



Thanks Be to God!

Earlier this fall, our Sunday Morning Adult Sunday Study Group dedicated six weeks to the convergence of science and faith. So, as I began to compose this Thanksgiving month newsletter cover, I wondered about the convergence of faith and science around gratitude. Here is what I found at the top of my internet search: *The effects of gratitude interventions: a systematic review and meta-analysis - PMC*, a meta-analysis of 64 random trials of gratitude intervention in treating depression and anxiety, confirming that such interventions produce better mental health, mood, and more positive emotions. In short, science confirms our faith that practicing gratitude is good for us.

In his Gospel, Luke tells the story of Jesus healing ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), but only one—a Samaritan—returns to thank Jesus. Jesus' parting words to this one are, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." More than healed, the Samaritan's gratitude has made him *well*.



Throughout our scriptures, gratitude is commended. Hear the opening words of Psalm 92:

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*

In addition to being good for us, I imagine gratitude creates more good in the world. A wise parenting tip suggests that parents or teachers take note of the things they want to see more of. Catch them doing something *right*, and offer them thanks and encouragement.



Let us not fail to notice and be grateful for God's steadfast love and abundant provision this month (and every month), but let us also not forget to speak (or write, or sing...) our gratitude for others. Many have found a gratitude journal to be a helpful practice. Others find writing a daily note of gratitude to someone—a spouse, a child, a parent, your postal or sanitation worker—to be uplifting for both writer and recipient.

Finally, some of the hymns we sing in this season of Thanksgiving draw our hearts heavenward with gratitude. *Glory to God* hymn #36, "For the Fruit of All Creation" speaks especially to us in this time of harvesting not only the fruits of the field, but the fruits of the Spirit.

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*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good that we inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.*

Gratitude lifts the spirits.

Our faith commends it.

Our science confirms it. Thanks be to God!

Your pastor and friend,



Fall Sermon Series: Fruit Fully Abiding Together in Love

Our Fall sermon series continues through Dedication Sunday, November 16. We make our home in Christ and grow more fruitful in the Spirit day by day. Beginning November 23, the liturgical calendar guides our worship as we conclude the church year affirming, “Christ is King!” and begin a new year on November 30, with the first Sunday of Advent and our Advent Sermon Series, *Fulfillment: Advent Here. Advent Now.*

November 2: Faithfully, Yours

Communion/Food Bank

† Psalm 36:5-9

† Hebrews 11:1 – 12:3

November 9: Gentleness & Self-Control

† Psalm 103

† Ephesians 2:1-10

November 16: Much Great Fruit

Stewardship Covenant Dedication Sunday

† Psalm 65

† Luke 9:12-17

November 23: Rejected

Christ the King Sunday/Thornwell Offering

† 1 Samuel 8:1-22a

† Luke 23:33-43



November 30: Advent Begins *(see page 12)*

Children’s Sunday School

Submitted by Kathy Gillespie

During November, the children’s Sunday School class will continue their study of “The Fruit of the Spirit.” They will learn how to see these fruits in others and how to let others see the fruit in them. One way they will do this is by baking with Mr. Rob (Graves). They will exemplify goodness and generosity by baking cookies and sharing their treats with others.

They will continue to illustrate their Memory Verse Journals and to develop skills that will help them participate in worship. They will also make more bookmarks for the new hymnals and the pew Bibles.

By the last Sunday of November, the children will begin Advent lessons and activities related to “Christmas Around the World.”



Westminster Happenings

**Saturday
November 1**

All Saints Day (*see page 7*)

**Sunday
November 2**

Daylight Savings Ends—check your clock!

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Joe Gettys Room (*note location*).

Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

Faithfully, Yours

All Saints Sunday

Communion/Food Bank Offering

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.

Reflect on what it means to have faith and on God's faithfulness to us.

**Monday
November 3**

Prayer Time in the Upper Zoom

Look for the Monday prayer list email and join via Zoom at noon.

BEMA Bible Discussion Group

Meet in the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.

**Tuesday
November 4**

Presbyterian Women's Circle

Bring a sack lunch to the Choir Room at 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy fellowship and lesson 3 from this year's study (*see page 6*).

Mindful Greenwood

Gather in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.

Experience the power of mindfulness meditation.

