



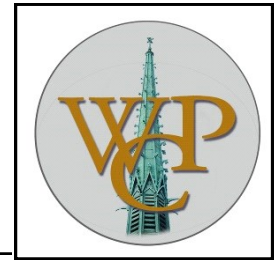
# CHIMES - September 2025

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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska



***“One of us always tells the truth, and one of us always lies.”***

One of my favorite movies growing up was the 1980s Jim Henson hit, *Labyrinth*. It was a fantasy film for children, combining the famous Jim Henson puppetry along with the singing and acting talent of David Bowie. Throughout the film the lead character, Sarah, played by a first-time actress, Jennifer Connelley, faces trials and decisions to reach the cas-

tle to confront the evil king and take back her baby brother that was taken. In this scene in the image above she is presented with a choice, one door will lead right to the castle, and the other will lead to death. To help her choose are the door creatures, where one of them always tells the truth and one of them always lies. I won't spoil for you which door she chooses nor what happens in the end.

This I believe is the decision we all are faced with each day. Whom shall we serve? This is the question Joshua poses to the Israelite people at the end of the book of Joshua, one of his final words of wisdom, “For me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

The choice we face is to serve a God who always tells the truth, a God who challenges us, loves us unconditionally, inspires us, pushes us beyond our comfort zone at times, a faithful God. Opposite of God is all the forces that are anti-God's ultimate reign and kingdom, a combination of the forces of humanity and the world that seek personal gain and growth over the community, as well as the voice of the evil one who lures the faithful away from God via lies. *One of us always tells the truth, and one of us always lies.* Think about the lies that the devil told Jesus in the wilderness; they are the same lies we are told still today, lies that pit one against the other, lies that there is a scarcity to God's love and forgiveness, lies that we aren't good enough in God's eyes. They are all lies. They all lead to destruction of our lives, if not our souls.

Whom will you serve? Will you and your household serve a God of love, compassion, grace, mercy and forgiveness? *For me and my household, we WILL serve the Lord.*

Thanks for journeying with us this summer as we walked through Joshua together. See you next month, after we return from Uganda and Kenya, as we begin our adult Bible series on the book of Revelation!

Peace,

Pastor Shawn



**Birthdays**

- 4 Paul Sydnor
- 5 Joseph R. Wyatt III
- 5 Laura Crim Fry
- 16 Aidan Andrew Thulin
- 18 Macon Gibson
- 23 Lucas Oliver
- 25 Paula Wyatt
- 28 Martha Wilson

**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. To all those who are currently giving their time and talents to service during our Sunday Worship, thank you!

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**

*Please remember our homebound members.*

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

Our ten week Joshua Series will conclude on Sunday, September 14th. Sarah Hyska gifted the congregation with her personal testimony of Joshua on the first Sunday of the series in July. She will again offer the congregation a message on the second-to-last Sunday of the series, September 7th. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing such personal stories with us about how the Word of God has specifically led your steps!



## Seven Hills Chamber Concert

The new Steinway was put to good use on Sunday, August 17th, as the members of the Seven Hills Chamber Concert series hosted another incredible musical performance in the Sanctuary.

The Seven Hills Starry Dynamo was free to the public and featured composer-in-residence, **William Susman**, mezzo-soprano **Lara Nie** singing **Il Tramonto** by **Ottorino Respighi**, **J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3**, and many more!

All Seven Hills Concerts are generously supported by the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, the James D. and Eleanor J. Taylor Concert Series, and the City of Lynchburg. Please contact Bob Blevins if you would like more information on how you can give to support these performances or if you would like notifications about future concerts.



## A Sneak Preview From Angela Hart Regarding Legacy Room Update

**AMAGING!...is the only word that I can use to describe the historical treasures that we are used to seeing right here in this building all the time!**

**We will have many more interesting mementos from the church's past to share in the upcoming months as WPC prepares for its centennial celebration.**

**The young men pictured here, Jarell, Justen, and Christian, as well as my nephew, Raymond (not pictured), recently provided the much needed muscle required to combine the Legacy Room with what was previously the Ladies Bible Study/Bible Room.**

**There will be more details to come as the transformation unfolds.**



## Revelation Bible Study at Westminster Presbyterian Church

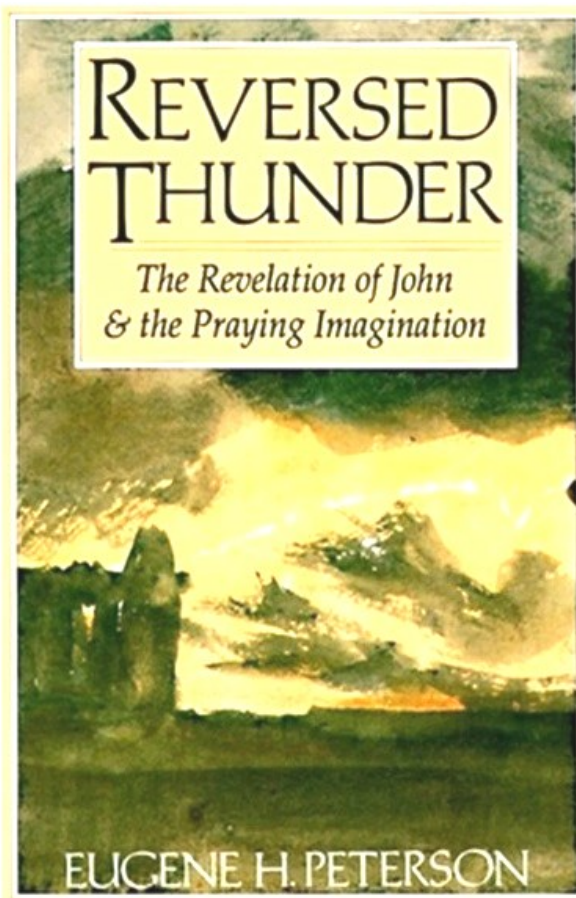
### STARTING IN OCTOBER!

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. More specific information will be shared next month.

In preparation for the study, please call the church and inform the Church Secretary, Alice, if you would like to participate, so we can order an appropriate number of Peterson's book.

**Hope to see you there!**



Session 1—Introduction & Chapter 1—Famous Last Words

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Session 11—Revelation 17 & 18/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

Session 12—Revelation 19 & 20/Chapter 11—The Last Word on Salvation

Session 13—Revelation 21:1-22:5/Chapter 12—The Last Word on Heaven

Session 14—Conclusion/Chapter 13—The Last Words

## Rally Day 2025!

Every year we take a little break from classroom enrichment at the church during summer, accommodating the needs of our congregation with vacations, holidays, and family visits. To get back in the swing of things, we kick off our education enrichment season after Labor Day in September with Rally Day!

This year, **Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 14th, at 12:15 PM. We will have a pot-luck, covered-dish luncheon after the service** to share information about scriptural education opportunities from September 2025 through May of 2026.

Mark your calendar to stay after worship for eat and to learn about an opportunity to prepare your heart, soul, and mind for Spiritual Enrichment this fall at Westminster Presbyterian Church!

## 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 is being moved upstairs into what was once the Ladies Bible Study Room, behind the Fellowship Hall, for ease of access and enjoyment. This will require heavy lifting, careful cataloguing, and artful displays of memorabilia.

**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.**

## Ice-cream & Gifts

Our annual Ice Cream Social was held on Sunday, August 24th at 3PM, and it was a huge success! More than 30 people came to enjoy the delicious variety of ice cream and treats that lined the tables in the Fellowship Hall, and all who came participated in the White Elephant Gift Exchange after. Much fun and hilarity ensued as a Cardinal Tea Towel exchanged hands many times, along with a chilled-dip serving bowl, and Lucy walked away with a uniquely interesting Green Mask decoration. I hope another particular someone—who shall remain nameless—is appreciating his “stolen” 😊 record as he reads this. You know who you are...

Thank you all for making the church family here at WPC one of a kind in love, fellowship, faith, and fun! Mark your calendars for August of next year!



# September 2025



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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	Labor Day				Block Party at R. S.	
<b>7 13th Sunday After Pentecost Communion</b> Scripture: Jer. 18:1-11 and Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18; Deut. 30: 15-20, and Ps. 1; Philem. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Carter & Kyle Miller Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Angela Hart Communion Prep: Martha Wilson Communion Servers: Valerie Harris, Allen Hamblen, Joe Slette <b>Session Meets @ 9:00 AM</b> <b>Sarah Hyska is guest speaker</b>	8 PW mill meet at Betty Oliver's home at 11:30 with luncheon to follow.	9	10	11	12	13 Blessing Place 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
<b>14 14th Sunday After Pentecost Rally Day</b> Scripture: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps. 14; Ex. 32: 7-14 and Ps. 51:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10. Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Charlie Ross & Joe Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress <b>Rally Day- Luncheon to follow</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20 Aidan's 10th Birthday Party at the Thulin Residence 12 PM
<b>21 15th Sunday After Pentecost</b> Scripture Jer. 8:18-9:1 and Ps. 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Ps. 113; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13. Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Aidan Thulin Ushers: Jimmy Reed, Wilbur Duncan Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress	22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26	27 Blessing Place 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
<b>28 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Scripture: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Ps. 146;1 Tim.6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Carter & Kyle Miller Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Angela Hart	29 Alice out of the office	30				

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**LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501**



**September 7th 13th Sunday After Pentecost Communion**

Scripture: Jer. 18:1-11 and Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18; Deut. 30: 15-20, and Ps. 1; Philem. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Carter & Kyle Miller  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross  
Liturgist: Angela Hart  
Communion Prep: Martha Wilson  
Communion Servers: Valerie Harris,  
Allen Hamblen, Joe Slette  
Guest speaker: Sarah Hyska  
**Session Meeting @ 9:00 AM**

**September 21st 15th Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture Jer. 8:18-9:1 and Ps. 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Ps. 113; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Aidan Thulin  
Ushers: Jimmy Reed, Wilbur Duncan  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross  
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress

**September 14th 14th Sunday After of Pentecost**

Scripture: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps. 14; Ex. 32: 7-14 and Ps. 51:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Charlie Ross & Joe Slette  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette  
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress  
**Rally Day Covered-Dish Luncheon after Worship**

**September 28th 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Ps. 146; 1 Tim.6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Carter & Kyle Miller  
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Angela Hart