



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

November 26, 2023

Christ the King/Reign of Christ - Birthday Sunday



Photograph courtesy of [workingpreacher.org](https://www.workingpreacher.org), Commentary on Josiah's Reforms

The Service of Worship

* *Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Please observe silence and turn off mobile devices during the preludes.

Large print Bibles and hymnals and assistive listening devices are available upon request. Please see an usher.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDES

Prelude on *King's Weston* (At the Name of Jesus)
Overture—The Rejoicing (from *Fireworks Music*)

Monica Umstaedt Rossman
David N. Johnson
G.F. Handel

CHRIST THE KING CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Hymn 630, vs 4

Crusaders' Hymn

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 24*

Riley Meath [11:00am]

Lift up your heads, O you people; open your hearts, children of God,

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty;

The Lord, full of tenderness and mercy.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; Lift them up, you ancient doors,

That the King of Kings may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

Christ Almighty, the King of glory, humble and kind!

* THE HYMN NO. 267 COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Madrid

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Alex Stayer-Brewington

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we fail to bow our knees before him.

Instead, we grant our allegiances to worldly rulers and concerns. We have set wealth, nationalism, and vain self-interest upon thrones in our hearts and lives. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you and you alone, the maker and ruler of the universe, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. We pray this through your son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the baptism during the 11:00am service, children 4 yrs-1st grade are invited to Godly Play in the Church Parlor. Younger children may join the nursery in Mission Center Room G7.

[11:00am] THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – MARGARET ANNE MOON

Cheryl Barton Henry

Words of Introduction

Helen Tharrington

Promises of the Parents

Andrew and Sarah Moon

Congregational Promises

Do you, the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church, undertake with Andrew and Sarah the responsibility for the Christian nurture of Margaret? Do you? **We do.**

Do you promise to try to set before Margaret an example of faithful discipleship, that her ties with the church may be strengthened? Do you? **We do.**

Promises of the Children

Do you, Cate, and the children of Westminster Presbyterian Church, promise to get to know Margaret, to play with her, to share your love with her, and teach her about God as she grows? Do you? **We do.**

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Presentation of Gift from the Congregation

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts, God of grace, as we approach your Word. Help us to understand, and help us to act. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

II Kings 23:1-3

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 49 THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

Leoni

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday Hymn

African American spiritual

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Thankam Rangala

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

If you would like to give your offering online, please visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give>.

OFFERTORY

[8:30am] The Peace (from *Fireworks Music*)

G.F. Handel

[11:00] Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol; arr. James Kirkby; text by William C Dix

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the scepter, his the throne.

Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
 Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.
 Alleluia! King Eternal, thee the Lord of Lords we own:
 Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
 Thou on earth both priest and victim, in the eucharistic feast.
 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him: praise him angels in the height;
 Sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise him all ye stars of light.
 Praise the God of our salvation, hosts on high his power proclaim;
 Heaven and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

The Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 268 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Diademata

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 748

Tallis' Canon

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
 That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

ORGAN POSTLUDES

Trumpet Tune in A Major

David N. Johnson

Fantasy in A Minor

J.P. Sweelinck

~ ~ ~

November 24 marked 15 years of Chris Tuttle's ministry and leadership at Westminster.
 Please join the Personnel Committee in giving thanks to God for his love, guidance, and care,
 which have been such a blessing to this church and the Durham community.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers Sue and Ralph McCaughan

Offering Counter Kristen Klein

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Rebekah Perry

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Lector Riley Meath

Offering Counter Rebekah Perry

AV Technicians Devin Hatcher, Mark Hill

December 3

8:30am Service

Ushers Gary Carr, Bill McAvoy,
 Perry Tharrington, Richard Watson

Lector Sheri Sky

Offering Counter Jessica Buono

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Madison Rauscher

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Lector Kim Garcia

Offering Counter Rachel Chang

AV Technicians *Volunteer needed*

Love worship? Love your church? Join the Worship Team!

Sign up to serve at <https://bit.ly/WPCworshipvolunteers>, or scan the code with your phone.



267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris- tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
 MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

MADRID
 6.6.6.6.D

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change - less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI
 stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt.
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770 6.6.8.4.D

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

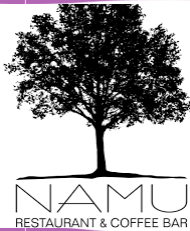
TODAY: Celebrate Christ the King & Start of Advent!

9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall & Courtyard

- 8:20am Children's Procession Gathering in the Courtyard
- 8:30am Children's Procession of Christmas Stocking Gifts at Worship
- 9:45-9:55am Gathering, Refreshments, and Welcome
- 10:00am Crafts, Re-creating, and Celebrating the wait
- 10:50am Children's Procession Gathering in the Courtyard
- 11:00am Children's Procession of Christmas Stocking Gifts at Worship

Recycle, reuse, recreate! Following the lead of WPC's Earth Care focus this year, we'll celebrate Christ the King Sunday with activities that include recycled, donated, and thrifted materials to mark the start of Advent. We'll also bag 100 pounds of beans and 100 pounds of rice for Emanuel Food Pantry. All ages are welcome – join the celebration and let your creativity flow!

