



Now Thank We All Our God



*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
(Presbyterian "Blue" Hymnal #555/Glory To God #643)

There are thousands of ways to offer our thanksgiving and praise to God. Some paint pictures. Some write poetry. Some simply pause in silent adoration. And, some cannot help but sing! That was true for the bird that was perched in a tree just outside my window on this glorious fall morning. His (or her) praise song added to the beauty of the day and certainly pleased God.

In our worship, we praise God with spoken and sung words. Sometimes we pray and sing together. Sometimes we let someone pray or sing on our behalf. Sometimes the songs are familiar. Sometimes they are new to us.

As our church grows and becomes more diverse—thanks be to God!—so our repertoire of songs to sing God's praise grows! We rejoice in this!

You will see in the content of this newsletter that we are welcoming new voices (and hands) to our musical leadership, and that we are boldly moving towards adopting the Glory to God Hymnal which retains our favorite old hymns while offering us some new options.

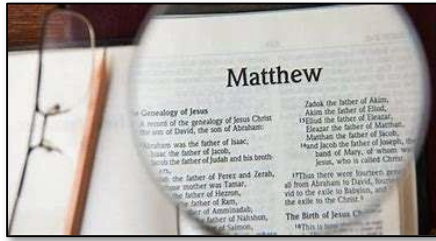
Our worship team would love to hear from you! What songs would you like us to sing together? What songs would you like one of our ensembles to prepare as a special offering in worship?

When I take a stroll around Westminster's grounds, I see and hear a rich diversity of flora and fauna blending their bright and muted colors and their melodies into a beautiful harmony of praise. Inside the sanctuary, we too, blend hearts and hands and voices in new ways and old to sing the stories and praise the glory of our faith! I believe this pleases God and in this, God is glorified.

With thanksgiving, I am your pastor and friend,

 *Caroline*

One Church. One Book. One More Month!



November completes our Fall scripture focus, centering our worship, study, and service around the Gospel according to Matthew. Why focus on only one book? To give each of us more opportunities to dig deeply, reflect prayerfully, and ferret out the wisdom that God has planted in this specific and special part of The Word.

The Reverend Dr. Brian Blount, now President Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary writes that, “the gospel of Matthew is church-building literature, a blueprint for the establishment, sustenance and encouragement of a community of Jesus believers.”

Rich conversations are being shared in Sunday School classes and around family tables as children and adults, new-to-us friends and long-time members, read and study this book together. It is the story of Jesus’ life, his teaching, his followers and his opponents. It is the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection and the mission of those he sent into the world. It is a story told, then and now, to a diverse people living in a divided and pluralistic world who want to walk together in the way of Jesus. It is a story with the power to build, unite, and direct the church.

If you haven’t read the Gospel according to Matthew in its entirety ever or recently, we encourage you to pick it up and read it through. Then join us each week for Sunday School (9:00 A.M. for children, youth, and adults) followed by worship at 10:00 A.M. for a time of learning and building church together. See page 20 for study guide and family study tips!

One Book. One Church. Sermon and Study Series: In Matthew, Jesus Tells Us and Shows Us What *Really* Matters

This month as we continue our Fall sermon series, we’ll be navigating big chunks of Matthew’s Gospel. Through parable, argument, and action, Jesus teaches his disciples and anyone “with ears to hear” about what *really* matters: God’s mercy and ours.

November 5: God’s Greatest Desire!
Communion/Congregational Care Impact
† Matthew 11:1 – 15:20

Nov 12: Lessons for a New Community
Business Affairs Impact Statement
† Matthew 15:21 – 22:26

November 19: (Not) The End of The Story
Dedication Sunday
† Matthew 20:18 – 28:20

Nov 26: The Always-Present Christ
Christ the King Sunday/Thornwell Offering
† Matthew 25:31-46

What matters is faith
working through love.
Galatians 5:6b (GNT)



