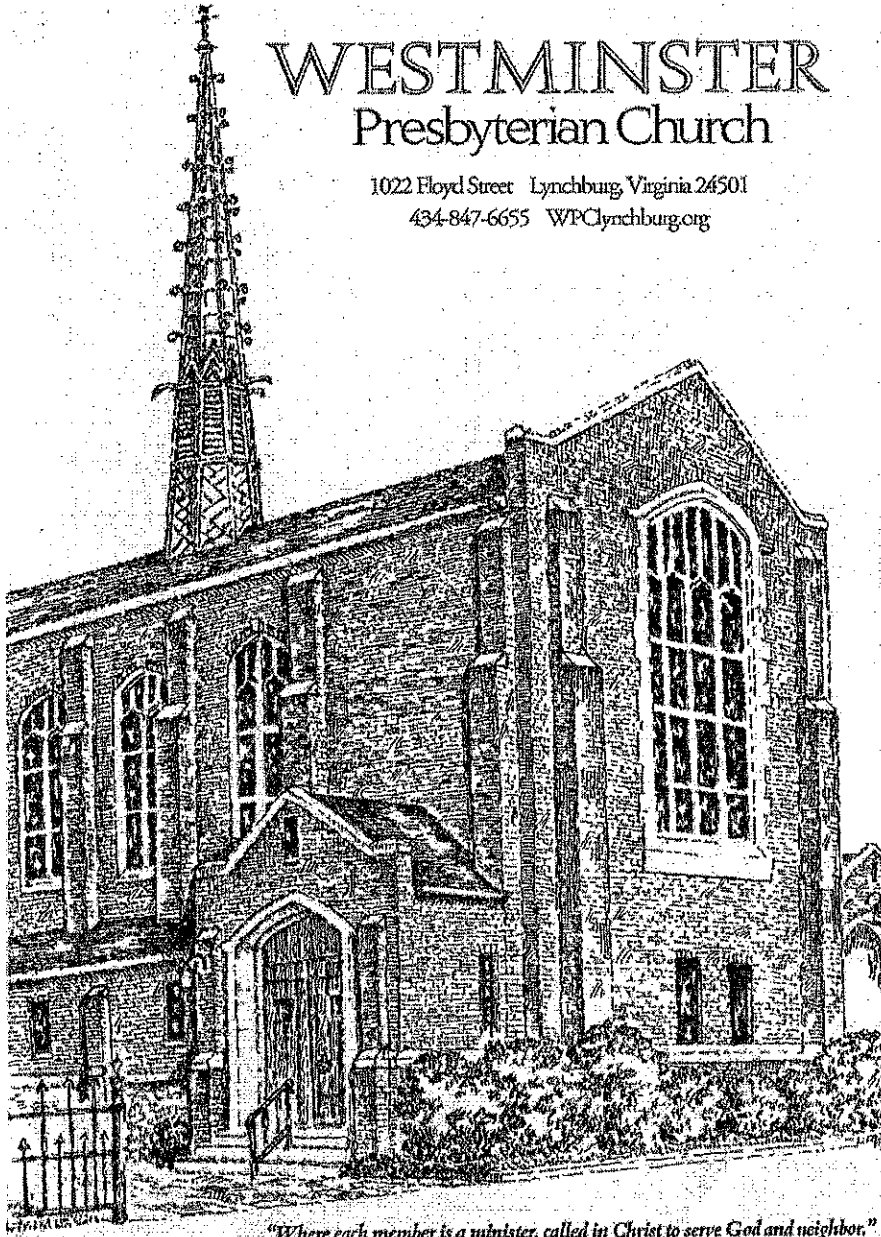


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"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and neighbor."

Sunday, September 24, 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Lynchburg, VA 24501

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11:00 am

WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: The Organ Prelude: Two American Hymns Gordon Young
What Wondrous Love Is This and *Shall We Gather At the River*

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

People: **Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

People: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

*HYMN NO. 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION UNISON

Faithful and gracious God, your steadfast love and mercy are sure. You have been the One who has provided for your people from age to age. On our journey of faith we find that you give bread from heaven to nourish us when we walk through the wilderness. We lift our voices in gratitude for the risen Christ who goes before us, nudges behind us and walks beside us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on the path of faith to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have grumbled and murmured our displeasure when you have led us in the way we did not want to go. We have tried to fill ourselves with the offerings of the world and found that we are still hungry. We have failed to see the surprising ways in which you

provide for us. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and renew us so that we may live as your grateful people and find our greatest joy in knowing that you are with us.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Responsive

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI.

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margie Anderson

ANTHEM:

Teach Me, O Lord

Geoffrey Shaw

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

SECOND READING: Matthew 20:1-16

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Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

"Gifts Not Loans"

Margie Anderson

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. 282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*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. 359 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE: *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

(*Standing for those who are able.)