Children are invited to process the stocking gifts for Families Moving Forward into the Sanctuary as we open each of our worship services today. Please meet in the Courtyard 10 minutes before the service begins to line up for the procession.



WPC Women's Fellowship Night Wednesday, November 29, 7:00pm at Namu

Questions? Contact Carol Mansfield
(carol.anne.mansfield@gmail.com) or
Hannah Overholt (heoverholt@gmail.com)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Help Make Reusable Bags for the Point-in-Time Count

December 1 & 2, 10:00am-4:00pm, Rooms 203-205

Mission Stitches and the WPC Earth Care team are working to create 100 reusable Boomerang Bags to be used for making Winter Essentials Bags during the MLK Day of Service. These bags will be distributed in January when Housing for New Hope hands out bags of essentials to unhoused persons as part of its Point-in-Time Count in Durham. You can help in two ways:

- **Bring in T shirts, sheets, and fabric** that you no longer use (they don't have to be perfect), and they will be recycled into Boomerang Bags. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the Mission Center copyroom.
- **Come and help make the bags on Friday and/or Saturday!** Sewing machines will be available or you can bring your own. The bags are easy to make, and instructions will be provided.

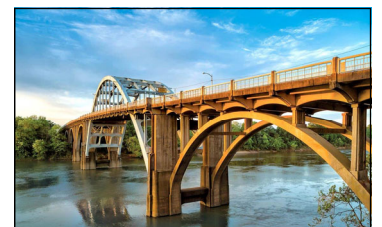


Contact Helen Harrison (helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu) or Peggy Force (Pegforce2022@gmail.com) with any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY: Learn About the Summer 2024 Holy Pilgrimage Along the Civil Rights Trail of Alabama

December 3, 12:15pm, Room 105

Come and visit the places where faith-filled resistance bore some of its most dramatic victories and white supremacy left some of its deepest scars. Sites will include the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery. The estimated cost is \$1,500 for six days, June 17-22, 2024. Some financial assistance is available. **Next Sunday's meeting is open to anyone who might like to learn more about the trip and required for everyone who has signed up.** Please contact David Anderson (dbanderson7@me.com) or Chris Tuttle (chris@wpcdurham.org) to sign up, view the working itinerary, and learn more.





NEXT SUNDAY: WPC Youth Invites You to Lovefeast!

December 3, 5:00pm

Join us in the Sanctuary for a service of lights, hymns, choral music, and fellowship from Moravian customs. Our youth group offers the Lovefeast service each year to show gratitude for the church family that prays and cares for them. Organ preludes begin at 4:30pm.

"Star Bright," A Christmas Pageant Open to All Ages

Sunday, December 17 – Pageant at 4:30pm, Potluck Reception at 5:30pm

This year, we are excited to once again invite participants of all ages to be in our Christmas Pageant, "Star Bright." The story of the nativity has a place for everyone from friendly beasts to angels, shepherds to magi, soloists, instrumentalists, and artists, and last but not least, the vitally important "backstage crew" to help keep everything on track. Come and experience the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in a wonderful and meaningful way. Please consider joining the 2023 Christmas Pageant cast and crew. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/wpcstarbright>, or contact Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org) or Pru Meyer (pruumeyer@gmail.com).



Advent Greet & Gift at Bull City Fair Trade, December 4, 6:00-8:00pm

An invitation from the Global Missions Committee



The giving that keeps on giving! The WPC Global Missions Committee encourages you to shop at [Bull City Fair Trade](#) as part of your Christmas tradition. Bull City Fair Trade is a nonprofit retail store focused on providing fair wages to low-income craft persons. Working with artisans from 70 developing countries and the US, Bull City gives these artisans access to the US market to sell their handmade crafts. All are paid under Fair Trade standards, ensuring a livable wage for their country. On their website and at the store you will also find eco-friendly merchandise devoted to any number of social goods from fighting human trafficking to aiding refugees, and the list goes on!

On Monday, December 4, 6:00-8:00pm (811 9th St), the store will open exclusively for WPC friends and family with church staff there to meet and greet shoppers. Ten percent of sales will support the mission of Bull City Fair Trade. If you can't make it to the store, you can purchase items online.

