



**WESTMINSTER**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Durham, North Carolina

April 28, 2024

*Fifth Sunday of Easter – Birthday Sunday*



Ruins of the Church at Corinth.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2016/02/letters-to-the-church-the-first-letter-to-the-corinthians/>

# 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.*

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Andante cantabile*

Patti Lingafelt  
Alexandre Guilmant

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: Hymn 392, v. 1

JESUS, TAWA PANO

*Choir will sing through once, then the congregation is invited to join the second time.*

**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;**

**Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *Written by WPC Youth for Youth Sunday, April 7*

Mark Foskey [11:00am]

Jesus Christ is alive. Let us give thanks!

**We are thankful that God is alive and around us everywhere.**

Let us give thanks for all the things coming to life in nature.

**We are thankful that God is alive and around us everywhere.**

Let us give thanks for the cycle of life and new life all around us.

**We are thankful that God is alive and around us everywhere.**

**We are thankful that God is with us everywhere and with us through everything.**

\* THE HYMN NO. 316

*Christ Is Alive*

TRURO

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Cheryl Barton Henry

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.

**God of all things, with hearts truly sorry, we confess to you our unfaithful thoughts and actions, our selfish desires, and quarrelsome ways. Forgive us the times we allowed fear to divide us from those who were merely different from us, and distrust to separate us from those we have not bothered to get to know.**

**Save us from the foolishness of our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. 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

*Stop the Fight! (The Story of David and Goliath)*

Hank Beebe

*M&Ms*

M&Ms is a WPC ministry that helps children learn through music, art, and missions. Our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are Annie Cirillo, Millie Cirillo, Audrey Gierisch, Malcolm Gierisch, Lael Jung, Pait Love, Will Siburt, and Emma Suggs.

M&Ms is led by Janet Whitaker with assistance from Anna Jarvis and Pru Meyer.

*Following the Children's Message at 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.*

SHARING OUR MISSION

Volunteer Vineyard Match – Rebekah Perry, Madison Rauscher [11:00am]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Dear Jesus, you call us to proclaim your goodness in word and in deed to the world. Equip us, through the power of your Word that we might be faithful. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 18:1-4, I Corinthians 1:10-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

\* THE HYMN NO. 722

*Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*

CANONBURY

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From "A Declaration of Faith"*

**Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Thankam Rangala

**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!**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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]

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

J.S. Bach

[11:00am]

*Prayer for Our Time*

Sacred Harp tune PROSPECT; arr. Hal Hopson

Almighty Creator, who does give the gift of life to all who live,

Text by John Masterman

Look down on all earth's wrong and strife, and lift us to a nobler life.

Lift up our hearts, and help us sing of brighter hopes and kindlier things.

Of visions high of good for all: O help us, God, to heed your call.

Your world is weary of its pain: of selfish greed and fruitless gain;

Of tarnished honor, falsely strong, and all its ancient deed of wrong.

O hear the prayer your people pray uprising from all lands today.

And o'er the vanquished power of sin, O bring your great salvation in.

*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. 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* MUSICAL BLESSING: Hymn 591, *Sing three times*

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

*God, the Father, Be Our Stay*

Samuel Scheidt

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

**Ushers** Jessica Buono, Margery Enberg

**Lector** *Volunteer needed*

**Offering Counter** Jessica Buono

11:00am Service

**Welcome Station** Rebekah Perry

**Ushers** Trantham family, Pat Trost

**Lector** Mark Foskey

**Offering Counters** Rebekah Perry, *Volunteer needed*

**AV Technicians** Devin Hatcher, Mark Hill

May 5

8:30am Service

**Ushers** *Volunteers needed*

**Lector** *Volunteer needed*

**Offering Counter** Jessica Buono

11:00am Service

**Welcome Station** *Volunteer needed*

**Ushers** Robert Brame, John & Ruth Caccavale,  
Jennifer Feiler

**Lector** David Anderson

**Offering Counters** *Volunteers needed*

**AV Technicians** Ryan Steck, *Volunteer needed*

Sanctuary Flowers WPC Flower Guild

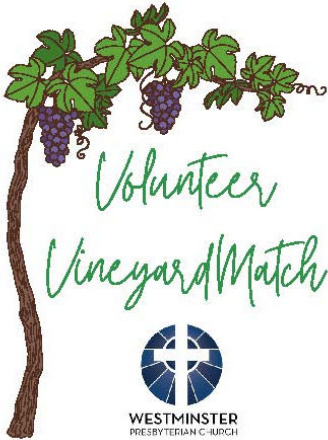


Worship Volunteers needed!