Westminster Happenings

- All Saints Day*
- Wednesday
November 1** | **Books & Brown Bags Study**
Bring a sack supper to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Explore the impact of our book, *The Color of Compromise* (see page 7).
- Thursday
November 2** | **Rainbow Fellowship**
Connect with friends in the Youth Room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.
Spread joy by spreading peanut butter for the Soup Kitchen.
- Note: Daylight Saving Time ends**
- Sunday School**
Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.
- Sunday
November 5** | **God's Greatest Desire**
Communion Sunday/Food Collection for Food Bank
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Consider what God truly desires for and from us beloved children.
- Trinity Presbytery Western Cluster: First Sunday Hymn Sing**
Come to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church at 4:00 P.M.
Lift your voice in song and praise with friends (see pages 6 and 18).
- Monday
November 6** | **BEMA Bible Discussion Group**
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Discuss Episodes 5 and 6 of the BEMA Podcast. (see page 6 for more info)
- Tuesday
November 7** | **Presbyterian Women**
Come together in the Choir Room at 11:30 A.M.
Enjoy fellowship and learn about "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ."
Mindful Greenwood
Meet in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:30 P.M.
Open yourself and quiet your mind to hear the still, small voice.
- Wednesday
November 8** | **Books & Brown Bags Study**
Bring a sack supper to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Share your responses as we address some painful parts of church history.

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Thursday
November 9**

Crossover Contemplatives: Interfaith Discussion and Book Club
Gather in the Youth Room at 6:30 P.M.
Look for what unites rather than divides in world religions.

Veteran's Day Recognition

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

**Sunday
November 12**

Lessons for a New Community

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Hear what Jesus says as His earthly ministry draws to a close.

Stated Session Meeting

Meet in the parlor immediately following worship.
Conduct the business of the church, as led by the Holy Spirit.

**Monday
November 13**

BEMA Bible Discussion Group

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Discuss Episodes 7 and 8 of the BEMA Podcast.

**Tuesday
November 14**

Mindful Greenwood

Meet in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:30 P.M.
Practice patience in your meditation discipline.

**Wednesday
November 15**

Books & Brown Bags Study

Bring a sack supper to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Look for concrete solutions to the problems of systemic racism.

**Thursday
November 16**

Rainbow Fellowship

Connect with friends in the Youth Room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.
Enjoy lively Bible discussion and creative crafts.

**Sunday
November 19**

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

(Not) The End of the Story

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Rejoice with the Disciples as we encounter the living Christ!

Note: No Sunday Sustenance today

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

- Monday
November 20** | ***Note: No BEMA Bible Discussion Group tonight***
Community Thanksgiving Service
Gather together at Main Street United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M.
Join worshippers from many churches in giving thanks to God.
- Tuesday
November 21** | **Mindful Greenwood**
Meet in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:30 P.M.
Be still and listen with a calm mind and open heart.
- Wednesday
November 22** | ***Note: No Books and Brown Bags Study Tonight***
- November
22-24** | ***Note: The church office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th***
- Thursday
November 23** | ***Note: No Crossover Contemplatives meeting tonight***
- Sunday
November 26** | **Sunday School**
Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.
The Always-Present Christ
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
See Christ in the face of those who are in need.
- Monday
November 27** | **BEMA Bible Discussion Group**
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Discuss Episode 9 of the BEMA Podcast.
- Tuesday
November 28** | **Mindful Greenwood**
Meet in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:30 P.M.
Practice patience in your meditation discipline.
- Wednesday
November 29** | **Books & Brown Bags Study**
Bring a sack supper to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M.
Discuss what you can do to enhance Christian unity for all people.



First Sunday Fun: Lift Your Voice in Praise

On the first Sunday in November, the 5th, at 4:00 P.M., worshippers from throughout the Trinity Presbytery Western Cluster will gather at Long Cane Presbyterian Church in Abbeville to participate in worship that celebrates old friends and new friends, features hymns and special music, and welcomes guest speakers. Please share the flyer on page 18 with anyone you know who loves to sing!

The Western Cluster is one of the most active in Trinity Presbytery. Churches in our cluster: Abbeville, First Presbyterian-Greenwood, Hodges, Little Mountain, Lowndes, New Faith, Ninety Six, Upper Long Cane, Ware Shoals, and Westminster.

