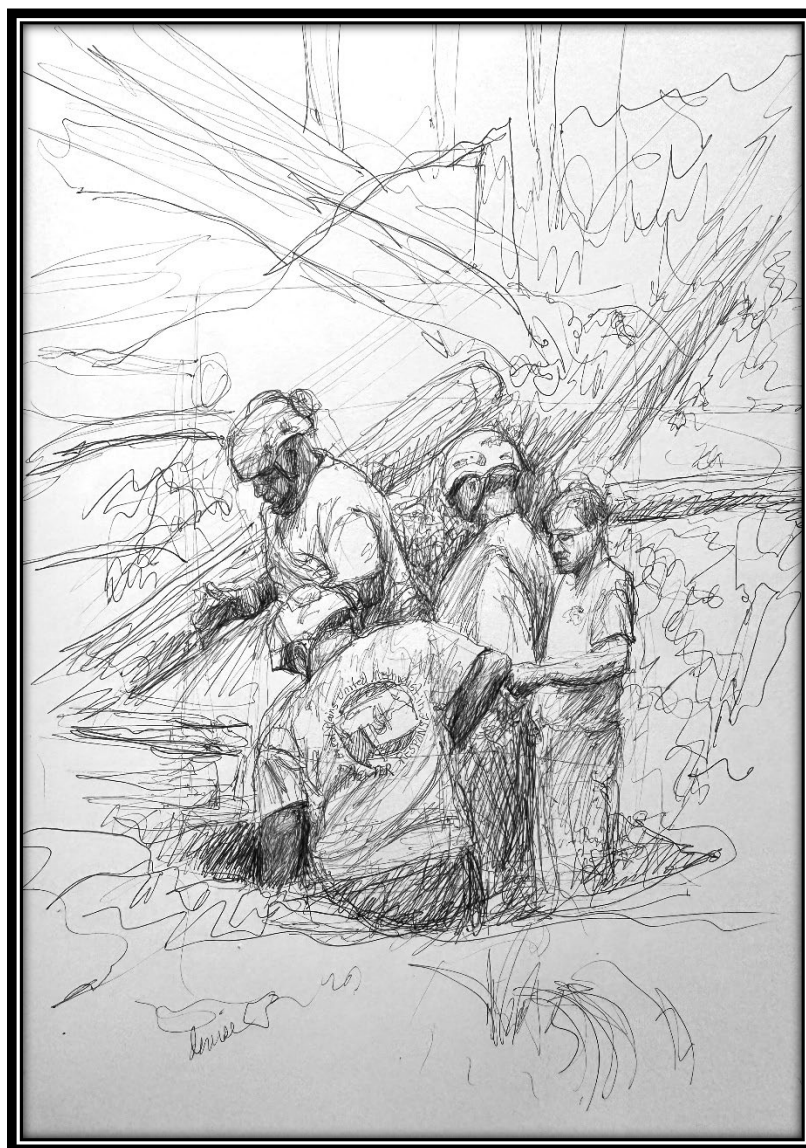


Westminster Presbyterian Church



An Inclusive Community of Faith
United by Our Belief in and Commitment to Jesus Christ

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
All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Words of Scripture

Psalm 27:13-14

I believe I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD.**

Welcome and Announcements

Beth Hammond

Minute for Mission

Luke Christie

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 145

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.

**I will extol you my God and King and bless your name forever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever.**

One generation shall extol your works to another
And declare your mighty acts.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

***Hymn #467**

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD

*Oh Lord, my God!
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
When through the woods and forest glades
I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (Refrain)*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art (Refrain)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up generations to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

We pause for a moment of silent prayer.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, an love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised us in Jesus Christ. 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

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Communion Meditation

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

"The Revealing Word of God"

*He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
John 1:8*

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

***Call to Offering**

***Offertory Hymn #515 GTG**

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

All Saint's Remembrance

We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us bearing witness to God's glory and steadfast love. As the bell tolls, we call the names of those saints from our congregation who have entered the church triumphant in the past year. Following the calling of the names, there will be a moment of silence.

- ❖ Mishie Small Bacot
- ❖ Fredrick William Taber
- ❖ David Earl Jones

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 #526**

“For All the Saints”
(Verses 1-3)

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers this week are given by Arthur & Kathy Gillespie
in memory of their fathers, Ralph Manning and Arthur Gillespie, Jr.*

Serving Today at Westminster

Organ:	Claire Kuhl
Vocalist:	Denise Waldrep
Liturgist:	Beth Hammond
Host:	Beth and David Hammond
Sunday Study:	Caroline Dennis
Children's Sunday School:	Kathy Gillespie

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 and 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	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 – 7:00	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Presbyterian Women	11:30am	Tuesday	Wesley Commons
Open for Prayer	3:00-8:00	Tuesday	Sanctuary
Brown Bags and Books	6:00 – 7:30	Wednesday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Open for Prayer	8:00-Noon	Tuesday	Sanctuary

Next Sunday, November 10

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
Session Meeting	11:15 am	Joe Getty's Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study Opportunities at Westminster

Sunday Adult Study: This Sunday, Caroline Dennis leads us through a discussion of Truth 8: “We Serve God With Heart and Mind” from “This We Believe.”

Books and Brown Bags continues this week in the Joe Gettys Room with its reading of “Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Upper Zoom Prayer Room: Please send any prayer request updates to the church office. The community gathers on Zoom for prayers Monday at noon. Prayer list and link are sent out Monday morning.

Please Welcome a New Friend to Share Your Pew: Today you brought a new friend in to share the pew with you, our new Glory to God Hymnal. We rejoice to welcome new friends. In many ways they are just like old friends, but new friends always bring something special and unique that has a way of changing things. This can be both exciting and scary.

You may not like everything about your new friend. That's okay. Perhaps over time, you will come to appreciate even the things you find a little uncomfortable right now. Perhaps in time, they will be the thing you love the most about your new friend.

Take some time to get to know your new friend today and in the weeks to come. See what songs you both know. See what songs your new friend has to teach you. Tell someone in the congregation something you have discovered about your new friend. Perhaps in the coming weeks, you will make a suggestion to the pastor or the Music and Worship Ministry Team of a song, old or new, you'd like us to include in worship as we come to feel at home with our new friend, the Glory to God hymnal.

Give Thanks for Old Friends: Today is All Saints Sunday, a day when we remember those who have held the faith before us. Certainly our blue hymnals, which are being retired today, have held the songs of the faith for Westminster over many generations. Take some time to open the cover and give thanks for the person who gave the hymnal, and the person to whom it was dedicated, and all those who have held this hymnal and sung the songs that have lifted our hearts into God's glorious presence, nurtured our discipleship, and comforted our souls. Stay tuned for the ways these old friends will find new service.

Presbyterian Women will meet at 11:30am on Tuesday, November 5 in the Silver Leaf Dining Room at Wesley Commons. Please come to the main entrance and go to the information desk, ask that they point you towards the Silver Leaf Dining Room. We will go through the line in the main dining room and will check out individually with the cashier there. The dining service does not accept cash, only debit and credit cards. Beth Hammond will lead our lesson on both chapters 2 and 3 of our study guide.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer: The sanctuary will be open for prayer on Tuesday, November 5 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm and on Wednesday, November 6 from 8:00 am to noon. Our pastor, Caroline, will be available if you need a listening ear or a prayer partner.



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