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

September 24, 2017 – October 1, 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, September 24	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Worship-
		<i>Pulpit Guest: Margie Anderson</i>
	<u>12:15 pm</u>	<u>Worship & Music Committee</u>
Monday, September 25	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch at Charley's
Wednesday, September 27	10:00 am	Prayer Group
	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Presbytery-Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm	CUM-Fund Raising Committee Mtg.
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – <u>Note Time Change</u>
Thursday, September 28	4:00 pm	CUM-Personnel Committee Mtg.
Friday, September 29		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday, October 1	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Worship – <u>World Wide Communion</u>
		<i>Pulpit Guest: Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson</i>
	<u>8:45 am</u>	<u>Christian Education Committee Mtg.</u>

This Week: September 24, 2017

Pulpit Guest: Margie Anderson
Adult Sunday School: Cary Roberts
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson
Fellowship: Irene Hoag
Acolyte: Pix Mahler
Liturgist: Ashley Thulin
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Pat Knowles
Nursery: Mary Harris & Nicole Reed

Next Week: October 1, 2017

Pulpit Guest: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson
Adult Sunday School: Ashley Thulin
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson
Fellowship: Doris Hailey
Acolyte: Jacob Reed
Liturgist: Jane Reed
Ushers: Nicole & Jimmy Reed
Nursery: Mary Harris & Doris Hailey
Communion Preparers: Cary & Robert Roberts
Communion Servers: Angela Hart, Betty Oliver, Ashby Sydnor

We welcome as our pulpit guest today
Margie Anderson, Commissioned Lay Pastor

Margie was born in Big Island, VA. Margie received her BA from the College of William & Mary; she received her Master of Education from the University of Virginia. Margie was a School Teacher and Administrator for 24 years. After retirement, Margie entered into the CRE Program at the Presbytery of Peaks. Margie is currently the Commissioned Lay Pastor, serving Covenant Presbyterian Church. She has been married to David Anderson for 44 years and they have three daughters, Karin, Johanna, and Liesel.

Guest Organist – George B. Clark, AAGO

It is a privilege to welcome this morning George B Clark, AAGO to the organ console. George's reputation as the spiritual dean of Lynchburg's community of organists need hardly be stated. If he is not otherwise known to this congregation, we know him as the composer of the choral anthem *Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem*, a favorite of our choir's for Palm Sunday. He was, of course, for more than 40 years the music director / organist at Court Street United Methodist Church until retirement from that position last year. Now he spends much of his free time traveling.

Westminster Canterbury Food and Crafts Bazaar

The Annual Food and Crafts Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the COMMONS & Bridge on the third floor, 501 VES Road. Please join them for donuts and coffee or tea at 9:00 am. Silent Auction at 10:00 am. They will have fabulous door prizes (tickets \$1.00), a variety of crafts made by residents, and delicious food (breads, cookies, soups, jams and jellies). All proceeds benefit the Payne Family Employee Education Fund. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
“LIVE GENEROUSLY”

Beginning October 8th and concluding November 12th.

Westminster has been notified of the death of our former Choir Director, Linda Smithy Ellinwood, who died on August 28, 2017. Linda was choir director back in the 60's. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, September 16th at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, Chevy Chase, MD.

Meetings This Week:

- Worship & Music Committee – today Sunday, **September 24th** at 12:15 pm

Lunch Bunch – tomorrow Monday, September 25th at 12:00 Noon at Charley's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:

- Christian Education Meeting – Sunday, October 1st at 8:45 am
- Stewardship Annual Campaign begins Sunday, October 8th
- Outreach & Evangelism Meeting – Sunday, October 8th at 12:15 pm
- Worship & Music Meeting – Sunday, October 8th at 12:15 pm
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting – Tuesday, October 10th at 4:15 pm
- Session Meeting – Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 pm
- Book Club – Monday, October 16th at Mary Ellen Sydnor's at 7:00 pm
We will be discussing *The Little Locksmith* by Katharine Hathaway.
- Ecumenical Sunday School – Sunday, October 22nd at 9:30 am
- Organ Concert – Sunday, October 22nd at 4:00 pm – (Watch for details)

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 | *Grace Sydnor | *Betsy Jamerson |
| *Marian Viar & family | | *Westminster's Homebound |
| *Valerie & Christopher Harris with concerns for friends and family members | | |
| *Men and women serving in the military & their families | | |
| *Yale Greer's brother, James Willard Greer, passed away on September 3 rd . | | |

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Marguerite White, on the occasion
of her passing two years ago on September 24, 2015.
The flowers are given by her daughter and son in-law, Pix and Richard Mahler.*

**We invite you to join us next week, October 1st, when our pulpit
guest will be the Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson.**