**Wednesday
November 5**

Books & Brown Bags Study Group

Come to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.

Explore the fascinating world of *Theo of Golden* (*see page 6*).

**Sunday
November 9**

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

Gentleness & Self-Control

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.

Rely on God's grace to help you extend gentleness and achieve control.

Stated Session Meeting

Gather in the Joe Gettys Classroom immediately following worship.

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

Monday November 10	Veteran's Day (<i>see page 7</i>) Note: The Church Office is closed in honor of the holiday.
Tuesday November 11	Mindful Greenwood Gather in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday November 12	Service for Healing and Wholeness (<i>see page 8</i>) Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Seek peace in contemplative worship focused on mending body and soul. Books & Brown Bags Study Group Come to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:30 P.M. Share insights with fellow Christian bibliophiles.
Sunday November 16	Sunday School Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Joe Gettys Classroom Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing. Much Great Fruit! Stewardship Covenant Dedication Sunday (<i>see page 9</i>) Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Renew your Stewardship Covenant with God and this congregation.
Monday November 17	Prayer Time in the Upper Zoom Look for the Monday prayer list email and join via Zoom at noon. BEMA Bible Discussion Group Meet in the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday November 18	Mindful Greenwood Gather in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday November 19	Books & Brown Bags Study Group Bring your sack snack to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M. Make space for God's transforming work by following Jesus.
Thursday November 20	PFLAG Meeting Connect in the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M. Share stories with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Saturday
November 22** | **Get Ready to Get Ready** (*see page 10*)
Come to the Sanctuary at 10:00 A.M. to bring out the decorations.

**Sunday
November 23** | **Sunday School**
Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Joe Gettys Classroom.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

Rejected
Christ the King Sunday (see page 9)
Decorating Day/Thornwell Special Offering (see page 10)
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Receive Christ's forgiveness, knowing He will never reject you.

Sunday Sustenance
Savor a tasty lunch provided by Chef Rob and his sous chefs.
Bring some extra cash to contribute to a good cause.

Decorating Day
Return to the Sanctuary to decorate our sacred space for Advent & Christmas.

**Monday
November 24** | **Prayer Time in the Upper Zoom**
Look for the Monday prayer list email and join via Zoom at noon.

BEMA Bible Discussion Group
Meet in the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.

**Tuesday
November 25** | **Mindful Greenwood**
Gather in the Branches Sunday school room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.

Interfaith Discussion
Meet with other knowledge-seekers in the Joe Gettys Room at 7:00 P.M.
Explore the relationships between humans and creation across religions.

**November 26-
November 28** | **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Note: The Church Office is closed in honor of the holiday.

**Sunday
November 30** | **Sunday School**
Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Joe Gettys Classroom.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

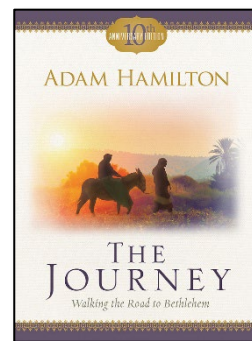
Christ in Front of Us
First Sunday in Advent (see page 11)
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Consider how you will treat "the least of these."

Adults Look Ahead to Advent: The Journey

The adult Sunday study class completes their study of Hebrews this month. Then on November 30, the first Sunday in Advent, they will join the Holy Family in *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, by Adam Hamilton.

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical data, archaeological findings, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding Jesus' birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Any time is a good time to add scripture study to your personal spiritual disciplines. Plan to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.



The Joy of Unintended Consequences: *Theo of Golden*



Books & Brown Bags:

***Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi**

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. in the Joe Gettys Room

The B&BB folks continue their discussion of *Theo of Golden*, the debut novel of Allen Levi, an attorney, judge, and singer/songwriter from middle Georgia. The book follows the enigmatic yet kindly actions of Theo, an elderly Portuguese man who arrives in the southern town of Golden and discovers 92 pencil portraits displayed at a local coffee shop.

There's always space at the B&BB table for newcomers! You are welcome *any* time. So mark your calendar for Wednesdays, locate a copy of *Theo of Golden*, and prepare to discover insights about your fellow-travelers, your loving God, and yourself.

Presbyterian Women

Submitted by Beth Hammond

All Westminster women are invited to grow as disciples by participating in our Presbyterian Women group. Copies of this year's study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, are available from the church office. The cost is \$12.



