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

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for Worship

"...be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves ... Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet*

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 — Susan Robbins

Prelude — *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works* — Dakota tune, arr. Farlee

* Call to Worship — *adapted from Joshua 24:14-15, 24*

Leader: Revere the Lord,
and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness.
People: We will put away the gods our ancestors served.
Leader: Many gods ask for our loyalty,
People: yet there is one Lord who asks for our lives.
Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.
People: We will serve the Lord, and God's voice we will obey.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 297 — "In Christ Called to Baptize" — St. Denio

* Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we call you "Lord, Lord,"
but we do not do what you tell us.
We ask how little we can believe,
how little we should give, how little we must change,
how little we ought to risk.
We draw lines around your people
and leave our neighbors standing outside them.
We build our lives on what is quick and easy,
and work for what benefits us.
Have mercy on us, Lord.
Make our confession true in our living.
Set our lives on a foundation of rock and
open our hands to all who are in need;
gather us around the table with glad and generous hearts,
so that the world may know you are Lord
by the way we love and serve one another.
In your name we pray. 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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, Luke 6:46-49 — p.838

Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 2:32-37, 43-47 — p. 886

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

Sermon — *"The Answer, Lived"*

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 9a — *Because of Thy Great Bounty* — Hoffmeister

Offertory 11:15a — *Serve the Lord with Gladness* — Dillworth

* 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

Recognition of New Members *11:15a*

* Hymn 700 — "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" — I'm Gonna Live

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 654 — Taize

"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.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

* Postlude — *Father, We Thank You* — Farlee

**All who are able may stand*

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Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*
Ben Dorr, *liturgist*
Trey Morrow (11:15a), *sponsor*
Talitha Allen (9a), Derek Pitman (11:15a), *scripture readers*
Kathryn Knauer (9a), *soloist*
Sanctuary Choir and Youth Choir (11:15a)
Lynne Robinson (11:15a), *piano*
Tom Vanderbloemen (11:15a), *trumpet*
Ted Gentry, *bassoon*
Les Hicken (9a), *clarinet*
Rosemary Hughes, *flute*
Jacob Barker (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), *head ushers*
Trey DuBose, Sam White, Nancy Giguere,
Blake Hoffman, Nancy Johnson (9a), *greeters*
Claire Gilliland, Carrie Marguet, Judy O'Neal,
Mason Donlan, Josh Riley (11:15a), *greeters*
Shirley Bea Pitman, Grace Huerta (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.

In Memoriam

Thelma Grawe
(03/28/1935 - 10/24/2026)

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

We Remember in Prayer

Danna Rohleder on the death of her mother, Betty Grubbs Poole, on Monday, November 9, 2026.

Living Waters
Annual Stewardship Campaign

It's not too late to pledge to our annual stewardship campaign for 2027! Our 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 that count on Westminster Presbyterian Church. You may pledge using the QR code below, or email your pledge to Lynn Bennett, our Financial Manager. Thank you for your generosity with Westminster!

WestFest XIV
Sunday, November 29

Join us for the fourteenth annual WestFest from 5-7p in the main parking lot. We'll have live music from The Apostles and food from the Local Pie Pizza and Rippy's BBQ. Kick off Advent with your church family for one of our most beloved traditions!

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Young Adults Group Family Playdate

WPC Young Adults is sponsoring a playdate on Friday, November 20, at 4p at Rockwood Park. Come gather with other WPC families and enjoy fellowship together! Contact Molly Rubin (mollyjrubin19@gmail.com) with any questions!

Advent Wreath-Making

All ages are invited to a church-wide Advent Wreath Making Workshop on Sunday, November 29, at 10a in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a time of creativity and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season by making wreaths together. All materials will be provided, but to help us ensure we have enough supplies for everyone, please register online in advance. Come share in the joy of creating, connecting, and celebrating the start of Advent as a church family!

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.

Women of Westminster December 6 at 12:30pm Advent Luncheon:

All women of Westminster are invited to the annual Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 6. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:15am worship service. The speaker will be Westminster's very own, Lauren Slingerland. Lunch will be catered by Chef Cary Wolfe. Luncheon menu to come! Cost is $15 per person with the deadline to sign up being Wednesday, December 2. Sign up through the Harbinger Hub.

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.

Creation Stewardship Group

The Creation Stewardship Group will meet at 9a this Sunday, November 15, in Room 211. Please join us.

Luncheon Group

The Luncheon Group will meet Wednesday, November 18, at 12:30p in Room 212. Leader: Mary Ann Cox (1maryanncox@gmail.com).

Hiking Group

The Hiking Group will meet at Cowpens National Battlefield at the on Thursday, November 19. Hike Leader: Betsy Raines (bkraines58@gmail.com).

