

### This Week at Westminster

**Welcome guests!** We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you'll worship with us again soon.

**Adult Sunday School at Westminster:** offered in the sanctuary studying the book of Judges led by David Hammond.

**College Sunday School:** We will re-locate to WCA Classroom 105 for the following five Sundays: September 9, 16, 30 and October 14, 21.

**Growth Groups for Adults:** We offer several men's, women's, and mixed groups for study, fellowship and prayer throughout the week. To see the full list of available groups, pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the homepage of the church website.

### This Week & Beyond

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** meets this week. All Middle and High School students are invited to meet in the church parlor from 6:15-8 PM for a light supper, singing, and discussion of *Prodigal God* by Tim Keller. Also, if you have a student and are not getting the weekly youth blast, please let Eric Fulcher know.

**40 Days for Life** is September 26 through November 4 to help focus prayer to end abortion. Pray at home, and if possible, come out to the sidewalk in front of the clinic with others. Every Saturday 9:20 am – 10:15 am there is a group prayer while the clinic is closed. Children are welcome (supervised). Clinic address: 4831 Sparkman Avenue, Huntsville. For more information contact Beth Nemati or Maria McKinney and stop by the table in the foyer. Other upcoming pro-life events are the Gosnell movie in theaters starting October 12, a teen Girls' Night fundraiser for the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center on October 19, and a Walk for Life fundraiser for HPRC on November 3.

**David Hammond Installation Reception:** David Hammond will be installed as our new Assistant Pastor during the evening worship service on September 30th. A reception honoring David will follow. Please help us by bringing a dessert and volunteering to help clean up. A link to the electronic signup is available in the Weekly Blast e-mail and also on our website inside of the "This Week at Westminster" section. The church is providing a cake and drinks. Please note that David **loves** chocolate!

### Choir

**Adult Choir:** We are always seeking new voices and instrumentalists to add to our choir. For vocalists, knowing how to read music is NOT a requirement – we seek those who enjoy using their gifts to sing and make harmony to God, leading the congregation in worship! We would love to have you join us!

**Student Choir:** Rehearses on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary Classroom. For more information, email [music.wpc.hsv@gmail.com](mailto:music.wpc.hsv@gmail.com) or contact Rebecca Johnson.

- Youth Ensemble (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets 5:45 – 6:15 pm
- Student Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets 6:15-6:45 pm
- Beginning Choir (4yo-1<sup>st</sup> grade) meets 6:45-7:15 pm

### Opportunity to Serve

As part of Phase 2 of implementing procedures in compliance with safety guidelines recommended by our insurance company, the Safety and Preparedness Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in monitoring the first-floor entrance at WCA during the Sunday school hour. We welcome the help of any current WPC member over age 19. Rotation schedule will begin October 7. Please follow the children as they walk over to WCA just after morning worship and remain until youth/children's Sunday school dismisses. You can indicate your willingness to help on the blue sheet today!

### Children's Ministry News

**Kid Check:** Please take a few minutes to register your minor children online at [www.kidcheck.com](http://www.kidcheck.com) so that we can move forward in our plans to simplify our check-in process and enhance our security system. Information about this is available in the lobby as well.

We would also like to remind you to usher your children to the lobby after worship so that your children can join the group walking over to the school building. Keep in mind that teachers will be walking kids back over to the church building at noon when Sunday school concludes. Please plan to meet your children there as soon as possible.

### Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Sept 16, 2018	NEXT WEEK: Sept 23, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Felicia Rutledge, Renee Lowrance, Rebekah Frederick Jennifer Murphree	David & Nicole Perrin, Taylor Thompson Kyle VanKirk Susan Post
NURSERY – Sunday School	Amanda Pettus Sarah Catherine Stegman	Susann Anderson Caroline Stegman
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Eion Grady, Lucy Fulcher	Nat & Pam Causey
HEAD USHER	Scott Miskovich	Kyle VanKirk
SEXTON COUNTER	Nate VanKirk, John Gunn	John Gunn, John Kirkwood
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Stacy Murphree	Monday Mbila
COMMUNION SET UP	Fergusons	-----

<u>Attendance for September 9, 2018</u>
Morning Worship - 322
Sunday School - 211
Evening Worship - 102

<u>September 2018</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Missions</u>
YTD Actual	\$514,793	\$47,960
YTD Budget	\$615,000	\$52,500
Annual Budget	\$820,000	\$70,000

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>		
Joe Steele	Sr. Pastor	joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org
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### Aids to Worship

To use the church's wifi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Binders with today's hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go [www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to [www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 16, 2018

# A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT  
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN  
DARKNESS, HERE AND  
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life  
was the light of men."*

*John 1:4*



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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

# Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

## The Prelude

*Blessed Jesus at Your Word*  
(Hymnal #303, arr. Bach and Walther)

*O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight*  
(Lewis, arr. Ritter)

## The Welcome and Announcements

### The Preparation for Worship

*How Great the Father's Love for Us*  
Stuart Townend  
(Congregation stands and joins in verse 3)

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom:  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

### † The Call to Worship

Psalm 33:6-12

Pastor: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the  
breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of  
the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

**Congregation: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of  
the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it  
came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Pastor: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he  
frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD  
stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

**Congregation: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the  
people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

### † The Hymn of Praise

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#115

### † The Invocation 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.

### † The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism (Question 61)

Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

**A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my  
faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is  
my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and  
make it mine my own by faith only.**

### † Congregation Standing

### † The Gloria Patri

#735

### Call to Repentance

Job 34:21-23  
Church Bible, pg. 440

### The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

### The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father, we are sinful, and you are holy. We know how often we have  
offended you in thought, word and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by  
failing to conform to your law's perfect commands, by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for  
hope. Where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought  
we were holy, we are unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love  
of the world; our minds are dark and assailed by doubts; our wills are often  
given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning  
against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you. Our Father, although  
you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and  
forgive us for his sake. Amen.

### The Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:22-25  
Church Bible, pg. 1015

### The New Testament Reading

Luke 12:4-7  
Church Bible, pg. 871

### † The Hymn

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

#335

### The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Bill Emrich

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### The Offertory

*Eternal Life (A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)*  
*Olive Duncan*

### The Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 5:1-19  
Church Bible, pg. 401

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Proclamation of the Word of God

“Threats from Within”

Mr. Joe Steele

### † The Hymn of Response

*We Are God's People*

#355

### † The Benediction

### † The Doxology

#731

### † The Postlude

*G Major*  
(Buxtehude)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

# Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

## The Prelude

*O Love, How Deep, How High Broad, How High!*  
(Hymnal #155, arr. Krug)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(arr. Fettke and Arn)

## The Welcome and Announcements

### † Call to Worship

Psalm 28:7-8

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart  
trusts, and I am helped, my heart exults, and with my song I  
give thanks to him.

**Congregation: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving  
refuge of his anointed.**

### † The Hymn of Praise

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#164

### † The Invocation

## Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs & Prayer

### The Offertory

*Whiter Than Snow*  
(Fischer, arr. Eithun)

### The Teaching of the Word of God

“The Just and Justifying God”  
Romans 3:21-26

Mr. Sean McGowan

Church Bible, pg. 941

### † The Hymn of Preparation

*And Can it Be that I Should Gain*

#455, vv 1-3

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Mr. Joe Steele

*The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten  
free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.*

### The Deacons' Offering

*When all Your Mercies, O My God*  
*To God Be the Glory*  
(Hymnal #56 and #55)

*It is our custom to receive an offering for those in financial need, both in the congregation and the  
wider community, as our response of thanksgiving for the grace received in the Supper.*

### † The Hymn of Response

*And Can it Be that I Should Gain*

#455, vv 4-5

### † The Benediction

### † The Doxology

#731

### † The Postlude

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Miss Bertha Dykstra