

Next Two Weeks at Westminster

Sunday **May 11 – Pentecost**
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Children’s Choir Warm-up (in the sanctuary)
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15 PM Confirmand’s Reception

Monday **May 12**
 7:30 PM Crystal Clear Mtg.

Tuesday **May 13**
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

Wednesday **May 14**
 5:00 AM Breakfast of Angels – WPC
 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study – James’ Letter
 9:00 AM Young Women’s Bible Study
 2:30 PM CMS Teachers
 5:15 PM Missions Mtg.
 7:30 PM Westminster Reunion Choir

Thursday **May 15**
 6:00 PM Deacons Mtg.
 7:00 PM Officers Prayer Time
 7:30 PM Session Mtg.

Friday **May 16**

Saturday **May 17**
 7:00 AM Prayer Gathering

Nursery Volunteers – May 11

Coordinator: Margaret Clayton
Crib Rm.: Julia Murray, Jason Peele
Toddler Rm.: Grady & Kim Moseley
2’s & 3’s: Patrick & Lane Rau
Children & Worship – May 11
Younger: Anne Day
Older: Tracey Morrison

Officers of the Week – May 11

Elder David Coats – 704-844-1275
Elder Lisa Warren – 704-364-9434
Deacon Teresa Robinson – 704-846-5685
Deacon Fonda Doerre – 704-334-4886

Stephen Minister: Leslie Austin
Lock-up – Gene Carroll

Sunday **May 18**
 8:45 AM Bell warm up
 9:00 AM Trumpets & Timpani Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Young Adult Sunday School
 10:35 AM Reunion Choir warm up
 11:00AM Worship
 12:15 AM Care Ministry Mtg.
 12:15 PM Reception for Mary J. & Odells
 6:00 PM Graduation Banquet

Monday **May 19**
 6:30 PM Fenton Homeowner’s
 7:30 PM Crystal Clear Mtg.

Tuesday **May 20**

Wednesday **May 21**
 5:00 AM Breakfast of Angels – Hope Pres.
 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
 9:00 AM Young Women’s Bible Study
 6:30 PM Softball @ Trinity Pres.
 7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Last)

Thursday **May 22**
 1:30 PM CMS Teachers Mtg.

Friday **May 23**

Saturday **May 24**
 7:00 AM Prayer Gathering

Nursery Volunteers – May 18

Coordinator: Skip O’Neal
Crib Rm.: Virginia & Sarah Ellison
Toddler Rm.: Stacy Cordes, Carol Sample
2’s & 3’s: Chris & Vanessa Vabinder
Children & Worship – May 18
Younger: Jim Ratchford
Older: Joy Witherspoon

Officers of the Week – May 18

Elder Sam Cornwell – 704-366-9698
Elder Dan Whitesides – 704-366-9039
Deacon Bart Shaw – 704-372-1491
Deacon Jim Witherspoon – 704-367-9781

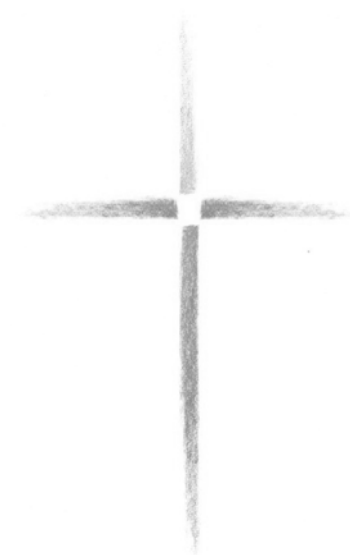
Stephen Minister – Sharon Eckel
Lock-up – Jerry Austin

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost
 May 11, 2008
 11:00 A.M.

Pentecost plays a crucial role in salvation history ... in order to bring God’s people into a full experience of the Good News, an emphasis on Pentecost is necessary. Broadly speaking, Pentecost brings understanding to the followers of Jesus, empowers them in ministry, establishes the church, and points to the end of history when the kingdom of Christ will be established over all the earth.

Robert Webber, Ancient-FutureTime



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All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ...

† Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Westminster and Signing of Friendship Folios

Prelude: *Spirit Divine, Accept Our Prayers* Combined Children's Choirs
Spirit divine, accept our prayers, And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers, O come, great spirit, come!

Chiming of the Hour, Entrance of the Word and Pentecost Lights

(Please stand as you are able as the Light and Word reach your pew.)

† **Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator,
In the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
All: Come Holy Spirit!
Leader: Holy Spirit, Redeemer,
By your power you raised Jesus Christ from death unto life.
In your power, breathe new life into all peoples of the earth.
All: Come Holy Spirit!
Leader: Holy Spirit, Sustainer of all life,
You guide and make holy the church you create.
Through your grace, make us the living temple of your presence.
All: Come Holy Spirit!
Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

† **Hymn of Praise:** #262 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Prayers of Confession

Leader: Let us pray.
All: Almighty God, You poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. Our sin stands in the way and separates us from your presence. We do not listen for your word of grace. We do not speak the good news of your love. We do not live as people made new and reconciled in Christ. We fail to trust in your goodness and strength. Have mercy on us, O God. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.

(As the Spirit has called us to God's throne of grace, this place of peace, use the next few moments of silent prayer to confess your sins to God.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Ben Bridges – son of Bob & Elizabeth Bridges
McClain Cauthen – son of Charles & Karen Cauthen
Maggie Fryling – daughter of Bill & Meg Fryling
Guille Henegar – son of Ed & Ann Henegar
Caroline Peklenk – daughter of Steve & Janie Peklenk
Harrison Stewart – son of Jerry & Stephanie Stewart
Connor Vorhoff – son of Dave & Erin Vorhoff



GRADUATION BANQUET – MAY 18 @ 6:00 PM

All are welcome to attend the Graduation Banquet on the evening of May 18th in Beard Hall. Family, friends and those who have played an important role in the lives of our graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are: Emily Brafford, William Cook, William Moore, Matthew Odell, Callie Robertson and Daniel Yopp. DINNER.....PRESENTATION.....AND MORE

CHURCH ARCHIVES

We are preparing a place to house the history of Westminster and are collecting old materials for the church archives. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please give them to Linda Simpson, Nell Overton or Barb Conrad in the church office, e.g. old pictures of church groups, newspaper clippings, church bulletins of special events, newsletters, or any other items that would capture our church history.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 16-19th Sign-ups Now Taking Place!



Please take a moment and stop by *God's Big Back Yard* registration table in the gathering area to register your child/ren for Vacation Bible School. The registration table will be open each Sunday morning during the month of May between 10:30 and 11:00 as well as 10 minutes following the service. VBS Date: **June 16th - 19th; Time 9:00 - 12 noon;** We are delighted to welcome your child's friends and neighbors so please be sure to take some registration forms for them to fill out and return.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

An Offer to Pray

For any who would like prayer, elders of the week David Coats and Lisa Warren will be at the front of the sanctuary after the service for all who so desire.

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Our pastors and staff are here to serve you. We hope you will sign the Friendship Folio as it is passed down your pew. This gives us a way to contact you with further information about Westminster.

New Members Class

A new members' class will be offered during the month of May on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. If interested in joining Westminster or would like to learn more about the Presbyterian denomination, please call the church office, 376-0751.

Young Adult Sunday School

Young Adult Sunday School starts MAY 18th at 9:30 AM. We will meet in the YOUTH LOUNGE with coffee and bagels! **See you there!!!**

Farewell Reception – May 18th

There will be a reception honoring Mary J. Rennekar and Mark & Carol Odell next Sunday, **May 18th in the Garden** following the worship service. Mary J. will be leaving to move closer to her family and Mark & Carol will be moving to Lincolnton, NC. Join us as we bid them God's Speed.

