Sunday, November 1, 2026 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a

All Saints' Sunday

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you have knit together in one communion and fellowship the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all their goodness, strength, and courage, so that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

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 — Whit Walker

Prelude — *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds/I'll Praise My Maker* — Monsell

* Call to Worship — Revelation 21:2–4

Leader: I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God.
People: I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:
See, the home of God is among mortals.
Leader: He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.
People: God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 326 — "For All the Saints" — Sine Nomine

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up women and men
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.
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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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
First Scripture Lesson, *John 11:1-6* — p. 873
Second Scripture Lesson, *John 11:17-44* — p. 873

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

Sermon — *"Jesus Began to Weep"*

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.

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: *Noel-Carol Bitner, Stan Herndon, Anne Howson, Annie Leonard, Parks Leonard, Becky Murphy, Bettie Runnion, Ron Schlacht, Bill Thalheimer, Larry Watson, Bill Wheless.*

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 *9a* — *The Beatitudes* — Schweizer
Offertory *11:15a* — *Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord* — Schalk

* 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 375 — "Shall We Gather at the River" — Hanson Place

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 654 — Taizé

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

Please join in singing.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
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**All who are able may stand*

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Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, ***preaching***
Lauren Slingerland, ***liturgist***
David Golladay (9a), Steve Johnson (11:15a), ***scripture readers***
Chancel Choir (9a)
Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Rosemary Hughes, ***flute***
Ted Gentry, ***bassoon***
Pam Evans (9a), Parks Workman (11:15a), ***head ushers***
Mason Donlan, Josh Riley, George Howell,
Creighton Likes, Trey DuBose (9a), ***greeters***
Kathryn Freedman, Will Edwards, Coleman Dixon,
Mary Gentry, Whit Walker (11:15a), ***greeters***
Manning Dailey (9a), ***acolyte***

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prelude is the latest piano arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members and friends. *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds/I'll Praise My Maker* is dedicated to Marlon Hurst.

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.

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.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

Births

The birth of a daughter, *Caroline Ann Stallard,* to Robert & Lauren Stallard, on September 24, 2026.

The birth of a son, *Julian Xavier Nelson,* to Mike Nelson & Bailey Dowe Nelson, on October 23, 2026.

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 this 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!

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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.

Sanctuary Choir Presents *Missa Brevis* by Mozart

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.

Women of Westminster Social

Ladies are invited to the Women of Westminster social for happy hour at 6p on Thursday, November 12, at the New York Butcher Shoppe (2222 Augusta St., #4). There will be a Sip and Shop for the Magi Market at the Elephant's Trunk (2222 Augusta St. #8) from 5:30-6:30.

Men of Westminster Service Day

On Saturday, December 5, the Men of Westminster will partner with Rebuild Upstate for our Fall Service project. We'll be working to repair a home for one of our neighbors in Greenville, in order to help maintain affordable housing. All tools will be provided by Rebuild Upstate. Sign up on the website or contact Nick Carson 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.

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.

Blood Pressure Screenings

We are offering free blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of each month. On November 1, screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately 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 (tmiller470@gmail.com).

Book Club

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 3, at 6:30p in the Library. *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice* by Bill Browder will be reviewed by Deb Wiswell. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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.

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
November 1 – 8, 2026

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Sunday
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p Hospitality & Congregational Care Committee Mtg.
2:00 Nominating Committee Mtg.
4:00 First Steps in Music
4:30 First Steps in Music

NO Children's Church
NO WPCYG/Youth Choirs

Monday, November 2
Weekday School Closed
10:00a Staff Meeting
4:30p Game Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 3
Weekday School Closed
12:00p Al-Anon
Administrative Committee Mtg.
6:30 Book Club Mtg.

Wednesday, November 4
7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

NO It's Elementary
NO Children's Choirs

Thursday, November 5
10:00 Thursday Bible Study
1:00p Endowment Committee Mtg.
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, November 6
Middler Retreat

Saturday, November 7
Middler Retreat

Sunday, November 8
Commitment Sunday
Middler Retreat
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class - Breakfast w/ Parents & Day Retreat
Connect & Grow Meeting
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
12:30p Baptism Class
4:00 Eventide Prayer Service: *Missa Brevis*
First Steps in Music
4:30 First Steps in Music
5:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Senior High Youth Group

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From the Pews, Chris Carsten

One of my earliest memories about my family history centers around visiting the rural birth place of my paternal grandfather. Although the old home was long gone, the thing that I remember most about the home site was peering down into the depths of the old open hand dug well. It seemed huge and forbidding to me. Likewise, the thought of drinking out of that dark hole in the ground was not appealing at all. My grandfather, however, laughed, and recounted fond memories of drawing cool clean water from that well. He also recounted that one of the worst punishments he ever received as a child himself was for throwing a rock into the well, thereby risking its potential contamination. His father made sure to "impress" upon him just how important that well was to their family and how they depended on it and needed to care for and steward it and how thankful they should be for the water it provided.

Isaiah 12:3 says, "Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." For over twenty years now, my family has been drawing from the Westminster well of salvation. It has provided us with the "living water" that Jesus offered the Samaritan woman by the well in the fourth chapter of John. Westminster has celebrated with us in times of great joy and supported us in times of profound loss. It has helped us grow and learn of God's love. It has helped us raise and instruct our children. It has provided for them as they attended Sunday school, went on retreats and mission trips, played basketball, and ate congregational meals. They learned what it means to be part of a Church family and they learned the importance of supporting the Church both physically and financially. We now get to watch as they teach their children these same lessons, some drawing from this very same well.

As we now approach Commitment Sunday, I am thankful for all that Westminster's well of living water has provided my family. And just as my grandfather was a steward of his homesite's well, we will continue to pledge our support to the source of our family's spiritual well. I hope you will too.

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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
November 1 facilitated by Laura Williams Sanders

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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.

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!

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