The BEMA Bulletin

Submitted by Luke Christie



BEMA Greenwood is off to a great start! A community Bible study hosted by Westminster Presbyterian, this group meets 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall. Gloria and Luke Christie facilitate discussions about the BEMA Podcast, a context-rich study of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation.

In BEMA Greenwood, we are developing a deeper understanding of God’s word by thinking more like the Eastern audiences who first received it. In November, we continue our study of Genesis, the introduction to the story of God’s people.

All are welcome in BEMA Greenwood! You may join at any time, and you may come and go as your schedule permits. We simply ask that you honor the group’s only Cardinal Rule: Whenever you participate in discussion, you must have listened to all podcast episodes through the episode being discussed (i.e., be “caught up” with the podcast and the group).

To learn more about the podcast, visit www.bemadiscipleship.com. To learn more about BEMA Greenwood, contact Gloria Christie at ggchristie716@gmail.com or 864-379-5034.

BEMA November Schedule

Discussion Date	Episode	Podcast Length / Presentation
November 6	5 - A Misplaced Curse	23 min / No
	<i>and</i> 6 - A Tale of a Tower	20 min / No
November 13	7 - The Preface	21 min / Yes
	<i>and</i> 8 - Buried in a Genealogy	27 min / Yes
November 20	Thanksgiving Sabbath - No Discussion Group Meeting	
November 27	9 - Letting Go	41 min / No



Books & Brown Bags: *The Color of Compromise*

Wednesday Nights

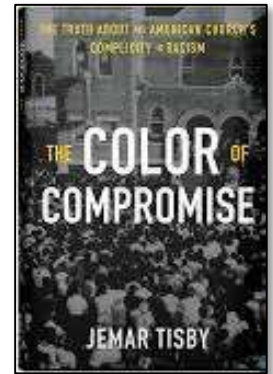
Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 P.M.

Bring your own light supper or snack

Westminster's Books & Brown Bags discussion group is committed to taking on some of the unlvely, uncomfortable issues of our day, and pondering the church's responsibility and response. During the month of November, our discussion continues to focus on *The Color of Compromise*, written by Jamar Tisby.

The Color of Compromise is both enlightening and compelling, telling a history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church.

The Color of Compromise is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up now and begin implementing the concrete ways Tisby outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people.



Copies of the book are available from your favorite online bookseller. Plan to join us Wednesdays throughout November to wrestle with this challenging topic. And don't forget to bring a snack in a sack.

PW Make-Over Project



Each year, Westminster's wonderful Presbyterian Women find and take on a new challenge.

Their target for 2023-2024 is the Gettys Room adjacent to the Fellowship

Hall. PW members noted that, after years as a Sunday school classroom and then as the Greenwood Place business office, it was definitely overdue for a make-over!

Keep an eye on that space in the coming weeks as David Hammond and his crew patch, paint, recarpet, and just generally improve this room that is dedicated to the memory of founding pastor, Dr. Joe Gettys.

Not Just Scouts Need to "Be Prepared"!



The Emergency & Disaster Preparedness ad hoc committee is pleased to report that, as of October 27th, our emergency equipment special offering has yielded \$2,153!

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed—especially a very special, caring medical professional who is not a member of our congregation, but believes in protecting all God's children.

At this point, we are almost half way to our goal of the \$5,000 needed to purchase defibrillators, first aid kits, and emergency training. To contribute, indicate "Preparedness Fund" on your check.

A Litany for Veterans

From pcusa.org

We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

Remind us, O God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.

On this day, we pause to give thanks to God for veterans.

And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

And remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran all know the cost of war.

Challenge us to love the warrior, but hate the cost of war.

And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace.

We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace.

AMEN

The Rev. Tom Williams



Christ the King Sunday: November 26th

Excerpted from pcusa.org

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

“...our Lord Jesus Christ...
who is the blessed and only
Sovereign, the King of kings
and Lord of lords.”