Birthdays- Week of May 11

11 Kathy Marsh
12 Collin Atkinson
14 David Simpson
Teresa Morrison
Scott Jones
16 Mary Dehlin
17 Ynez Olshausen

Young Adult Ministry

- Young Adult Kick-off – May 31
6:00 PM @ the Misle home, 424
Whitestone Rd. (note new address).

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Neal Hodges to the glory of God and in loving of memory of Minnie, who on Mother's Day weekend, 2003 joined the "church eternal." "*Her children arise and call her blessed*" –Proverbs 31:28.

Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Sarah King on the death of her brother, John Bowen.

Presbyterian Women

Lib Strahan and Phyllis Nanney were honored at the Birthday Luncheon on May 6th. As faithful servants of God, they received the Presbyterian Women's Lifetime Membership Award. As speaker, Lane Henderson reminded us we all have a calling to serve. We are grateful to Lib and Phyllis as they have heard that call. Congratulations ladies!

Leader: Come Holy Spirit!

All: Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. This is the Gospel!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sacrament of Baptism: Grant Kich Gardner, infant son of Steve & Lisa Gardner

Public Reception of New Confirmands Into the Church

Children's Message

(Following the Children's Message the 4 & 5 year olds, plus kindergarteners are invited to room 122, 1st & 2nd graders are invited to room 103 for Children & Worship)

† **Hymn of Preparation:** *O Breath of Life* (see insert)

Scripture Reading

First Lesson: (page 1) Genesis 1:1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: (page 1692) Acts 2:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Third Lesson: (page 1675) John 14:5-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Word Preached

The Rev. Trevor H. G. Smith

When the Holy Spirit Fills Us

We Respond to God's Word

Youth Dance Team

Worthy is the Lamb

Darlene Zschech

Thank You for the cross Lord, thank You for the price You paid. Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace. Thank You for this love Lord, thank You for the nail-pierced hands. Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace. Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious. High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God. The darling of Heaven crucified, worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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*Happy Mother's Day
to all the special women in our lives.*

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers for One Another
and Our Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Offerings of Time, Tithes and Gifts

Musical Offering Westminster Choir

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me ADORO TE DEVOTE arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

†The Doxology (# 625) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

† Charge

Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there, He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Even now the Holy Spirit is empowering you. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.

† **Choral Benediction:** Numbers 6:24

Jim Strathdee

(You are invited to turn and sing the blessing to each other)

The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious. The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance on you and give peace, give you peace. Amen. Amen.

† **Postlude:** *Psalm XIX*

Marcello

Music Notes: Dear Friends in Christ,

During my eleven years in Charlotte, my dad moved closer to me as he approached end stage Parkinson's, two of my children married with all three settling in new locations, and my Dad's earthly life ended (and my daily responsibilities) last May 19th. Because my mom died in 1976, none of us have ever experienced a "hands on Nana", and God (partially through the current Crown Class) has shown me clearly that my family needs me. **My eldest, Joy**, has a very demanding job teaching journalism at the Un.of Missouri in Columbia, MO. **Patrick turns 5** on 5/27, and **James turns 2** on 6/13. My plan is to have my house on the market before Memorial Day, sing my concert in Spoleto, and use the birthday weeks to find a job in Columbia. **My son, Reed**, uses Tulsa, OK as his home base, and it's only a 5 hr. drive, and my daughter **Martha** teaches 9 hrs away in Minneapolis. Goodbyes are never easy, but I hope you can share my great joy as I move to be within a day's drive from all my children and grandchildren.

Mary J.

Sermon Notes: *When the Holy Spirit Fills Us*

Introduction

[1] We have his **presence**

[2] We have his **power**

[3] We have his **purpose**

Conclusion

**Upcoming
Worship**

May 18
11:00 AM
Joseph Sold
Handbells
Trumpets & Timpani
Reunion Choir

May 25
11:00 AM
*Joseph's Rise to
Power*

June 1
11:00 AM
Israel Goes to Egypt
The Lord's Supper