Scan the code to sign up now 😊

# What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO  
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE



## How Can You Best Serve the Church and Your Neighbor? Take the Volunteer VineyardMatch to Find Out!

Connect your interests and gifts with the needs and ministry of God's "vineyard" right here at WPC and in the community we serve!

Scan the code with your mobile phone or drop by the Volunteer VineyardMatch table in the Courtyard today to complete the short survey. You'll receive a list of ministry opportunities that fit best with your unique strengths. It takes less than 5 minutes!



Or, if you've already taken the Volunteer VineyardMatch survey, now is a great time to evaluate how your involvement at WPC is going? Are you feeling "under-utilized," "just right," or "over-utilized?" What are your superpowers, and how might those match up with what's going on here at WPC? Re-take the VineyardMatch Survey to find out!

And while we are at it, do you need to update your contact information with the church? Are you subscribed to WPC's weekly e-news? Help the church keep its records updated by completing the yellow insert in today's bulletin and dropping it into the offering plate. Thanks!

## NEXT SUNDAY: "Grand Friends" Breakfast & Fellowship May 5, 9:45 - 10:45am, Fellowship Hall



Join us for an intergenerational gathering focusing on the Gift of Friendship between younger and older folks. Older adults are invited to be **Grand Friends**, connecting with our young students from first grade through middle school. A light breakfast will be prepared and served by our senior high students. We will make new friends as we make a craft together, break bread, and share conversation.

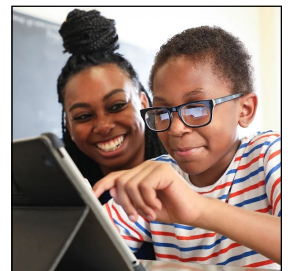
**What is a Grand Friend?** A loving person, with the wisdom of life lessons and the desire to share them with a young person. A Grand Friend also wants to learn about today's young people and what wisdom they want to share... technology, hobbies, favorite vacations, etc. Don't miss out on making and becoming a new friend with one of WPC's children. Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/wpcgrandfriends>. Questions? Contact Susan Ketch (919-812-6930, [smketch@yahoo.com](mailto:smketch@yahoo.com)) or Marietta Wynands (919-489-4974, [marietta@wpcdurham.org](mailto:marietta@wpcdurham.org)).

## NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Meeting at 11:00am

There will be a meeting of the congregation on May 5, at 11:00am, in the Sanctuary, for the purposes of electing the next class of church officers, conducting the annual meeting of the corporation, and receiving an exciting recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding our pastoral resident Thankam Rangala. Our officers-elect for the Session are David Anderson, Kristen Klein, Katherine Stanley, and Eric Wolfe. Officers-elect for the Diaconate include Jim Broyles, Jessica Buono, Richard Combs, Lori Hawkins, David McAdams, Tempe Pannill, and Amber Phillips. Read a letter from the Personnel Committee on the third page of these announcements to learn about its recommendation regarding Thankam.

## Fun Way to Support Y Learning Students at WPC

As a church, we'd like to once again come alongside and support the students in the Y Learning literacy program that meets here each weekday afternoon. The Y leadership is delighted with this and has suggested some basic goodies to prepare them for Y summer camp. We've compiled an Amazon wish list of items we're collecting that you can access at <https://amzn.to/3xO8cNh> or scan the code ar right. Please consider purchasing an item or making a donation. **The deadline is May 16.** Contact: Anne Vann ([thevanns@gmail.com](mailto:thevanns@gmail.com)).

