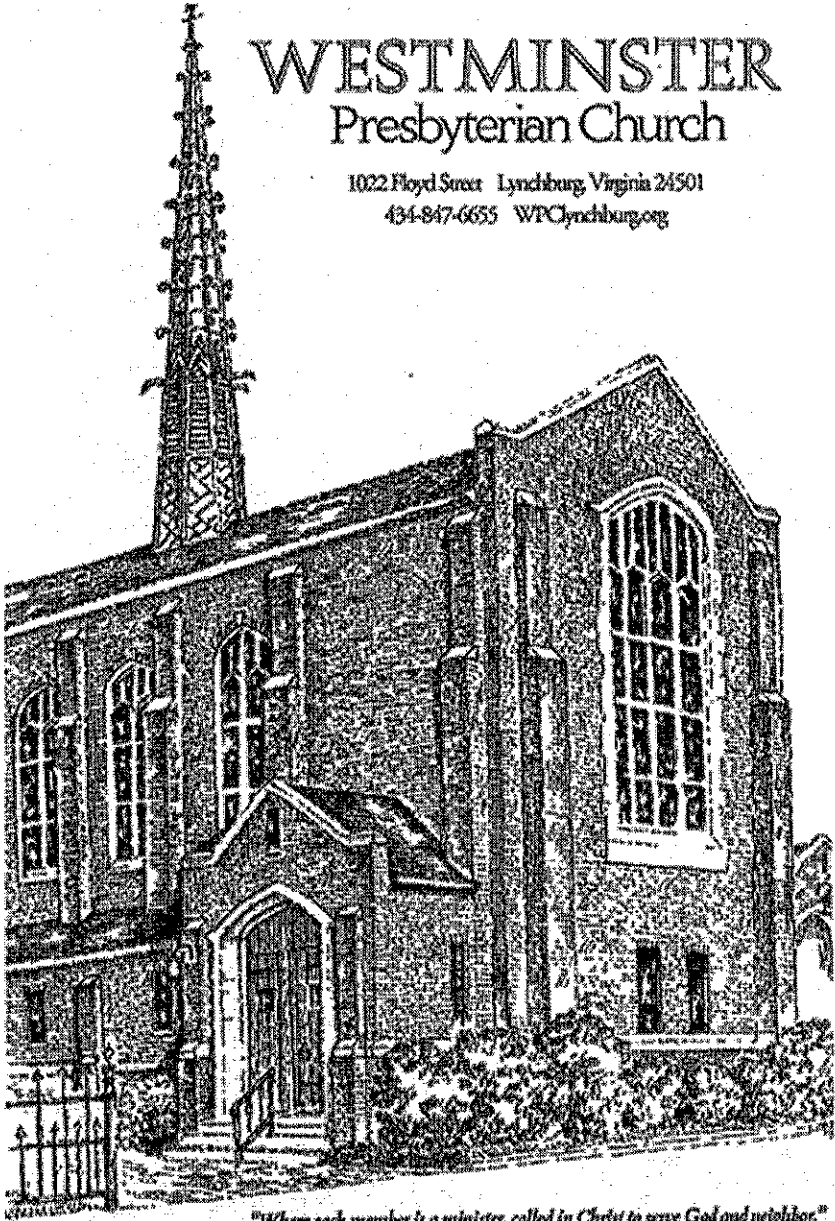


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"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and neighbor."

Sunday, July 23, 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude

Herbert Howells

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith.

People: THIS IS NOT OUR OWN DOING;

Leader: For we are what God has made us; created in Christ Jesus for good works.

People: YES, IT IS OUR WAY OF LIFE.

*HYMN NO. 161

As Morning Dawns

WAREHAM

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

UNISON

Gracious God, no fault of ours is a barrier to you. You are no stranger to our suffering. Your compassion reaches to the ends of the earth and into the deepest darkness. You reveal yourself in every necessary way for our understanding and devotion. Accept the praise of forgiven sinners. Accept the devotion of those who know the healing work of Jesus. Amplify our praise so that the world may see and hear the good news. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

Eternal God, you have called us to gracious living, to love where it is undeserved and unexpected. We confess how quickly we are seduced by the calculating life. We habitually judge who is worthy or unworthy, and measure our deeds accordingly. We may be surprised by grace, but we are motivated by hard-earned rewards. We like to think we are in control, that we determine the outcomes of our lives. Forgive our pride, Lord. Forgive our self-deception. Forgive our resistance to unmerited grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Are there any in a position to condemn?