The lesson for November 4 is "Jesus is Tested," considering Luke's account of Satan tempting and testing Jesus, and of course, Jesus' perfect responses. How will *you* respond to challenging seasons of trial and tribulation? Camilla McDevitt will facilitate the lesson.

Bring a brown bag lunch and a beverage to the Choir Room at 11:30 A.M. We will enjoy fellowship together before beginning our study. We look forward to seeing everyone, especially our newest sisters in Christ! For more information about the history, life, and work of the Presbyterian Women organization, visit the website: presbyterianwomen.org.

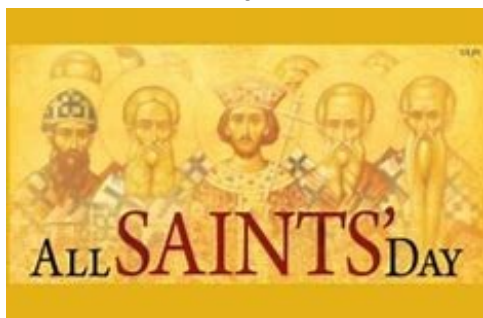
All Saints Day: November 1st

Excerpted from pcusa.org

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.



All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have

faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs."

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



Service of Healing and Wholeness: November 12

6:00 – 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Followed by a Simple Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall from 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Jesus came to people who were estranged from themselves, from one another, and from the wholeness they craved. His words, his gaze, his touch had the power to remind people who and whose they were, so that they didn't feel so alone, so broken, so distant from God and from one another. People would come seeking help for themselves and for people they loved. People brought their children and their friends and they showed him the broken places in need of mending.

This is what we will do at our healing and wholeness service. We will bring ourselves, our neighbors, our family and friends, our nation and world, before the Lord. We will hear sacred words, pray prayers and sing. We will offer laments and seek hope. We will lay our burdens down and shelter under God's wings.

Bring a friend and let us pray together for the mending only God can bring. Let us carry that strength and that fellowship into the days ahead, like a candle into the darkness.

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

Consecrating Our Stewardship Covenants: November 16th

Westminster's 2025-2026 stewardship season commenced on October 1 with an invitation to prayer. Specifically, every member of our church family was asked to participate in seven weeks of prayerful preparation for entering into a Stewardship Covenant with God and the Body of Christ. The beloved words of John 15:5 provided the focal point:

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

Our Triune God is the Vine, the source of our being, the provider of all good things. And we are the branches.

During worship on November 16th, you have the opportunity to bring forward your completed Stewardship Covenant form and your prayers for how Westminster will continue *including, abiding, enjoying, following, and growing* in 2026.

We are called by God individually and collectively to be faithful, fruitful branches. Choosing how and how much support you will provide in the coming year should grow out of your grateful response to God's abundance. It's not a purely financial decision or scheduling detail to add to the To-Do list. It requires heartfelt thought and prayerful discernment.



You received a stewardship packet containing information about Westminster's financial needs and service opportunities. Please review those materials and bring your completed Stewardship Covenant on Sunday, November 16th.

Thank you for being part of Westminster and for being a faithful, fruitful branch, bearing *much great fruit!*

Christ the King Sunday: November 23rd

Excerpted from pcusa.org

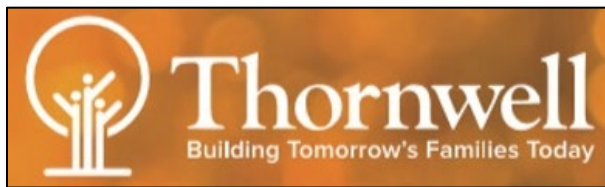
The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

**"...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.



Annual Special Offering in Support of the Thornwell Home for Children

For more than 145 years, Thornwell has met the call to care for and support children and families in need. Today, the same spirit that guided our Founder to create a home for orphans provides hope and healing for some of society's most vulnerable.

We believe in a world where everyone belongs to a thriving family, and this belief guides everything we do to heal and build up children and families.

Every dollar you donate to Thornwell goes toward fulfilling its 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 participation in the annual Thanksgiving Offering. This year, we'll collect that special offering on Sunday, November 23. Make your checks payable to Westminster. Please note on the memo line that your gift is for Thornwell.

