



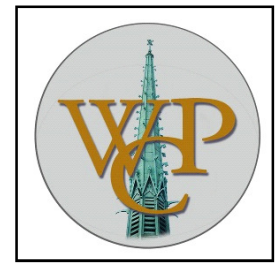
CHIMES - October 2025

Westminster Presbyterian Church

<http://www.wpclynchburg.org> (434) 847-6655

e-mail: wpclynchburg@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska



We as humans have been fascinated with the center and middle of everything since probably humankind was created. Some people want to be the center of attention at gatherings, having all conversations to revolve around them. For centuries humans believed that we, Earth, were at the center of the universe at that the sun rotated around us. In the 1600s Galileo was viewed as a heretic claiming that the Earth rotated around the sun; an official rule the Roman church didn't overturn until the 1990s!

While on our trip to Uganda the three of us visited a site Sarah has taken many friends and family members to, the Equator the 0 degree line truly at the center of the Earth. Yes, if you're wondering it was very warm but given Uganda's overall elevation above sea level it wasn't boiling. Truly this is the center of the Earth with our legs straddling the Northern and Southern hemispheres at once.

Sometimes I believe this drive to be at the center of everything can cloud and blind our vision to the totality of creation. Realizing the Earth was just another planet in an ever expanding universe rather than being the center of it has inspired our dreams of space exploration. The same should be true about our current lives and context.

It's true that Lynchburg, VA is pretty darn close to the center of the state but our country doesn't revolve around us, and neither does the world revolve around our country. We are one of many beautiful and inspiring nations that portray God's beauty of created spaces and especially God's beauty of diverse cultures and experiences. As the pastor at Sarah's long time church here in Uganda said earlier "No one country is above or better than the rest." We all belong. All are places people call home. All have their strengths and challenges.

I know we'll be away on the official World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October, but we will celebrate upon our return the following Sunday. What I love about this particular Sunday is our recognition that we personally and culturally have no claim to the Gospel. God's Word is bigger and grandeur than we can imagine, impacting and inspiring Christians around the world to live lives following Jesus.

It is Christ who should be at the center of our lives, our hearts, and our minds. The true center of creation and all that was, is, and still is to come is our God.

Grace and peace to you all until we meet again.

Pastor Shawn



Shawn, Sarah, and Eliana standing on the Equator in Uganda.



Please remember our homebound

Birthdays

- 2 Ann Allen
- 4 Jeff Evans
- 4 Bob Gibson
- 5 Becky Maxey
- 12 Ben Rolison
- 19 David Oliver
- 23 Sam Smith
- 24 Sarah Hyska

List of Sunday Service Positions

“For everything there is a season.” For those who have faithfully volunteered their time for our Sunday worship services, we would like to express our heartfelt and sincere gratitude. THANK YOU! To all those who are currently giving their time and talents to service during our Sunday Worship, THANK YOU TOO!

The schedule has been mailed, and a few updates have already been made. Should you need a new copy of the schedule for the rest of the year, please reach out to Alice in the office. If you are in need of changing your day, or you would like to add yourself to the list of servers, please reach out to Ashley Thulin (contact information is in the Directory).

Reminder cards will continue to be sent out the week before the service.

“ And Let Us Not Grow Weary Of Doing Good, For In Due Season We Will Reap, If We Do Not Give Up.” Galatians 6:9

- | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| * * * * * | * * * * * | * * * * * |
| * Kathleen Smith | Westminster Canterbury | Queen Webb |
| * 501 VES Rd, H-429 | Lynchburg, VA 24503 | C/O The Summit |
| * 1300 Enterprise Dr. | | Lynchburg, VA 24502 |
| * * * * * | | |
| * Maymie Keys | R&P at Liberty Ridge | Doris Hailey |
| * 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 35 | Lynchburg, VA 24502 | 209 Woodland Avenue |
| * * * * * | | Lynchburg, VA |
| * Eloise Peters | Westminster Canterbury | 24501-2127 |
| * 501 VES Rd, B-706 | Lynchburg VA 24503 | |
| * * * * * | | |
| * Sylvia Viar | 15 John Rucker Drive | Barbara Taylor |
| * Ruckersville, VA 22968 | | R&P at Liberty Ridge |
| * * * * * | | 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344 |
| * * * * * | | Lynchburg, Va. 24502 |
| * * * * * | | |
| * * * * * | | Becky Maxey |
| * * * * * | | 57 Beech Avenue |
| * * * * * | | Hamilton, NJ 08610 |
| * * * * * | | |
| * * * * * | | |

100 Years of Westminster at 11th & Floyd!

In spring of 2026, we will celebrate Westminster Presbyterian Church being here, in Lynchburg, Va, at 11th & Floyd, for 100 years!