All: No, not one.

Leader: Who is our judge?

All: Jesus Christ is our only judge.

Leader: Jesus Christ? The one who died for us, who was raised for us,
who reigns with God above us?

**All: Yes, Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners and the one who prays
for us.**

Leader: I believe the gospel.

All: Yes, we are forgiven and free.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

FIRST READING: Psalm 145:8-14

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Carl Utley

ANTHEM: *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace;
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

SECOND READING: Acts 4:32-37

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Extending Grace"

Rev. Carl Utley

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. 316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

*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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN NO. 155 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able.)

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

July 23, 2017 – July 30, 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, July 23	10:15 am	Fellowship
<i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00 am	Worship-Guest Pastor: <i>The Rev. Carl Utley</i>
Monday, July 24		CHIMES DEADLINE
Wednesday, July 26	10:00 am	Prayer Group
Thursday, July 27	6:45 pm	Camp Timothy Anne Ferguson Night
Friday, July 28		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday, July 30	10:15 am	Fellowship
<i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00 am	Worship- Guest Pastor: <i>The Rev. David Gellert</i>

This Week: July 23, 2017

Pulpit Guest: Rev. Carl Utley

No Sunday School

Fellowship: Nancy Duncan

Liturgist: Richard Mahler

Ushers: Robert Roberts & Richard Mahler

Acolyte: Pix Mahler

Nursery: Nicole Reed

Next Week: July 30, 2017

Pulpit Guest: Rev. David Gellert

No Sunday School

Fellowship: Jane Reed

Liturgist: Holcombe Hughes

Ushers: Nancy Duncan & Angela Hart

Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson

Nursery: Doris Hailey

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Mary & Claude Booth, on the occasion of their Mother's passing thirty years ago on July 26, 1987.
The flowers are given by Aubrey Booth, Nancy Booth Duncan & Jane Booth Reed.*

Pastor Kristi would love to hear from you. If you would like to send her a card, you can find her address on the secretary's desk in the church office. Pastor Kristi will be going through another round of chemo treatments beginning on July 20th.

Please join the Prayer Group to pray together on Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

We welcome as our guest pastor today The Rev. Carl Utley.

Rev. Dr. Carl Utley began his work as Transitional General Presbyter for Peaks Presbytery on May 1st, the start of a two year contract during which he will be responsible for leading the presbytery through a self-study and fulfilling the duties that belong to a general presbyter. Prior to serving the presbytery, Carl was the interim pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, and Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church before that. Ordained in 1984 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, Carl has served other congregation in North Carolina, Nebraska, Texas and Arkansas. He is a 1984 graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, in Austin, Texas, where he also earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2000 with an emphasis in Preaching and Worship. Carl and his wife, Beth, also an ordained pastor in the PCUSA, have four adult children and split their lives between Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Fellowship Time — Please don't forget to sign up to host a Sunday in August, all Sundays are available. 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 or check payable to Jane Reed. Fellowship time is 10:15 am through September 10th.

Chimes — Please send in your information on upcoming events for the August Chimes to the church office as soon as possible. (Committees, Social Events, Rally Day, etc.) The Deadline is Tomorrow, July 24, 2017. Thanks so much!

Camp Timothy — Churches for Urban Ministry invites you to Camp Timothy's Annual Anne B. Ferguson Awards Night on Thursday, July 27, at 6:45 p.m. here at the church.

Remember These and Others in Prayer

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| *Becky Maxey | *Helen Hester | *Pastor Kristi & family |
| *Helen Ross | *Sarah Goldenberg Fraher | *Starke Sydnor |
| *Louise Motley | *Marian Viar | *Grace Sydnor |
| *Betsy Jamerson | | *Westminster's Homebound |
- *Men and women serving in the military & their families
*Our former secretary, Donna Johnson's sister, Denise Thuruson has cancer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:

- Lunch Bunch – Monday, July 31st at 12:00 Noon
- Ice Cream Social & White Elephant Exchange – Sunday, August 6th at 3:00 pm
- Book Club (*Dimestore*) – Monday, August 14th at Betty Oliver's at 7:00 pm
- Rally Day with Roger Elliott – Sunday, September 10th after worship with lunch

**We invite you to join us next week, when our pulpit guest will be
The Reverend David Gellert**