Timothy 6:14-16

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood.

As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart.

To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty. The blood of martyrs, past and present, witnesses to this truth.

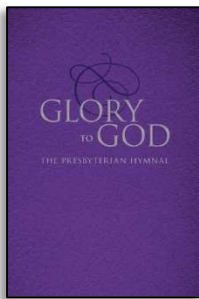
Glory to God Hymnal Blends Old Favorites and New Hymns

Submitted by Kathy Felder

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Psalm 98

Your Music and Worship Committee has been working diligently to begin offering new and exciting music options. The Glory to God Hymnal retains many of our long-time favorite hymns and will allow incorporating some new and more modern music a little at a time. The goal being “to make a joyful noise to the Lord.”



As we enter the season of Advent and start looking for gifts for our family and other loved one...the question is many times...“what do you buy for someone who has everything?” The answer is to purchase a Glory to God Hymnal in honor or memory of your special someone(s)!

On the inside panel will be recognition for whom the hymnal is given and the name of the giver. What a great option, and the cost is only \$30 per hymnal. These gifts may well live past many generations.

You can order and dedicate new hymnals by using the **purple** order form in the narthex or order online from the Westminster website: wpcgnwd.org.

Speaking of Music...

...what hymns would you like to sing? What special music would you like to hear? The Worship & Music Committee provides blue music request forms in the pew racks. So when you hear Larry improvise on one of the “good ol’ good ones” that you wish we could sing, drop us a line in the bright pink Suggestion Box in the narthex window.



You can also use this handy repository to ask questions, offer opinions, and just generally make recommendations about any aspect of Westminster’s worship and work. Your voice matters—we cannot respond to questions unless we know about them.

Church Family Special Days

Prayers and best wishes prayers for our church family with birthdays in November:

- ❖ 1st – Mac Hubbard
- ❖ 2nd – Eden Wayne Fonseca
- ❖ 3rd – Benjamin Watkins
- ❖ 11th – Rick Hobson
- ❖ 12th – Joyce Alexander
- ❖ 13th – Larry Duncan
- ❖ 17th – Nancy Hart Wicker
- ❖ 23rd – Holly Hubbard
- ❖ 26th – Mary Anne Wilson
- ❖ 28th – Nancy Dozier
Dave Jones



And Happy Anniversary to John and Mishie Bacot!

Send your family’s special dates to the church office (wpcgwd1@gmail.com) or call 864.229.3595.



Annual Special Offering in Support of Thornwell Home

Thornwell Home for Children began as a dream in the heart of a young Presbyterian minister, William Plumer Jacobs, of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. (ancestor of our own beloved Bill Jacobs!)

Dr. Jacobs’ dream was energized when 10-year-old Willie Anderson of a nearby community gave Reverend Jacobs fifty cents and said, “This is to help build your orphanage.”

For nearly a century and a half, Thornwell continues to meet the call for help from society’s most vulnerable—its children and families in need. Whether providing the safety and security of a place to call home, reuniting families after a crisis, or supporting families through a time of crisis, Thornwell has kept the faith with its mission of healing and hope.

Every dollar you donate to Thornwell goes toward fulfilling that mission: To prevent child abuse and neglect, build up and reunite families, and strengthen healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Westminster has a long history of supporting Thornwell, including participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering. This year, we’ll collect that special offering on Sunday, November 26th. Make your checks payable to Westminster and note “Thornwell Gift” on the memo line.

Advent and Christmas are Just Around the Corner!

Purchasing Poinsettias

As we approach advent season, it’s time once again for our traditional poinsettia display in honor or in memory of those whom we love and respect. You can place your order now by using the **pink** form in the narthex or order online from the Westminster website: wpcgnwd.org.



We are purchasing our plants this year through Piedmont Technical College. They provide their own home-grown plants, which are healthier and more beautiful than the grocery store options, and this also allows us to support our local college. The cost is \$20 per plant. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on December 10th and may be picked up after Christmas Day.

Greening of the Church

This year, the Greening of the Church will be incorporated into our worship on December 3, the first Sunday in Advent. You won’t want to miss this meaningful celebration in anticipation of the coming Christ Child.



Before we do the greening, however, volunteers are needed on December 2 to help position the materials in readiness for worship. We need a few strong backs and willing hands to hang wreaths and especially to set up the Christmon

tree so it can be decorated by all God’s children. Contact Worship & Music chair Kathy Felder for details.

Stewardship Snapshot

The Stewardship Snapshot is a regular report from the Session to the *Westminster Times* newsletter. Please note that because of the newsletter publication schedule vs. timing of month-end close, these reports will typically be about six weeks behind.



September 2023

	September Actual	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$18,391	\$17,530	\$161,324	\$158,774
Total Expenses	\$17,532	\$22,036	\$167,574	\$184,842
Net Gain/Loss	\$859		-\$6,249	

Remember that Westminster operates on a cash basis, and this brief, high-level report reflects only a “checkbook” view of our finances, not the total picture. Our investment account is reported separately to the Session. Some operational funds are kept there to earn dividends and provide passive growth until they are needed in the checkbook.

Please direct any questions about church financial matters to our treasurer, Len Bornemann, or any member of the Business Affairs Committee.

November 19th is Dedication Sunday: Doing What Matters



“For when we are in union with Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor the lack of it makes any difference at all; what matters is faith that works through love.”

Galatians 5:6b (GNT)

During the week of November 5th, you will receive a stewardship package containing information about the asking budget for 2024 and a form for indicating the ways in which you feel called to support Westminster in being a church focused on doing what *matters*. Worshipping. Seeking spiritual growth. Praying. Showing up for each other. Learning. Engaging in programs and projects. Reaching out to the lonely, the hungry, the unchurched and de-churched. Celebrating the endless love and provision God has for us!

Please prayerfully study the materials and ask God for guidance and courage as you consider the level of commitment that is right for you and your family. Step out in faith! Your life will be enriched by the sure knowledge that you, in concert with your Westminster family, are making a positive difference in a broken world at a difficult time.

When you present your commitment form during worship on November 19th, rejoice in making a commitment to *God*—you are promising to support God’s mission in the world through the dedication of your time, talent, prayer, presence, and service. You are doing what *really* matters: glorifying and enjoying God forever.

PC(USA) and the Matthew 25 Movement

As part of our “One Church. One Book” series, this Fall we are thinking together about the three initiatives of the PC(USA) “Matthew 25 Movement,” based on the parable of the sheep and goats that Jesus tells in Matthew 25:31-46. In the parable, Jesus makes it clear that **what we do matters to God** and **how we treat others is important to God**.



In September, we focused on the first initiative, “Congregational Vitality,” and in October, we highlighted the second initiative, “Dismantling Structural Racism.” This month, we are centered around the third initiative, “Eradicating Systemic Poverty.”

“We believe the Holy Spirit inspires, motivates and guides all faithful work to eradicate poverty and build communities of well-being.”

The Presbyterian Mission Agency
Seven Faith Assertions on Poverty

Through the work of our Mission and Outreach Committee, Westminster Presbyterian Church actively partners with agencies in our community that “build communities of well-being,” knowing that these neighbors in need are indeed the face of Christ for us. We value these partners’ expertise and the way that working with them help us to come to know our neighbors and understand the systems that limit the well-being of all.

What is “systemic poverty”?

Systemic poverty refers to the economic exploitation of people who are poor through laws, policies, practices, and systems that perpetuate their impoverished status. Not all people have equal access to education, transportation, fresh food, financial resources, clean air, water or healthy environments, employment with a living wage, healthcare, benefits, citizenship, and affordable housing. This lack of access creates generational cycles of poverty and a racial wealth gap that are systemic in nature. Individuals cannot change their economic and social location easily just by “working harder.”

*For more information, visit:
[Presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)*

Westminster works closely with The Food Bank of Greenwood County, Thornwell Home for Children, Pathway House, Community Initiatives, Greater Greenwood United Ministry (GGUM), the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Megs House, Healthy Learners, and others who are providing pathways out of poverty in our community.

