

# THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

---

## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

is called by God to be an inclusive community of faith,  
abiding in God's love, and committed to:  
Enjoying God, Following Jesus, and Growing Disciples

**You Are Welcome Here:**

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray you experience our joyful welcome and God's peaceful presence as you worship with us today.

Questions about Westminster? Just ask! Any one of us would be glad to help.

**The Sanctuary is a Place of Reverence and Worship**

In order that our worship might be meaningful to all, please enter the sanctuary reverently. The narthex or courtyard are good places to visit with friends before or after worship. Use the moments before worship to prepare your heart, mind, and body for worship, centering yourself in the space and quieting your heart. It may be helpful to listen quietly to the prelude, find the hymns we will be singing, meditate on the scriptures we will be reading.

**Children at Westminster:**

Children are an integral part of our church family. We are glad when they come to worship God with us. In our midst, children learn our rhythms of worship, become knit into our fellowship, and teach us as surely as we are teaching them.

Please take children to the restroom before worship. If you need to leave the sanctuary during worship, please use the exits at the rear of the sanctuary. We ask that families sit together during worship and that no child move unaccompanied through the building.

Children's worship packets are available on the front pew and are given out after *The Time With All Gods Children*. Children first grade and up (by age or development) are encouraged to remain in worship.

Children in kindergarten and younger (by age or development) may depart with our caregivers and teachers for Children's Sunday School or remain with their parents for worship if they choose. If this is your first visit to Westminster, you are welcome to accompany your child to Children's Sunday School so that you can meet our caregivers and help settle your child in.

A brochure regarding our Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult protection policy is available in the narthex.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**A Service for the Worship of God**  
*Communion Sunday*  
May 10, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

**Chiming the Hour**

**Prelude**

**Words of Scripture**

Amos 5:24

Let justice roll down like waters,  
**and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Camilla McDevitt

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

**You have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.**

**\*Hymn #744**

**“Arise, Your Light is Come!”**

FESTAL SONG

## 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
 Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

FESTAL SONG  
 SM  
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you carry the torch of compassion and mercy before us. Your righteousness is like an ever-flowing stream, slowly and steadily shaping the landscape. Your justice is like a pool of clean water from which all are invited to drink. We long for this light. We thirst for this justice. We give thanks for the shelter of your wings.**

**Forgive us Lord when we walk in the darkness of anger and judgement. Forgive us when we do not drink from the living water of your love.**

**Forgive us when have seen the light, when we have been refreshed in the waters, when we have been sheltered under your wings, and yet are timid share what we have found.**

*We pause for personal prayer.*

**By the power of your Spirit, make us lantern bearers of mercy and compassion. May we bring vessels to fill at the well of your righteousness and justice. And may your church gather the little ones under her wings, so that all might know the shelter of your love. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response of Praise**

Hymn #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Time for All God's Children**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

**New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

This is the Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

**“The Promotion of Social Righteousness”**

*And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,  
just as you did it to one of the least of these siblings of mine, you did it to me.’*

*Matthw 25:40*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Call to Offering

\*Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987  
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987  
 Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRC, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967 9.32, 33

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

**His life as man involves the church in the common life of all people.**

**His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on our inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of the church's one complicity in injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen**

**Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award**

Beth Hammond  
Lucia Horowitz

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**Communion of the People**

*Today we will come forward to receive communion. Please receive your elements and return to your seat. When all are served, we will all partake together. If you need the bread and juice brought to you, please remain in your seat and our servers will serve you there. Please note that there is a gluten free option if you need it.*

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn #203**

**"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

CHEREPONI

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their

2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should

4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.

race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.

love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982  
 Text and Music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company  
 Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI  
 7.7.9 with refrain

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

[\*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers are given in honor and memory of mothers everywhere*

### Serving Today at Westminster

Organ:	Claire Kuhl
Liturgist:	Camilla McDevitt
Host:	Marvin and Ginny Cartee
Communion:	Rob Graves, Ginny Cartee, Gloria Christie
Tech Team:	Arthur Gillespie
Sunday Study:	Beth Hammond
Children's Sunday School:	Kathy Gillespie

### Today at Westminster

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Joe Gettys Room ( <i>Adults</i> )
Welcome to Westminster	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's Wing ( <i>Children and Youth</i> )
Worship & Communion	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing

### This Week at Westminster

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
Zoom Prayers	12:00 NOON	Monday	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 pm	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Session Meeting	5:30 pm	Tuesday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Books & Brown Bags	6:00 pm	Wednesday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Meditation	10:00 am	Saturday	Fellowship Hall

### Next Sunday, May 17

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Joe Gettys Room ( <i>Adults</i> )
Welcome to Westminster	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's Wing ( <i>Children and Youth</i> )
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing
Art Exhibit	2:00 pm	Courtyard and Sanctuary

**The Honorary Life Membership** honors women who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to Christ, the church, and their communities through devoted service over their lifetime. It celebrates individuals whose lives embody the Presbyterian Women Purpose, highlighting leadership, generosity, and dedication to nurturing faith.



The Honorary Life Membership pin symbolizes values held dear by Presbyterian Women. The caring, supportive hands represent those who seek to build an inclusive, caring community. The leaf represents personal growth and our corporate response to Jesus Christ, nurtured in faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ—who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.



---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

---

**Mother's Day Presbyterian Communities Special Offering** Since 1958, Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has been entrusted with the care of the older adults most cherished in our lives — parents, grandparents, extended family, spouses, and friends. This is a ministry to which we are deeply and gratefully called. At the heart of this ministry is your generosity. Some residents — after years of calling Presbyterian Communities home — find themselves, through no fault of their own, outliving their savings and in need of assistance to remain in the community they love. Every dollar of your Mother's Day Offering goes directly to supporting these beloved saints in their time of need. We are grateful for your prayers, your trust, and your steadfast support of this shared ministry — in the past, in the present, and in all the years to come. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and memo “Mother's Day Offering”.



### Study Opportunities at Westminster

**Sunday Adult Study:** Beth Hammond leads our discussion of *Mere Christianity*, Book 3, Chapters 9-10. This class meets in the Joe Gettys Room.

**Books and Brown Bags** will continue their discussion of *Evidence Not Seen* by Darlene Deibler Rose. We are completing the book this week.

**Welcome to Westminster:** This class is for new members and visitors contemplating membership. Pastor Dennis will be joined by special guests for this six-week series. This class meets in Fellowship Hall. Session 5 on May 10 will focus on the topic of Moving Forward. Our special guests are Laine Horowitz and Richard Wilson.

### Please Send Your RSVP to the Church Office for the Bobby Jo Valentine Concert

Singer, songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine will be with us on Thursday evening, May 21 at 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us and invite your friends. The concert is free, but we are asking for a suggested \$20 freewill offering to defray some of the costs for this event. Please send your RSVP to the church office [wpcgwd1@gmail.com](mailto:wpcgwd1@gmail.com). Pick up an invitation card or two in the narthex to share with a friend.

### Mark Your Calendars for “The Exhibition of the Kingdom of God” Art Exhibit

**Art Submissions:** Deadline: **TODAY Sunday, May 10**. All ages and art forms are welcome. Theme: “*The kingdom of God is like...*” Please include your artist statement telling us how your piece exhibits the kingdom of God, along with your name and art medium.

**Exhibition** – Sunday, May 17: 10:00–11:00 A.M.: Art featured during worship in the sanctuary; 2:00–4:00 P.M.: Public exhibit and courtyard reception. We look forward to seeing and celebrating your creativity! See your April newsletter for more information! Pick up an invitation card in the narthex and invite a friend!

**BEMA Bible Study** Sister in Christ and Abbeville resident Ann Hazelwood wants to start a BEMA Bible study group. Ann is ready to organize and facilitate and seeks folks who are interested in embarking on a walk through the Bible using the teachings of the BEMA Podcast. BEMA approaches the Bible texts through the lens of its original listeners and readers, and is rich with historical context, cultural context, geography and original language study. You can find out more about BEMA at [bemadiscipleship.com](http://bemadiscipleship.com). You can contact Ann at [annahazelwood6@gmail.com](mailto:annahazelwood6@gmail.com) for more information.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Out of Chaos, Hope**

Thank you for helping to fill disaster relief buckets! Please remember to bring your items by Sunday, May 17. There are still more opportunities to help. Stop by the table in the narthex to learn more.

**Vacation Bible Camp** *On the Road Again: Our Great Adventure with God* is just around the corner! Children who are rising into kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! VBC starts on Sunday morning, May 31, continues on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 and concludes on Thursday evening with a family pool party. Make sure to register today to attend or volunteer by linking on the form found on the home page of the WPC website: [wpcgnwd.org](http://wpcgnwd.org).

# BIBLE 101



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

The Nurture and Education team is sponsoring a four-part lecture series and you're invited! This is not a Bible study but an opportunity to learn about the Bible and get answers to your questions regarding authors, structure, order, translations, and much more.

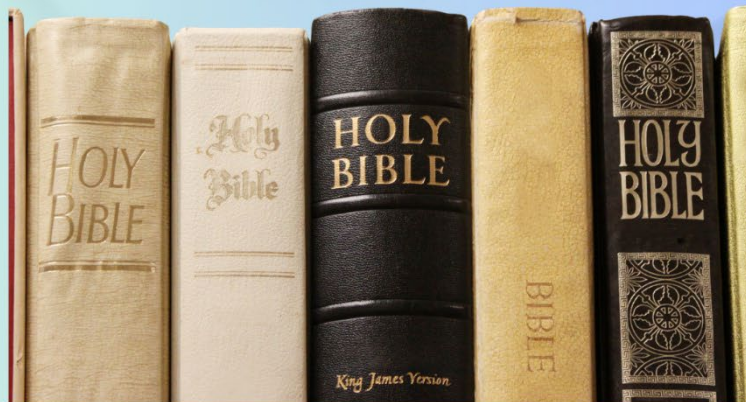
Whether you are a seasoned Bible reader or brand new to the Bible, there will be things to learn. Instructors and general topics are:

- Brian Purcell, MPM (August 23, 4pm) Introduction to the Bible
- Rev. Dr. Brad Christie (August 30, 4pm) Literary Genres and Devices
- Rev. Phillip Dennis (September 13, 4pm) Translations and the Canon
- Rev. Caroline Dennis (September 20, 4pm) What Presbyterians (USA) Believe and Tools For Study

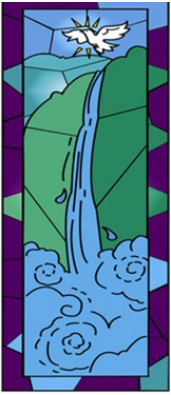
These teachers value your input and want to hear from you. During the month of May, paper will be provided to write down your questions anonymously and place in a box in the narthex. No question is a foolish question! The other PC(USA) churches in our presbytery cluster are invited to this learning opportunity, so please spread the word and plan to bring a friend!



2330 Cokesbury Rd.  
Greenwood, SC  
864-229-3595  
wpcgnwd.org



## The Six Great Ends of the Church Worship Series



For the six weeks of Eastertide, the time between Easter and Pentecost, we are centering our worship around the theme of the Great Ends of the Church, which are a set of six mission statements for the PCUSA that are the heart of who the church is and what the church is called to do. The banners on the front of the order of worship each illustrate one of the great ends.

**Week 5: The Promotion of Social Justice** Today we focus on the fifth great end: *the promotion of social justice* and the fifth banner of our order of worship cover art: The banner represents Amos 5:24: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”



### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*is called by God to be an inclusive community of faith, abiding in God's love and committed to enjoying God, following Jesus, and growing disciples.*

Office Hours: M-Th 9:00 a.m. – Noon    Office Phone: 864.229.3595  
www.wpcgnwd.org    wpcgwd1@gmail.com

Clerk of Session

Claire Kuhl

Treasurer

David Hammond

Office Manager

Charleston Warner

#### RULING ELDERS

Class of 2026

Laine Horowitz  
Richard Wilson

Class of 2027

Luke Christie  
Bill Kimler

Class of 2028

Ginny Cartee  
Rob Graves

**Rev. Caroline Vinson Dennis, pastor**

317.777.1487

***Sunday Study 9:00 a.m.    Church Service: 10:00 a.m.***

CCLI License #2724601 and #20189191