“...Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’”

Matthew 19:14

Decking the Hall for Advent and Christmas

Nothing beats evergreens and poinsettias for creating a Christmas vibe! Here's the plan for how you can help deck the halls of our worship space. Contact Worship & Music chair Luke Christie for details.



Decorating Day

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 22nd** to help position the materials in readiness for worship. Then on **Sunday the 23rd**, enjoy our Sunday Sustenance feast and continue the fun by decorating the Sanctuary! We need a few strong backs and willing hands to hang wreaths and especially to set up the new Christmon tree (donated by our Presbyterian Women) so that it can be decorated by all God's children.

Hanging of the Greens

This year, the Hanging of the Greens litany will be incorporated into our worship on **November 30**, the first Sunday in Advent. You won't want to miss this meaningful celebration in anticipation of the coming Christ Child.

Purchasing Poinsettias

Each year, Westminster festoons the church with poinsettias given in honor or in memory of those whom we love and respect. You can place your order between **November 23 and December 7**. We purchase the poinsettias from Piedmont Tech for \$20 each. Use the form provided in the narthex or order online from the Westminster website. Be sure to specify the person or group that you are celebrating with this lovely seasonal gift. And plan to pick up your plant after worship on January 4.



It's Party Time!

Best wishes and sincere prayers for these members and friends with birthdays in November:

- ❖ 6th – Autumn Mossman
- ❖ 11th – Rick Hobson
- ❖ 12th – Joyce Alexander
Larry Duncan
- ❖ 13th – Henry Schwarzmann
- ❖ 17th – Nancy Hart Wicker
- ❖ 18th – Atticus Irons
- ❖ 21st – David Alexander
- ❖ 23rd – David Grier
Holly Hubbard
- ❖ 26th – Mary Anne Wilson
Steve Hodges
- ❖ 28th – Nancy Dozier
Mary Rogers



And remembering Mishie, "Happy Anniversary" memories to John Bacot

Did we miss your special day? Don't forget that you can now update online using WPC's confidential instantchurchdirectory.com.

You're Invited: Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

When: Monday, November 24 at 7:00 P.M.

Where: 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.



What is *Advent*?

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Advent means *coming* or *arrival*. During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world, his coming into our hearts, and the expectant hope for his coming again.

The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461–490) established a fast before Christmas that began on November 11 (St. Martin's Day), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

The season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of



penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal

discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return.

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath.

To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of **hope, peace, joy, and love**; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Advent & Christmas Sermon Series Preview: Fulfillment: Advent *Here*. Advent *Now*.

The Gospel writer, Matthew, is fond of finding ways that Jesus fulfills ancient prophesies. Jesus himself says, “I came to fulfill the law, not to abolish it.” Through this season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, prophetic readings and gospel readings will be paired, helping us to not only look for the Christ that has come in Bethlehem, and the Christ who is promised to come again, but especially the Christ that is fully present *here* and *now*.



November 30: Christ in Front of Us

First Sunday in Advent/Hanging of the Greens

We light the candle of Hope.

December 7: Christ Between Us

Second Sunday in Advent/Communion

We light the candle of Peace.

December 14: Christ Above Us

Third Sunday in Advent

We light the candle of Joy.

December 21: Christ Before Us

Fourth Sunday in Advent

We light the candle of Love.

December 24: Christ is Here!

Christmas Eve

We light the Christ candle.

December 28

First Sunday of Christmastide

Welcome guest preacher, Brian Purcell.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 2025

	September Actual	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$19,732	\$20,295	\$183,644	\$182,652
Total Expenses	\$15,387	\$19,797	\$187,650	\$178,174
Net Gain/Loss	\$4,345		-\$4,006	

Please direct any questions about church financial matters to Treasurer Len Bornemann or to the Business Affairs Ministry Team.



Including, Abiding, Enjoying, Following, and Growing

A series exploring Westminster's foundational statements and strategic intention

In this series, we are digging into Westminster's three strategic directions, as identified by the Session at the beginning of the year. Last time, we considered how we are **being [more] foundational**, noting that *more* is enclosed in brackets because it reflects building on an existing strength, not starting from scratch.



