

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

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 or contact Rebecca Johnson.

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

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

- *Crown Club Christmas Party* at Gibson's BBQ on S. Pkwy on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 10:30 am (with fellowship to follow at the Services home). Bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 10th. 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 morning 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. To sign up to serve or bring food, go to our website homepage click on events/Christian Fellowship or use the blue sheet today. (Childcare will **not** be available during fellowship time).

Youth Event:

- December 15th – Movie Marathon at the Murphrees
- December 19th – Roots Registration deadline (need chaperones and drivers)
- December 20th – Mystery Dinner at the Hammonds
- RYM – mark your calendar July 1-5, 2019
*** for more information- see the weekly e-mail blast or contact Eric Fulcher

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. Couples and singles are invited. Interested? Sign-up on the blue sheet today!

Birmingham Theological Seminary will offer the class "Old Testament I" on the following Saturdays (January 19, February 16, March 2 and March 30) from 9am -3pm here at WPC. Please contact Rob Nelson at: robn76@aol.com or (703) 909-6667 for more information.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Dec 9, 2018	NEXT WEEK: Dec 16, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Kate Gunn, Stephanie Wellman, Terrie Dsouza	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April Stegman
	Sydney Knight, Ava Rutledge	Garret Grady, Kendall Branscomb
	Anna Bosma	Deb & Emma McFadden
NURSERY – Sunday School		Noelle Thompson
	Samuel Fulcher	
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Donna & Curry Knight	Eion Grady, Lucy Fulcher
HEAD USHER	Jay Lauderdale	Lee Talmadge
SEXTON COUNTER	John Kirkwood, Matt Harness	Matt Harness, Wade Pettus
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes, Jacqueline Bryant
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Mark Linker	Greg Lewis
COMMUNION SET UP	----	Crowhurst
WCA DOOR MONITOR	Logan Bryant	----

<u>December 2018</u>			<u>Attendance for Dec 2, 2018</u>
	General	Missions	
YTD Actual	\$729,039	\$61,857	Morning Worship - 327
YTD Budget			Sunday School - 238
Annual Budget	\$820,000	\$70,000	Evening Worship - 117

Year-end Giving: Don't forget--all year-end gifts must be post-marked no later than **midnight December 31st** to be included on your contribution statement for 2018!

<u>Pastoral Staff</u>		
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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 9, 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

From Heaven High I Come to You
(Hymnal #220, arr. Walther)

What Child is This with
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
(arr. M. McDonald)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

I Wonder as I Wander
(Appalachian Carol, Arr. Carlos Salzedo)
Harpists Anna Frederick, Olivia Hitt

† The Call to Worship

Revelation 12:10; Isaiah 9:6

Pastor: Now the salvation and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ have come.

Congregation: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; And His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

† The Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#203

† 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

Nehemiah 1:5-6
Church Bible, pg. 398

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

† Congregation Standing

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have done what your word forbids, and we have left undone what you have commanded. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us godly sorrow and repentant hearts. Enable us by your Spirit to put to death the sin that easily entangles us and empower us to live holy lives. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:55-58
Church Bible, pg. 962

† The Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#193

The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Allen Zumbach

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

A Christmas Canon
(Pachelbel/English Carol, Arr. Janet Jackson Witman)
Harpists Anna Frederick, Olivia Hitt

The Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 9:22-31
Church Bible, pg. 405

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“Human Sinfulness and Divine Steadfastness, Part II”

† The Hymn of Response

By Grace I am an Heir of Heaven

#695

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

Postlude in D Minor
(arr. L. Smith)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

This is My Father's World
All Creatures of Our God and King
There is No Name So Sweet on Earth
(Hymnal #'s 111, 115, 178)

The Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6

Pastor: Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Congregation: **There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.**

† The Hymn of Praise

As with Gladness Men of Old

#226

† The Invocation

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

The Offertory

Blessed are the Sons of God
(Hymnal #526)

The Teaching of the Word of God

Mr. John Summers

“Paul's Loving Anguish Over His Children”

Galatians 4:8-20

Church Bible, pg. 974

† The Hymn of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#252

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

Every Day I Will Bless You
(Ps. 145:2, Blake)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

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 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 and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.