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!

Thanksgiving Service Project

On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, Westminster will join Greenville Church Without Walls in helping to distribute meals to our neighbors here in Greenville. Volunteers will gather at 9a at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church to receive meals and assigned drop off locations, and complete by 12p. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin the holiday with gratitude and service. If you have any questions, contact Nick Carson.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 15–22, 2026

Sunday, November 15
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Worship Service
Creation Stewardship Meeting
New Member Class
10:00 Sunday School
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p New Member Reception
12:30 Stated Session Meeting
4:00 First Steps in Music
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5:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middlers Youth Group
6:30 Senior High Youth Group

Monday, November 16
10:00a Staff Meeting
4:30p Game Group
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 17
12:00p Al-Anon
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
Volunteer Training (Zoom)
4:30 Weekday School Committee Meeting
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18
9:30a Weekday Chapel
12:30p Luncheon Group Meeting
2:30 It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir
4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
10:00a Hiking Group
Thursday Bible Study
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 22
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
Witness & Service Committee Meeting
10:55 Weekly Session Mtg.
11:15 Worship Service
12:15p Guatemala Witness & Service Trip Interest Meeting
12:30 Capital Campaign Committee Meeting
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From the Pews, Allison Muller

"It takes a village." What it really takes is a community of faith.

Carl and I started a family in the early eighties. We were well grounded in Greenville, with friends, neighbors, and careers. Of utmost importance we were also beginning our membership at Westminster.

I had begun singing in the choir, starting as an alumna of youth church choirs, college glee club, and more, that began before age twelve. Music has always been a part of how I worship. As our family expanded we became immersed at Westminster in ways that surrounded our family with love. We needed and received it all.

Sunday School. Weekday School. Creating and editing the WPC Newsletter. Serving on Session. Youth groups. Bible Study, Retreats. Men of the Church camping trips. Scouts. Women's softball.

As Allidah, Wiley, and Amelia grew, I realized that the foundation of seeing the same Westminster adults and families at church events, school, basketball, and retreats, Sundays and weekdays, was cementing our children's faith and setting examples to nurture faith relationships and showing us all how to give back.

In 2001, we were on a family vacation in Yosemite National Park when we got the word that Carl's father had passed away unexpectedly. We were devastated that it was too far and too complicated for us to make it back to South Carolina for the funeral.

The next morning, a Sunday, we were at the small chapel at Yosemite.

During the gathering, the pastor asked us all where we were from and why we were there. We explained our circumstances and at the end of the service a group of about fifteen strangers joined hands with us in a circle for prayer, sharing comfort and support. Being in another community of faith was exactly what we needed to feel God was with us two thousand miles from home.

We didn't just put ourselves there. Westminster put us there. That is why we belong and give, now and always.

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Suppers With Seven
January – March 2027

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Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check as many as apply:

_____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.

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Advent Market

The Advent Market will be open before and after both services. Each week brings gifts that give twice: once to the people you love, and once to neighbors near and far. Volunteers will be on hand to help. Credit card and checks are preferred. Come early, linger after, and let your Christmas shopping become part of your Advent waiting.

November 15: Hand Crafted Nativities. Hand-carved crèches will be displayed in the Atrium and Friendship Court. Proceeds benefit craftsmen in Bethlehem, whose livelihoods have been dramatically affected by the war in Gaza.

November 22 and 29: WestDressed. Get some Westminster stocking stuffers and wear it with pride around the community. Hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts range from $15 to $45, displayed in the Atrium. Proceeds benefit the WPC Magi Market.

December 6 and 13: Café Justo. Coffee from Café Justo will be on sale in the Atrium, with proceeds benefiting Frontera de Cristo.

Magi Market:

It's time for the annual Magi Market on Saturday, December 12. Help us stock the shelves of our one-day toy store benefitting our partners Pleasant Valley Connection, Soteria, Thornwell, and our neighbors at Reedy Laurel Elementary. Children will receive three gifts (one small, medium, and large) plus a stuffed stocking. Each family goes home with a Christmas book. We need volunteers to help set up the store, provide hospitality as families shop for gifts, and break down after all the shopping has ended. Find out more about the Market by visiting the link in HarbingerHub or contacting Carrie Marguet (carriemarguet@gmail.com).

Suppers With Seven
January – March 2027

Hospitality is one of our church's five pillars. Another is Joy. Do you know how you can share the blessings of both hospitality and joy at the same time? "Suppers With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. To sign up, return this form to the church office or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Suppers With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Dec. 7.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check as many as apply:

_____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.

_____ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

_____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

_____This is my/our first Suppers with Seven.