The second strategic focus is to “**Be [More] Matthew 25.**” That is, to prioritize and be very intentional about living into our PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative covenant to:

- Build congregational vitality
- Dismantle structural racism
- Eradicate systemic poverty

The PC(USA) website offers this summary of what it means to be a Matthew 25 congregation:

“This transformative movement calls on mid councils, congregations, and groups to live out the church’s mission through bold and compassionate discipleship. Rooted in Jesus’ teachings in **Matthew 25:31-46**, this movement invites you to engage in three core pillars [see bullet points above].

“The Matthew 25 vision builds from the theme of wholeness or peace—*shalom* in the Hebrew text and *eirene* in the Greek—and orients us toward what we are *building, cultivating, and creating with God* in lives and communities. We *build* beloved communities in part by dismantling the harm caused by racist structures. We *cultivate* economic wholeness when we act to eliminate the destructive influence of poverty on people and communities. These actions can welcome abundant life equity, and hope in our shared journey.”

The call to congregational vitality speaks of building “vibrant, engaging communities of faith” where church families “create dynamic spaces for individuals to connect with God and each other in meaningful ways.” The fact that our congregation’s discipleship, impact, and numbers are all growing suggests that we are on the right path for building vitality.

Westminster also has a growing reputation in the community as truly being inclusive. We are not ashamed to follow Jesus in how we treat what He called “the least of these”—not just the racially oppressed and the poor, but any individual or group struggling against prejudice and discrimination. It isn’t always easy to understand all God’s beloved children and their unique experiences, but with God’s help, it *is* easy to love and welcome them.

Many of our newcomers expressly cited our “Matthew 25” mindset as an essential aspect of our church that makes them want to engage with us. So how will we keep being **more** Matthew 25? **You get to decide!** Listen to God’s call for how you individually and Westminster collectively should be making a difference in the world, and bring your inspirations forward boldly. Together, we “can do all things through Christ who strengthens us” (Philippians 4:13).

Next Month: What does it mean to “be [more] connectional”?

Let Us Pray...

"My house shall be called a house of prayer"
Matthew 21:13a



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- Mary Corley
- Larry Dozier
- Kathy Felder
- Holly Hubbard
- Theresa Jacobs
- Kelli Lott & Gabby
- Savanah & Briar Rose
- Dashe & Aaron Hoang
- Denise Waldrep
- The Watkins Family
- Ed Watkins
- Kathy West
- Mary Anne Wilson
- Gail & Glenn Yonce, & Georgiana
- The Dennis family
- Our New Members
- 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
- Healthy Learners
- Camp Fellowship
- Community Initiatives
- Toddler Learning Center
- Trinity Presbytery



For Those in Our Hearts

We pray for members of our wider community (and our connection to them):

- Greg Anderson (*Theresa*)
- Dan Blimline (*Mary Anne*)
- Judy Buck (*Lucia*)
- Iris Bullard (*Mary Anne*)
- Jeff Crisp (*Hammonds*)
- John Gettys (*Mary Anne*)
- Lib Grier (*many*)
- Lori Holloway (*Suzy*)
- Amy Jennings (*Denise*)
- Randy Kuhl (*Kuhls*)
- Katherine Martin (*many*)
- Dabney Mahanes (*Denise*)
- Susy Mitchell (*many*)
- Patricia Lytle (*Beth*)
- Tarri McKinney (*Suzy*)
- Lillian Moneyhun (*many*)
- Cameron Murphy (*Sarah*)
- Richard Pinkney (*Len*)
- The Radas (*Joyce*)
- Lorene Waldrep (*Denise*)
- Tatum Foley (*Heather*)
- Rick McGee (*Kuhls*)
- Michaela (*Sarah*)
- Jodi (*Lucia & Laine*)
- Elle (*Rogers*)



For the World

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

- For justice and mercy to prevail throughout the world—*thy* will be done
- For an end to violence, especially politically motivated attacks of all types
- For the safety of Christians in Pakistan and other war-torn areas
- For real peace in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine, Iran, Syria, and elsewhere
- For all children, especially those who lack loving, stable homes
- For persons affected by domestic violence
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For unity among Christians in every congregation, country, and corner of the world

And God Saw That It Was Good



Fall Work Day



Jamming at the Lake



Miracle League Baseball

Coloring Page for All God's Children