In preparation for that incredible event, Angela Hart, our congregation Historian, is working on refurbishing the Legacy History room. It has been moved upstairs into what was once the Ladies Bible Study Room, behind the Fellowship Hall, for ease of access and enjoyment. There is still much to do to catalogue and artfully display all the incredible pieces of history we have hidden away here at WPC.

If you would care to donate to this cause, please write checks to WPC with “Legacy Room Refurbishment” on the MEMO line of your check.

Photos from The Hyskas' Trip to Uganda

Below left: Wildebeests moving freely across the African continent, not bothered by the cars trying to travel the road.

Right: Beautiful flowering plant, similar to a hydrangea. If you're intrigued, ask Sarah what it is! I want to know too!

Bottom right: A Hippopotamus staring at the camera can seem silly, but these incredible animals can be extremely dangerous. They are territorial and incredibly protective, aggressively attacking even the most dangerous of predators. They move on land and in the water, willing to attack/defend from lions as well as crocodiles! Do you want one for Christmas?



Photos from The Hyskas' Trip to Uganda Continued...



Giraffe Facts: They have black tongues!
They are the world's tallest living land animals!

They sleep and give birth standing up!
They have the same number of vertebrae in their necks
that we do!



Revelation Bible Study at Westminster Presbyterian Church

STARTING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th!

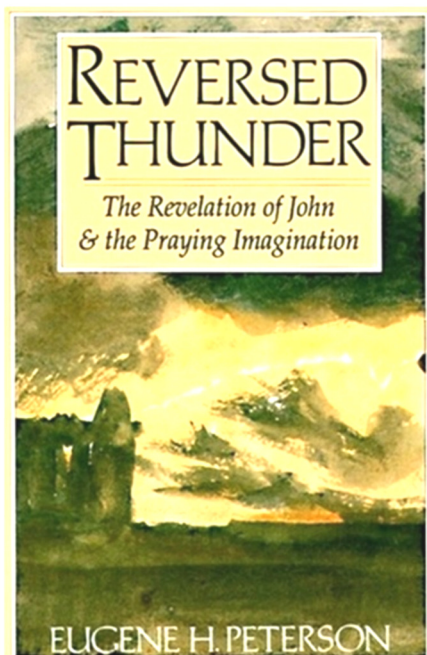
Over the course of the next year, we will dive deep into the Revelation of John, the last book of the Bible, a book too often misquoted, mis-interpreted to invoke fear—judgement with wild imagery. Rev. Eugene Peterson, the Presbyterian minister who wrote The Message translation of the Bible, saw the Book of Revelation, not as a literal text meant to predict the future, but rather a Biblical text that invoked one's imagination of the previous sixty-five books read in the Bible.

Join us this year as we delve into the Revelation and expand our imagination. During the study we will read the Biblical text itself alongside Peterson's book Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John & the Praying Imagination. The Study will begin in October, and the group will meet for one hour each week— **Tuesday nights, 5.15 to 6.15 PM**. There will also be a Zoom option for those who cannot make it in person to the church.

The books have been ordered and delivered to the church. If you are still in need of a book, please stop by the church to pick up your copy of Reversed Thunder, located on the podium in front of the Sanctuary doors outside the office.

Hope to see you there!