Here are some ways the Holy Spirit has inspired us to engage this third focus area of the Matthew 25 Initiative just this month at Westminster:

- Our Presbyterian Women will provide meals for the medical personnel at the GGUM Free Clinic because we know health concerns are a barrier to well-being.
- We will be receiving our annual Thornwell Thanksgiving offering, which contributes to the building of strong families in Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.
- Our Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring an outing to Pathway House, where we hope to learn more about the causes of and solutions to poverty in South Carolina.

Let Us Pray...

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- Mary Corley
- Tina Corley's daughter, Christina
- Kathy Felder
- Oliver Gouldsmith
- Mac & Holly Hubbard
- Kelli Lott and daughters Savannah and Gabby
- Ed Watkins
- Richard Wilson
- Gail & Glenn Yonce, and Georgiana
- Our pastor and her family
- Your Session

We pray daily for our prayer partners and their special concerns. We pray for our sister churches: New Faith, Ware Shoals, First Presbyterian, Abbeville Presbyterian, and others.

We pray for the ministries of our church, especially:

- Presbyterian Communities of SC
- Prison Ministry
- Thornwell Home
- Presbyterian College
- NAMI
- Pathway House
- Food Bank
- Soup Kitchen
- Meg's House
- Beyond Abuse
- GG United Ministries
- Camp Fellowship
- Community Initiatives
- TLC staffers Carolyn Allen, Tiara Brown, Wanda Stewart, and Amelia Sheard



For Those in Our Hearts

We pray for these members of our wider community:

- Betsey Blimline
- Judy Buck
- Ted Colcolough
- Nancy Cooper
- Asher & Sumir Din
- Dean & Albert Fadden
- David Gillespie
- Lois Grice
- Beverly Grier
- Joan Herin
- Michael Knight
- The McClendon family
- Terence Reese
- Trae Steelmon
- Dave Watson
- Kathy & Mike
- The Family of Steven Foshe



For the World

We pray for our neighbors everywhere who we are called to love:

- For strength, comfort, and courage to victims of war and mass killings
- For those whose lives have been affected by natural disasters around the world
- For justice and mercy to prevail throughout the world—*thy* will be done
- For wise leadership at every level in our community, country, and world
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For all who experience exclusion, or who struggle to meet basic needs
- For unity among Christians in every congregation, country, and corner of the world
- For those serving in the American armed services, especially those in harm's way
- For voters in democracies around the world to discern wisely how to use their vote
- For our enemies, that their hearts may be transformed by Your love and truth

And God Saw That It Was Good...



New members Suzy Holloway and Luke Christie



The Jacobs and friend celebrating at Thornwell



WPC uptown scarecrows and friend



Feeding hungry Vikings



Touring TLC classrooms

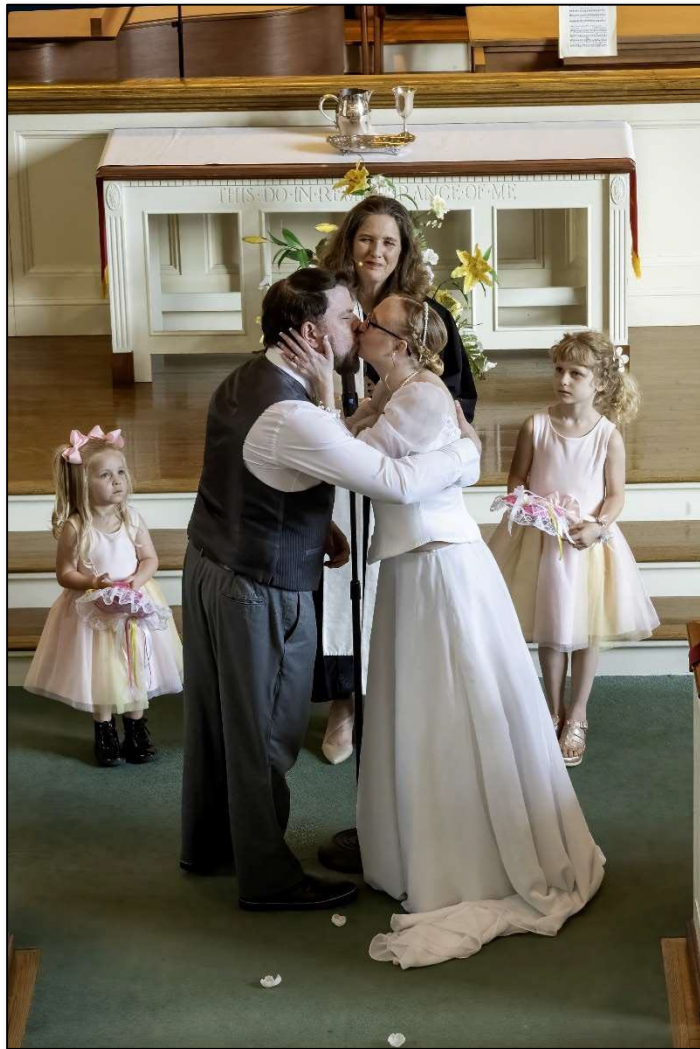


Ribbon-cutting for Community Initiative's Toddler Learning Center at Westminster

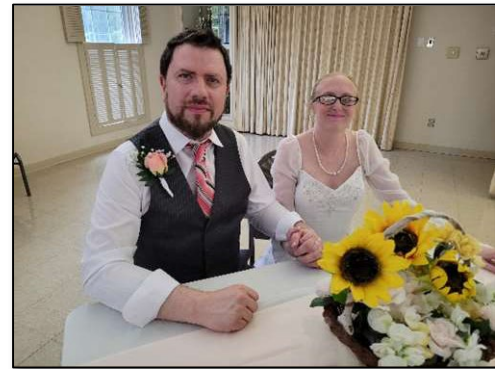
Tim and Autumn Tie the Knot



Church friends hosted a shower for the happy couple



*You may now kiss the bride!
Photo by Mitch Litwer*



Pastor Caroline and Westminster family and friends,

We are truly touched by the hard work that everyone put into our shower and wedding! We are thankful for every gift, card, and well wish we got in person and from afar! We appreciate everyone's help making our big day so special and perfect!

With love,
Tim and Autumn Mossman

Halloween Fun: Westminster at Uptown Boo Bash



The Great Pumpkin recognizes the Watkins (upper left), the McCarsons & friend (upper right), and the Wickers (right). But who is Gru...and where are his Minions???





From Denise Waldrep: *This is my painting of a view of Jerusalem that includes the mosque that was built on the Temple Mount, site of Solomon's temple. Its title is "Peace Prayer" because I have incorporated into the clouds symbols of the 3 major religions that include Jerusalem in their historical development. I did this almost 20 years ago, and I am still praying for peace there!*

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE...

**FIRST SUNDAY GATHERING
OF TRINITY PRESBYTERY
WESTERN CLUSTER CHURCHES**

HYMN SING

A worship service of...
Old friends and new friends!
Hymns and special music!
Guest speakers!

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON
NOVEMBER 5, 2023
4:00PM**

**UPPER LONG CANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
194 HIGHWAY 20
ABBEVILLE, SC**

Let's do Lunch!



Camp Fellowship
457 Camp Fellowship Road
Waterloo, SC 29384



Join us for a delicious meat +3 style meal
(includes tea, and coffee and dessert!)

\$10.00 per person with RSVP
by 11/20/2023 or
\$15.00 on the day...

RSVP at campfellowship.org,
or scan the QR code above,
or by email to
info@campfellowship.org

Payment will be made at
the door with cash, check,
or credit/debit card.

**Lunch Bunch
with Fellowship!**

**November 28th
12:00 noon**

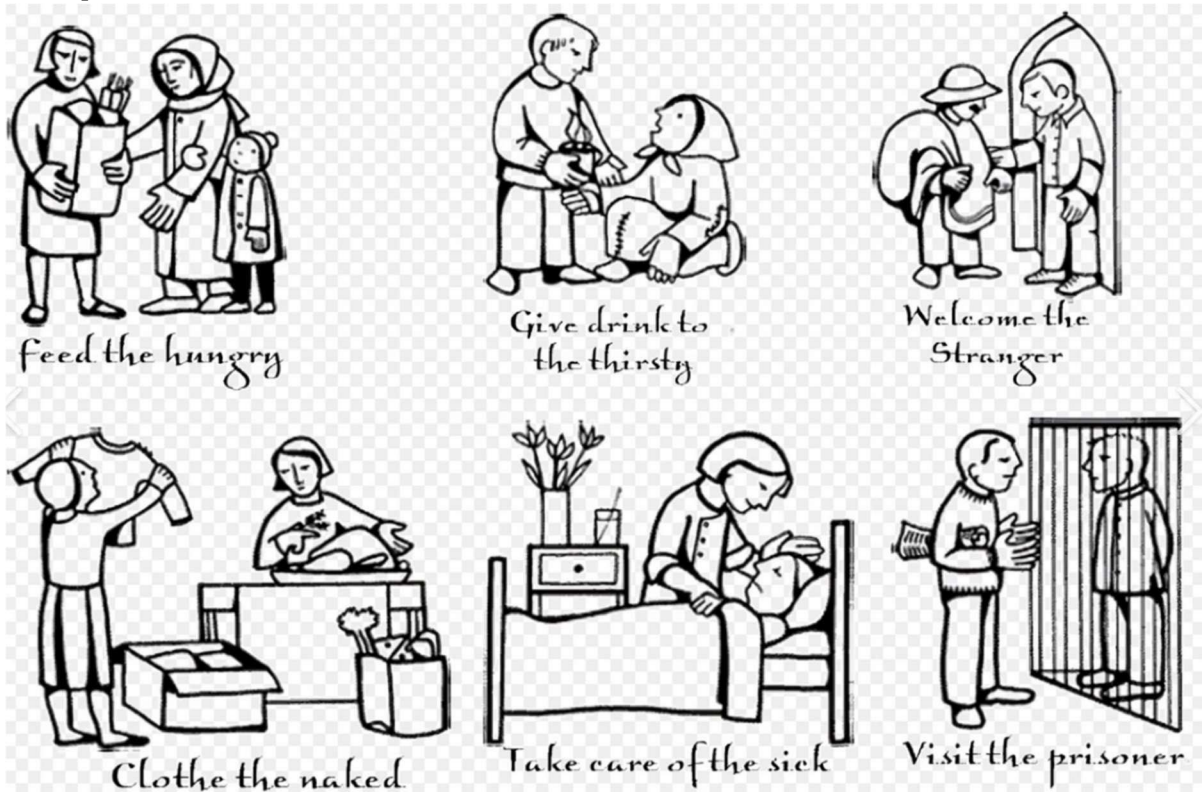
One Book. One Church. November Study Plan.

Keep this study plan near your Bible for easy reference.

Nov 5: Encountering Opposition † Matthew 10:43 – 15:20	Nov 12: Lessons for a New Community † Matthew 15:21 – 20:16
Nov 19: (Not) The End of the Story † Matthew 20:17 – 28:20	<i>Advent study begins November 26</i>

Christian Nurture at Home: Keeping the Faith

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells a surprise story. It's a little like "Where's Waldo." Can you find Jesus in the pictures? He's not where you would expect the king to be. He's not in the face of the helper, but in the face of the helped... the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the imprisoned, the sick. This story helps us have the greatest respect for those who need our help.



One of the best ways we can pass our faith on to our children is to engage them in our acts of service and to make these acts of service part of your family's daily, weekly, or seasonal rhythms. Write notes to folks who are lonely. Make a meal for someone who is sick. Wash, dry, and fold outgrown clothes and take them to a thrift store. At the end of any day, reflect with your children on where you saw Jesus today... in the face of someone who helped you... and in the face of someone you were able to help.