

**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.

**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**

**Youth Planning Meeting:** December 2 at 4:30 pm in the Parlor.

**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 a Bible Study as we work through Ephesians.

**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

**WIC invites you** to kick off the Christmas season with an evening of caroling, refreshments and fresh wreath making on Thursday, November 29 at 7 pm here at WPC. Cost will be \$10.00 (please note in subject line/WIC Christmas event). PLEASE RSVP on the Blue Sheet so we have enough supplies and seating available. (Childcare will not be provided).

**Crown Club Events:** See Juanita Service or Ann Streeter to sign up or for more info.

- *Hallelujah Chorus Concert* at First Baptist Church on Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (lunch to follow for \$6.00). (deadline is TODAY).
- *Crown Club Christmas Party* at Gibson's BBQ on S. Pkwy on Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (with fellowship to follow at the Services home). Bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the Blue Sheet today.

**Annual Christmas Fellowship:** Please join us for our annual Christmas Fellowship (a light reception of finger foods) following our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 16th. We request that every family please bring a plate of finger foods (e.g., sausage balls, cut up fruit, cheese, pastries or gluten-free options, etc.) on a nice plate the morning of Sunday, December 16th. We also need help with setup, so please consider signing up to help on Saturday, December 15th, from 9-10 am or on Sunday, December 16th, from 8:45-9:25 am. To sign up go to our website homepage and scroll down to events or sign up on the blue sheet today.

**Save the Date!** The **Roots Retreat** is the Providence Presbytery's annual winter retreat. This retreat provides Gospel-centered teaching, worship, and fellowship for the youth in our presbytery. Make plans to join us the weekend of January 25-27, 2019 at *Camp TokenonHim!!* Watch for more info.

**Dinners of Eight—Sign up Now!** Dinners of Eight are a way for us to get better acquainted with each other here at WPC. Each month, beginning in January, eight people will get together for dinner at someone's house (or at a restaurant if that works better). The host will supply the main dish and bread, while the others will be assigned to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. Groupings and assignments will rotate each month so that when the cycle concludes, everyone will have had dinner and fellowship with 24 different people. Interested? Sign-up on the blue sheet today!

**Opportunity to Serve**

**Poinsettias for the Sanctuary:** Help us decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas season. Flowers may be dedicated in memory or honor of a loved one; names will appear in the bulletin. You can purchase a medium plant for \$8 or a large plant for \$17 for display each Sunday of Advent and then take it home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. **The deadline to order a poinsettia is December 1st.** Stop by the Resource Center in the lobby to pick up a dedication form, then turn in the completed form and payment either to the church office or in the designated box in the lobby. Be sure to note 'Poinsettia Drive' on the memo line of your check. Questions? Contact Suzanne Wellborn at 256-585-9461.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Dec 16 Music Special & Fellowship (No Sunday School)  
 Dec 23, 30 No Sunday School or Evening Worship  
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5-6 pm)  
 Jan 9 Wed Night Activities Resume

Office Closed Dec 24-28; Dec 31 & Jan 1

**Sunday's Servants**

SERVING	TODAY: Nov 25, 2018	NEXT WEEK: Dec 2, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	David & Nicole Perrin, Taylor Thompson	Daniel & Meghan Palmer, Damon & Stephaine Lares
	Kyle VanKirk	Lauren Johannesmeyer
	Susan Post	Jonathan & Alyssa Knight
NURSERY – Sunday School	Susann Anderson	Laura Diaz
	Caroline Stegman	
NURSERY – Evening Worship	----	Allen Zumbach & Annabelle Lowrance
HEAD USHER	Noah Murphree	Joey Lauderdale
SEXTON COUNTER	Nate VanKirk, John Gunn	Paul Galloway, John Kirkwood
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes, Jacqueline Bryant
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Charlie Grady	Mark Linker
COMMUNION SET UP	----	Jonathan Knight
WCA DOOR MONITOR	Logan Bryant	Scott Nicol, Gayle Moody

<u>Attendance for Nov 18, 2018</u>
Morning Worship - 338
Sunday School - 230
Evening Worship - 121

<u>November 2018</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Missions</u>
YTD Actual	\$697,418	\$59,862
YTD Budget	\$751,667	\$64,167
Annual Budget	\$820,000	\$70,000

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>		
Joe Steele	Sr. Pastor	joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org
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<u>Ministry Team</u>		
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**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 25, 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

*How Great Thou Art*  
(arr. Shackley)

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
(arr. Auld)

## The Welcome and Announcements

## The Preparation for Worship

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Sanctuary Choir  
(Hymnal #193)

## † The Call to Worship

Matthew 2:6; 1 Timothy 3:16

Pastor: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler, who will shepherd my people Israel.

Congregation: **Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up to glory.**

## † The Hymn of Praise

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #218

## † 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 The 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;\*\* the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment*

*\*\*"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

## † The Gloria Patri

#735

## The Call to Repentance

Psalm 106:6-7  
Church Bible, pg. 505

## The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

## † Congregation Standing

## The Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches, and the universe is your temple. Your presence fills immensity and you have created life for your own pleasure. We come to you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, with nothing of our own to plead, no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, and often abusing your goodness. Subdue in us the love of sin, let us know the need for restoration as well as forgiveness, in order to serve and enjoy you forever. We thank you for your riches to us in Jesus, who saves us by his meritorious life and sacrificial death, and in whose name we pray. Amen.  
(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision* p. 5)

## The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 106:8-12  
Church Bible, pg. 505

## The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-17  
Church Bible, pg. 941

## † The Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

## The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Curry Knight

## The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## The Offertory

*Thou Who Wast Rich*  
(arr. Page)

## The Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 9:6-21  
Church Bible, pg. 404

## The Prayer for Illumination

## The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele  
"Human Sinfulness and Divine Steadfastness"

## † The Hymn of Response

*Now Thank We All Our God* #98

## † The Benediction

## † The Doxology

#731

## † The Postlude

We Praise Thee, O God  
(arr. Auld) Miss Bertha Dykstra

## NO EVENING WORSHIP

## Sermon Notes:

### Aids to Worship

To use the church's Wi-Fi, 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.