Tuesday Nights 5:15 PM —6:15 PM



October 14—Introduction & Chapter 1—Famous Last Words

October 21—Revelation 1:1-11/Chapter 2—The Last Word on Scripture

October 28—Revelation 1:12-20/Chapter 3—The Last Word on Christ

November 4—Revelation 2 & 3/Chapter 4—The Last Word on the Church

November 11—Revelation 4 & 5/Chapter 5—The Last Word on Worship

November 18—Revelation 6 & 7/Chapter 6—The Last Word on Evil

December 2—Revelation 8 & 9/Chapter 7—The Last Word on Prayer

December 9—Revelation 10 & 11/Chapter 8—The Last Word on Witness

December 16—Revelation 12,13,14/Chapter 9—The Last Word on Politics

January 13—Revelation 15 & 16/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

January 20—Revelation 17 & 18/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

January 27—Revelation 19 & 20/Chapter 11—The Last Word on Salvation

February 3—Revelation 21:1-22:5/Chapter 12—The Last Word on Heaven

February 10—Conclusion/Chapter 13—The Last Words



With Shawn traveling in September, our congregation members really stepped in and demonstrated our bulletin statement: "Every member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and Neighbor." Our own Dr. Cary Roberts delivered a message about Choices on Sunday, September 21st. Thank you, Cary, for that thought provoking sermon.

The following Sunday, our children took on more responsibilities by leading us through worship, doing everything from acolyting and ushering, to liturgy and prayer. From our oldest, 11 year old Rachel, to our youngest, 6 year old Lucas, our children shined in their heartfelt and joyous service to the Lord!



Left: Rally Day Luncheon. We had a great turnout! Children's Sunday School is at 9:45 AM, and the Adult's Bible Study is on Tuesdays.

Middle & Right: Children's Sunday servers!



October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 17th Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday Scripture: Lam. 1:1-6 and Lam 3:19-26 or Ps. 137; Hab. 1:14; 2:1-4 and Ps. 37:1-9; 2 Tim.2 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.</p> <p>HYMN SING Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Daniele & Allen Hamblen Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Aidan Thulin</p>	<p>6 Lunch Bunch at 12:00 noon</p>	<p>7 Revelation Bible Study 5:15PM —6:15 PM at Church & Zoom</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Blessing Place 9AM—11:30 AM</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 18th Sunday After of Pentecost Scripture: Jer. 29:4-7, and Ps. 66; 1-12; 2 Kings5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps. 111; 2Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Mary Sue Childress, Angela Hart Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Byron Thulin</p> <p>Communion Prep: Irene Hoag Communion Servers: Chris Harris, Angela Hart, Share Evans Session Meeting @ 9:00 AM Worship & Enrichment Meeting at 12:15PM</p>	<p>13 PW Circle Meeting @ 11:00 AM covered dish luncheon to follow.</p>	<p>14 Revelation Bible Study 5:15PM —6:15 PM at Church & Zoom</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 19th Sunday After Pentecost Scripture Jer.31:27-34 and Ps. 119:97-104; Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps. 121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Angela Hart Ushers: Jimmy Reed, Wilbur Duncan Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Aidan Thulin</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Revelation Bible Study 5:15PM —6:15 PM at Church & Zoom</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Blessing Place 10AM—1:00 PM</p>
<p>26 20th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Joel 2:23-32 and Ps. 65; Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 and Ps. 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Mary Sue Childress & Angela Hart Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Byron Thulin</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Revelation Bible Study 5:15PM —6:15 PM at Church & Zoom</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 All Hallows' Eve!</p>	<p>All Saints' Day!</p>

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1022 FLOYD STREET

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501



October 5th 17th Sunday After

Pentecost Communion

Scripture: Lam. 1:1-6 and Lam 3:19-26 or Ps. 137;
Hab. 1:14; 2:1-4 and Ps. 37:1-9; 2 Tim.2 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10.

HYMN SING

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Daniele & Allen Hamblen

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross

Liturgist: Aidan Thulin

October 12th 18th Sunday After of Pentecost

Scripture: Jer. 29:4-7, and Ps. 66; 1-12; 2 Kings5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps. 111; 2Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Mary Sue Childress, Angela Hart

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

Liturgist: Byron Thulin

Communion Prep: Irene Hoag

**Communion Servers: Chris Harris, Angela Hart,
Share Evans**

October 19th 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Jer.31:27-34 and Ps. 119:97-104;
Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps. 121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4-:5; Luke
18:1-8

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Angela Hart

Ushers: Jimmy Reed, Wilbur Duncan

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross

October 26th 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Joel 2:23-32 and Ps. 65; Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22
and Ps. 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Mary Sue Childress & Angela Hart

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler