p in the Sanctuary. This powerful and expressive early masterpiece showcases the remarkable gift of Mozart, only 12 years old when he composed this work, for blending drama, beauty, and devotion.

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.



2026 Advent Devotions

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write short devotionals to be included in the 2026 Advent Devotions series. Please contact Jade Fountain (fountainjade@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this.

Hiking Group

The Hiking Group will hike to see the petroglyphs on Pinnacle Mountain on Thursday, October 29. Hike Leader: Anne Holleman (holl2759@att.net).

Baptism Class

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, at 12:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

Women of Westminster Social

Join the Women of Westminster for our November Social on Thursday, November 12, 6p at New York Butcher Shoppe (2222 Augusta St).

Interested in Joining Westminster?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, November 15. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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!

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Calendar of Events
October 25 – November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Capital Campaign Committee Meeting
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 26
10:00a Staff Meeting
4:30p Game Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 27
12:00p AI-Anon
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28
2:30p It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers
5:30 Trick or Treat at Terra Bella
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29
9:00a Hiking Group
10:00 Thursday Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Sunday
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
2:00p Nominating Committee Mtg.
4:00 First Steps in Music
4:30 First Steps in Music
NO Children's Church
NO WPCYG/Youth Choirs

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:
Connect
Serve
Grow

the
HARBINGER
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From the Pews, Mel Dias

Water. You can't live without it.

One of my many hobbies is working in my yard, from weeding my pea gravel drive, mowing the grass (not a lawn, more on that later), to building stone walls. Before Hurricane Helene I lived in a nice cozy forest. After Helene (more water than we knew what to do with), it seemed I lived in a barren, sun blasted wasteland! And, what to do with all the rock the tree's root balls unearthed? As I said, I like to build stone walls and water is also needed for this, not to mention the water breaks I need. Where does all this water come from? We are lucky to live in Greenville SC where in the 1890's Greenville started to plan for the future and hasn't stopped. Greenville's water comes from three sources, Table Rock Reservoir, North Saluda Reservoir, and Lake Keowee. It is consistently the best tasting drinking water in South Carolina and one of the best tasting nationally.

What has this to do with Westminster? Eight years ago, I was in Ben's first membership class. It was a surprise to many that I was not already a member.

I am not a big joiner, but the time was right for me. I look at my joining WPC like building my stone walls, I had to take my time to get it right. WPC is my foundation holding the soil in place so the grass and shrubs of Faith can grow. Faith creates a church; our funds water it so that it reaches beyond our church walls. With a congregation of Faith like WPC, we cannot help but grow, and as our congregation grows, so must the physical church of WPC. Many older folks, like me, often do not see the need for change, we don't see how crowded the day care is or how outdated the offices are. We need spaces that compliment that growth. We must plan for our future, and our donations today are the water that helps keep pace with our growth. Westminster, like our water system, is a complicated dynamic of personalities with differing opinions on any number of topics but what we all seem to agree on is the Faith in Westminster. So, let's plan for the future.

One day soon I will have my stone walls finished, plants in place, and a much smaller lawn. I will sit back and relax and thank God for the water of life that keeps us all healthy and alive.

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Join us for a new term of Adult Education!

For Such a Time as What? Exploring Esther

October 11 - November 15

Room 209 and Streaming

Facilitated by Leigh Stuckey

Esther is a strange book. God is never named in it, yet it has been read for centuries as a story of deliverance: an orphaned Jewish girl becomes queen of Persia, a royal decree threatens her people with destruction, and everything turns on whether she will speak. Over six Sundays, we will read Esther chapter by chapter, setting its palace intrigue against the world of the Persian Empire that produced it and listening for the questions it still asks of us. What does faithfulness look like when God seems silent? What does courage cost when power is unpredictable? And when Mordecai tells Esther she may have come to her position "for just such a time as this," what time does he mean – and what time might we be living in? Each week will include a lecture and time for questions. All are welcome, whether you know the story well or are opening it for the first time.

Discussion Class

September 20 - December 13

Room 212

October 25 facilitated by Anna Hanor

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During Nursery, children in 4K explore the Bible story through play.

Children Sunday School Class Locations

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2nd/3rd (Movie Room)
4th/5th (Room 112A)

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