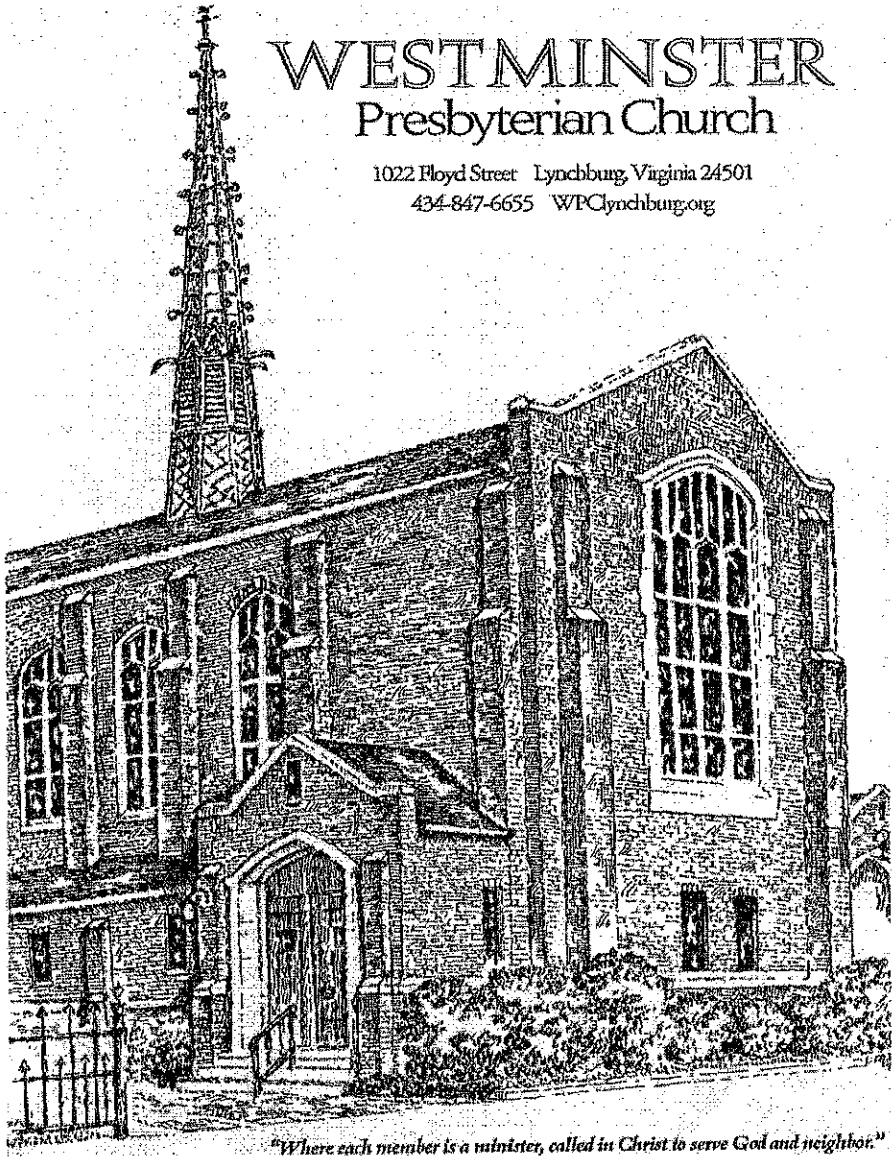


# WESTMINSTER Presbyterian Church

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*"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and neighbor."*

***Sunday, November 19, 2017***  
***33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**November 19, 2017**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE: *Allegretto*

Frank Bridge

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: Be still before the mystery of life, before your Creator who made it, before Jesus who said that he was life, before the Spirit who breathes life into us all, before life as we see it in God's good world.

People: **Gracious God, let us revere you in your gift of life, and grant to our reverence, insight into your holy purpose.**

Leader: With praise and thanksgiving we open our lives to you, O God.

People: **All glory and honor we sing to you, for you alone are worthy to be praised.**

\*HYMN NO. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

UNISON

**Eternal God, we thank you for this house of prayer in which you bless your family on its pilgrimage. Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our imaginations filled by your beauty, our hearts opened to your love, our wills surrendered to your purpose. We adore you and honor you through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

**Gracious God, we confess to you what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies within that is unpleasing to you. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Raise us out of the bondage of guilt into the freedom and energy of your forgiveness. Then let your Holy Spirit guide us in the way of faith that we may enlist our energies and talents for your good purposes.**

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist

**Leader:** We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption.

**People:** **When we cry, “Abba, Father!” it is the very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

**Leader:** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION . . . . . LEADER

FIRST READING: Psalm 91 Page 518

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Suzy Edwards

ANTHEM:

*Sing To the Lord of Harvest*

Healey Willan

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.*

*Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall,  
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.*

SECOND READING: Luke 8:40-56  
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "One Touch"

Suzy Edwards

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* . . . . . (Traditional, page 14)

\*HYMN NO. 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please take a moment to share Christ's peace with those near you.)