Share Your Blessings, Share Your Christmas

For more than 45 years, "Share Your Christmas" has provided holiday gifts to some of our most vulnerable Durham neighbors. Coordinated by the Durham County Department of Social Services and Triangle Nonprofit and Volunteer Leadership Center, WPC has participated in this mission for many

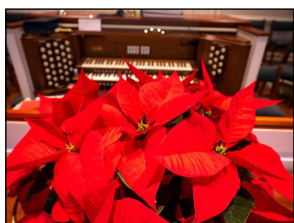
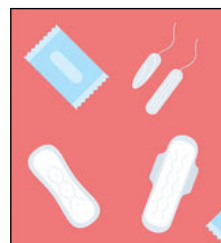


years. This year, we ask that you spend \$65 on each individual, and please be sure to wrap and label your gifts before you drop them off. View our 2023 Share Your Christmas full details and sign up at <https://bit.ly/23shareyourchristmas> or scan the code at left. The deadline for donating gifts is Wednesday, December 6. If you would like to donate to the Share Your Christmas fund, text WPCDURHAM SANTA \$100 to 73256 (standard text messaging rates may apply). If you would like to help with sorting and/or delivering gifts, please contact Ryan Steck (ryan.d.steck@gmail.com).



WPC Youth Group Collecting Donations of Feminine Hygiene Products

From November 12 - December 18, the youth of Westminster will be collecting tampons, sanitary pads, and menstrual cups that will be redistributed to the community by way of our friends at Durham Crisis Center, Families Moving Forward, and Urban Ministries. These materials are expensive and important, so the Youth Group is going to do everything in our power to help make sure they're accessible to anyone in Durham who needs them. Please bring donations to Alex's office in the Mission Center. Thank you!



Honor a Loved One with a Poinsettia & Donation to WPC Flower Guild

You are invited to offer a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one by making a \$10 donation to the WPC Flower Guild. Visit <https://bit.ly/23poinsettias> to submit your donation and honorarium/memorial information and payment. Dedications received by **Sunday, December 17**, will be included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up after Christmas Eve 8:00pm service. Please contact Bonnie Derr (bbderr@nc.rr.com) with any questions. Thank you!



You're invited to the Annual Gala in support of Families Moving Forward!

December 12, 7:00pm, The Cookery

**Unforgettable 3-course meal
by Chef Trent Shank of Plum**

**Silent Auction for incredible Durham
(and beyond!) experiences**

**Help support FMF as it helps families
find their way home**

Purchase tickets at <https://fmfnc.org/tickets>

**WSYC
HOLIDAY SHOP**

We are excited to announce a partnership between WSYC and several fantastic companies to make your holiday shopping a little easier. The best part? You can now give back to the preschool you love while shopping brands like Chapel Hill Toffee, Plum Print, Minted, and more. Each vendor has generously offered to donate a portion of sales to WSYC's Scholarship Fund. This means that more children can be granted the gift of a Westminster preschool education. So, why not shop for gifts that give twice? It's a win-win!

HOLIDAY CARDS & CUSTOM CREATIONS

Order your holiday cards and other custom gifts from Minted using WSYC's unique code. Feeling creative? Turn your children's artwork into personalized books and gifts with Plum Print!



GOURMET GIFTING

Chapel Hill Toffee and Griff's Toffee are the perfect treat for all your holiday festivities! They make great gifts and are a simple, gourmet dessert!



Shop Now!

<https://www.wsycludham.com/onestopholidayshop>

WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ, Birthday Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Christ the King Arts & Crafts Festival – Fellowship Hall
- Confirmation Class – Youth Suite
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
- Baptism of Margaret Anne Moon
- Godly Play (4 yrs - 1st grade)
- 12:00pm WPC Youth Christmas Light-Hanging – Courtyard

Monday, November 27

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study – Room 105
- 7:00pm Westminster Ringers – Music Room

Tuesday, November 28

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- 5:45pm WPC Serves Supper at Durham Urban Ministries

Wednesday, November 29

- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry Grocery Distribution
- Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
- Donate beans & rice:** <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 7:00pm Women's Fellowship Gathering – Namu

Thursday, November 30

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2

- 10:00am-4:00pm Mission Stitches–Earth Care Team Sewing Sessions – Rooms 203, 204, 205

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent, Communion

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
- Confirmation Class – Youth Suite
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
- Godly Play (4 yrs - 1st grade)
- 12:00pm Cider, Doughnuts, and Fellowship – Courtyard
- 4:00pm Lovefeast Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- 5:00pm Lovefeast – Sanctuary



Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Sunday, December 3, 5:00pm
Lovefeast, presented by WPC Youth Group
Preludes begin at 4:30pm – Childcare available

Sunday, December 10
8:30 & 11:00 am Advent Lessons & Carols, presented by the Chancel Choir
Childcare available

Sunday, December 17
8:30 & 11:00am Westminster Ringers
4:30pm "Star Bright" Christmas Pageant for All Ages with Potluck Reception to follow
Childcare available

Wednesday, December 20, 5:30pm Prayer Service of Healing & Wholeness

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve
11:00am Regular Sunday Worship
No 8:30am worship, Church School, Godly Play, or childcare

5:00pm Family Service of Carols and Readings
Childcare available

8:00pm Service of Readings, Carols, and Lights with the Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
Preludes begin at 7:30pm – Childcare available – Watch the live stream on YouTube

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve
11:00am Worship
No 8:30am worship, Church School, Godly Play, or childcare