



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC [USA]

We are 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. Westminster is a welcoming and inclusive community seeking to grow in faith and understanding and to show God's love to those among us and those around us. 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. Please avoid walking through the courtyard during worship. We ask that families sit together during worship. Please do not let any child move unaccompanied through the building.

After the "Time with All God's 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. Children's worship packets are available in the narthex. As is a brochure regarding our Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult protection policy.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
Dedication Sunday
November 16, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Words of Scripture

Psalm 103:8

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Welcome and Announcements

Bill Kimler

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 65:1-4

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house.

***Hymn #367**

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, and word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We pause in silence for personal prayer.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*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.***

*Passing the Peace

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Time for All God's Children

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 65:5-13

- ⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- ⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
- ⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
- ⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
- ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;
- ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.

¹² The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ They did so and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Caroline Vinson Dennis

“Much Great Fruit”

*“You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.”
Psalm 65:11*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and 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.

Welcoming New Members

Call to Offering and Dedication of Stewardship Covenants

Worshippers are invited to bring their offering, stewardship covenants, and prayer cards forward during the offertory, standing to join in singing the final verse.

Offertory

“As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought”
(soloist will sing verses 1-2, please stand and join in verse 3)

FOREST GREEN

*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, with truly grateful hearts and trust in your sure provision we dedicate these gifts and commitments in service to you and to your mission embodied in this place and these people.

Holy and loving God, receive what we offer here today. May our grateful response to your gracious love transform us, mind, body, and soul and unite us with your transformative work in the world. As

we abide in you, may we through your love made known to us in Jesus Christ bear much great fruit to the glory of your name. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #36**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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For the Fruit of All Creation

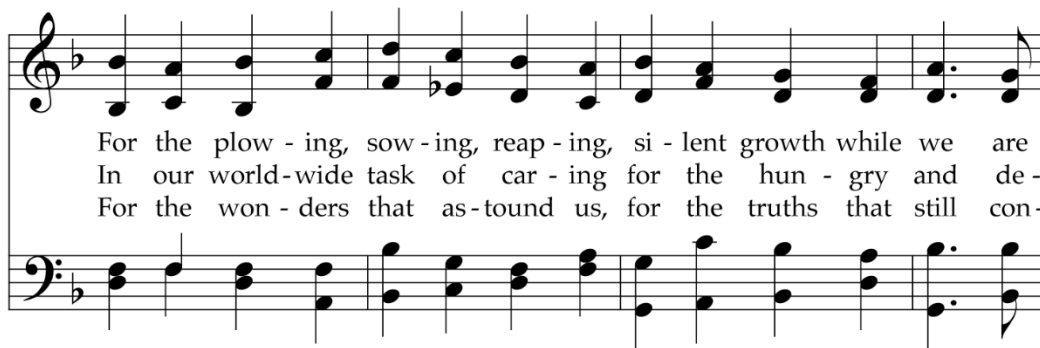
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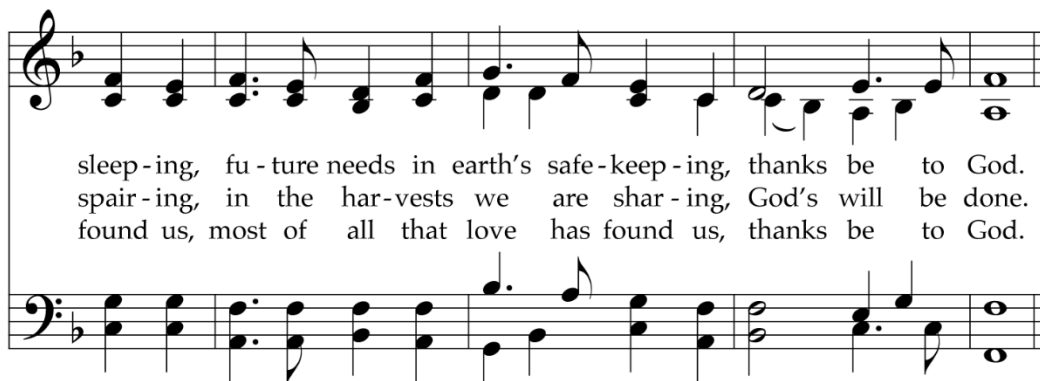
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Steve & Claire Kuhl
in memory of Elbert Fields, Claire's father.*

Serving Today at Westminster

Organ:	Claire Kuhl
Vocalist:	Elizabeth Watkins
Liturgist:	Bill Kimler
Host:	Marvin and Ginny Cartee
Sunday Study:	Beth Hammond

Today at Westminster

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Choir Room (<i>Adults</i>)
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

This Week at Westminster

Note: Charleston will be out of office this week.

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
Zoom Prayer Time	NOON	Monday	Zoom
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 – 7:00	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Mindful Greenwood	6:00 pm	Tuesday	Branches Room
Books & Brown Bags	6:00 pm	Wednesday	Joe Gettys Classroom
PFLAG Meeting	6:00 pm	Thursday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Get Decorations Ready!	10:00 am	Saturday	Sanctuary

Next Sunday, November 23

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Choir Room (<i>Adults</i>)
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
Sunday Sustenance & Decorating Day	11:15 am	Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Dedication Sunday As those of old their first fruits brought, we come today with grateful hearts presenting our offerings, our prayers, and our Stewardship Covenants with well grounded hope for the great fruit that God will produce in and through us. Prayer offering forms are provided for you as an insert here. Additional Stewardship Covenants for those who need them are available in the narthex.

Study Opportunities at Westminster

Sunday Adult Study: Adult Sunday Study continues its faithful track through the book of Hebrews. Beth Hammond is our teacher today.

Books and Brown Bags continues discussion of “Theo of Golden.” Bring your brown bag supper and join us for a lively conversation.

Annual Thornwell Special Offering For over 145 years, Thornwell has provided hope and healing for children and families in need. Your gifts help prevent child abuse, strengthen families, and build healthy communities in Christ’s name. Westminster will collect this year’s Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday, November 23. Please make checks payable to Westminster and note “Thornwell” on the memo line.

Christmas Poinsettias: Each year, Westminster adorns the church with beautiful poinsettias given in honor or in memory of loved ones. Orders will be accepted November 23–December 7, and each plant costs \$20 (purchased from Piedmont Technical College). Order forms are available in the narthex or online through the Westminster website. Please indicate the person or group you wish to honor. Plants may be picked up after worship on January 4.



You’re Invited: Community Thanksgiving Worship Service Monday, November 24 at 7:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church-Greenwood. On November 24, clergy, choirs, and congregants from churches of all types from across Greenwood will join together to give thanks for God's goodness and abundant provision. This ecumenical worship service, which includes special music by Palmetto Girls Sing, is a beautiful expression of the unity we have in Christ. Come pass the peace with your extended family.





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