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

\*HYMN NO. 554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Standing for those who are able.)

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

November 19 - 26, 2017

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome all who worship with us today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate the difference God's grace is making in our lives.

Sunday, November 19	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship- <i>Pulpit Guest: Suzy Edwards</i>
Monday, November 20	<u>3:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Session Meeting-</u> (Note Date & Time Change) <u>CHIMES DEADLINE</u> Camp Timothy & Neighborhood Dinner
Wednesday, November 22	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 23		Office Closed – THANKSGIVING
Friday, November 24		Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 26	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – <i>Pulpit Guest: Rev. Nancy Dawson</i>

## This Week: November 19, 2017

Pulpit Guest: Suzy Edwards  
Adult Sunday School: Cary Roberts  
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Otto Vallastro  
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson  
Liturgist: Cary Roberts  
Ushers: Charles Ross & Greg Hoag  
Nursery: Mary Harris & Doris Hailey

## Next Week: November 26, 2017

Pulpit Guest: Nancy Dawson  
Adult Sunday School: Ashley Thulin  
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Kathleen Smith  
Acolyte: Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Pat Knowles  
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Robert Roberts  
Nursery: Mary Harris & Nicole Reed

## We welcome as our pulpit guest today Suzy Edwards

Suzy is the Director of Congregational Ministries at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. She is a Certified Christian Educator and hold a Masters of Arts in Theological Studies from Columbia Theological Seminary. Suzy is married to Rev. Bart Edwards. They have two children, Rollie and Carter Lee. Welcome!

### A Poem of Thanksgiving by Julia Crim

#### Song of Praise

Thanks be to God for all things small, for tender herb and flower.  
Thanks be to God for all things great, the moon and stars of wonder.  
Thanks be for pain that brings us close to God in every sorrow.  
Thanks be for joy of other's love to greet us and restore us.  
Thanks be for you, thanks be for me, each Christian sister, brother,  
Forever thanks to God our King, for Christ who is our Savior,  
And for the comforter He sent, a blessed gift and favor.

**CLEANING THE SANCTUARY & CHOIR LOFT** - Mary Sue & Deak Childress and Tanner Ray (Kansas), Shannon Robinson and Chris Robinson (North Carolina), students from Liberty University dusted and oiled the wood in the Sanctuary and Choir loft on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Mary Sue served a delicious lunch to feed the "helpers" and office workers. Many thanks to all of you for making the wood in our sanctuary beautiful.

## **2018 SIGN UP SHEET FOR FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME**

Please don't forget to sign up to host the fellowship time next year. The 2018 sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall. *If you would like Jane Reed to purchase the refreshments for you, the cost is \$20.00 in cash/check payable to Jane Reed. Sign YOUR name and put (JR) beside it. THANK YOU!!*

The next **Book Club** will meet Monday, January 15, 2018 at the home of Betty Oliver at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading *The Goldenfinch* by Donna Tartt.

## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

- *Session Meeting – Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.*  
**(NOTICE THE DATE AND TIME CHANGE)**

## **Chimes Deadline – Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

## **Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Hanging of the Greens—Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for a fun holiday tradition at WPC! We will have snacks, coffee, music, lots of decorations, and a lot of fun. This is a great event, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors for some holiday fun.

*Advent begins Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Advent Devotional booklets to use during this special season are available in the narthex and on the table outside the church office. Choose one for yourself or for your family.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:**

- Lunch Bunch – Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at Charley's
- Caroling – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. followed with pizza and ice cream
- Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> followed by covered dish luncheon
- Hymn Sing – Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

## **Remember These and Others in Prayer**

*Becky Maxey	*Helen Hester	*Pastor Kristi & family
*Helen Ross	*Sarah Goldenberg Fraher	*Starke Sydnor
*Louise Motley	*Grace Sydnor	*Betsy Jamerson
*Angela Hart	*Hugh & Maymie Keys	*Westminster's Homebound
*Lee Maxey fell and broke his leg.		*Marian Viar & family
*Men and women serving in the military & their families		

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We invite you to join us next week, November 26<sup>th</sup>, when our pulpit guest will be Rev. Nancy Dawson.