

24th Sunday after Pentecost



November 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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*At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary Waltz in A Flat Johannes Brahms, Op 39, No. 15
Vallorie Marsillo and Bob Carlyon, Piano

*Call to Worship Jacquie Mabry

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

Come, let us adore our God.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore our God.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore our God.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn #496	Morning Has Broken	BUNESSAN
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ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with mundane matters that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

*During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand
will suffice.*

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know that real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory Be Thou My Vision *Arr. Robert Hunter*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me save that Thou art, Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and Thou my true word, I ever with thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my souls shelter and Thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power. Riches I heed no nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always, Thou, and Thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, oh bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, Oh Ruler of all.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Margo Works

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the children's K-5 choir rehearsal in room 207 or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 127:1-2

Old Testament

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread
of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

32 Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’;

33 and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

A Call to Service

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, you created the world and called it good. In Jesus Christ you came to redeem us; his resurrection is our promise of eternal life.

By the power of your Spirit you claim us, strengthen us, and prepare us to live with you in glory. In sure and certain hope, we pray for your world, that we may live into your coming reign of justice and peace.

For the church, wherever it thrives and wherever it struggles - keep us faithful to your gospel...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern - grant them wisdom and commitment to justice...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For planet Earth - heal its wounds and make us better stewards of its wonders and gifts...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dying - calm all fears and welcome them into your peace...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from anxieties and ills - give them relief...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who endure the days and nights without food or shelter - feed
and protect them...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in silence - comfort those who carry secret sor-
rows...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

With thanks that you hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we entrust
all of life to you, gracious God, our Alpha and Omega, our only hope in
life and in death; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that
Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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.**

Consecration of Pledges

*Please bring your pledge cards forward during the singing of the
closing hymn. All pledge cards received in advance have been placed in
the basket and included in the blessing. Thank you for your generous
support of Westminster Presbyterian Church, its programs,
ministries, and missions.*

WPC Men's Lunch Group The group meets on the second Monday of each month and tomorrow is the second Monday already, November 8! We will meet at the Olive Garden in Montrose at 11:30 a.m. All men are invited to attend.

WPC Book Group will meet on Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Melver for more details at chwdoc@gmail.com. Our book for this month is *Pride, Prejudice and Other Flavors* by Sonali Dev. All are welcome to join us.

December/January Script Deadline is Tuesday, November 9, 2021.



Welcome New Staff Member

Denise Hochevar works in the Finance office Monday through Thursday. Her email address is wpcfinance1250@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant On Sunday, November 14 after Worship, Valerie Stewart will be in fellowship hall, to sign up children and youth for parts in our upcoming Christmas Pageant to be held on December 12.

WPC Worship Services The Reverend Cathy Ulrich will be preaching at Westminster on November 14. The Reverend Tom Ulrich will be preaching on November 21 and throughout the Season of Advent.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Today Sunday, November 7.



For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



Calendar of Church Events for the week of November 7 to 13, 2021

Sunday, 11/7 Consecration of Pledges

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Consecration of Pledges
& on YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
First Sunday Food Collection
- 12:00 pm Farewell Reception for Pastor Jon in WHH

Monday, 11/8

- 11:30 am Men's Lunch at Olive Garden
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion Off Site

Tuesday, 11/9

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel
- 7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 11/10

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 11/11

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting



Staff Schedule in the Office:

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Other Staff:

Val Stewart, Director of Children's Choir

Bruce Klucharich, Audio-Visual Technician

Traci Range, Director of Childcare wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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