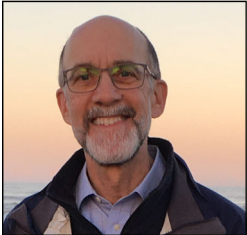


## May Aperture: “Writing a Legacy Letter,” Led by Jay Sherwin

May 15, 7:00-8:15pm, Zoom ONLY

Also called an “ethical will,” a Legacy Letter is a written document that allows you to share your life lessons, express your values, and transmit your blessings to future generations. It’s shorter than a memoir, typically just a few pages. Writing one is a rewarding experience that creates an enduring gift for family, friends, and other loved ones. This introductory online workshop includes discussion and writing exercises to help you examine your life history, explore your values, and capture important insights. It offers advice, encouragement, and a model structure to help you draft and complete your own Legacy Letter.

Please note that this Aperture will only meet on Zoom. If there is enough interest, we hope to schedule a series on this topic. You can indicate your interest on the registration form. Register today at <https://bit.ly/may15aperture>.



**Jay Sherwin** has practiced law, given away money for five charitable foundations, worked as a philanthropy consultant, and served as a hospital chaplain. Drawing on all those experiences, Jay created the “Life Reflections Project” to educate people about legacy letters and ethical wills; he now teaches classes and workshops on legacy writing and helps people craft their own legacy documents. Jay has lived in seven states and two foreign countries and now resides in Portland, Maine. You can read about the “Life Reflections Project” at [www.jaysherwin.com](http://www.jaysherwin.com).

**Families Moving Forward**

**ROCK the BLOCK**  
MAY 11TH, 2024

**3rd Annual Day of Service**  
Come Celebrate Our Community!

For more details, visit our website:  
[fmfn.org/rocktheblock](http://fmfn.org/rocktheblock)

Volunteer projects this year include:

- Painting
- Yard work / Landscaping
- Mulching
- Shelving project

300 N Queen St. Durham, NC

\*Volunteers must be 18 years or older

**VOLUNTEER**      **DONATE**

**BE THE CHANGE!**

## Letter to the Congregation from the WPC Personnel Committee

On May 5, the Personnel Committee and Session are excited to present two recommendations to the Congregation:

- To approve the creation of a **Temporary Designated Associate Pastor for Neighborhood Partnerships**.
- To approve the calling of Thankam Rangala to this position, pending Presbytery examination for her ordination in July.



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These recommendations represent the culmination of numerous conversations that began in the Personnel Committee last year and were furthered during this budget process.

As Personnel assessed staffing needs, we were mindful of the changing attendance and volunteer patterns which were profoundly disrupted by the pandemic and the impact of these changes on our current staff – they just simply do not have the capacity to add more responsibilities. But we also knew there were vital parts of WPC’s mission that needed additional support, specifically (1) building relationships with two key partners on our campus, the Y-Learning program and La Nueva Jerusalem, and (2) congregational care with our older members.

The Personnel Committee discussed these challenges for a few months, exploring different ideas. It was also around that time we had gotten to know Thankam Rangala, first as our seminary intern and then in a very part-time capacity while she was a hospital chaplain through May 2023. She had already built many relationships at WPC and had many gifts from her life and career before she enrolled at Duke Divinity. And we wondered if this might be a strategic opportunity.

In exploring the possibilities, Chris and the Personnel Committee (with the approval of the Session) approached the leaders of New Hope Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry (COM) about the possibility of adding an ordained position to focus on mission outreach. The COM invited us to put our ideas in writing. So, in May 2023, the Session did just that. We turned our potential ideas into a proposal to create a part-time associate pastor for neighborhood partnerships. At the time, we did not have approved funds in our budget for this position, so this step was about giving WPC the **option** of this new position. Per Presbyterian polity, a church must receive COM and Presbytery approval to add any ordained position.

Last summer, while Chris was away on sabbatical, we received word that the COM and the entire Presbytery approved the creation of this position. According to our polity, these kinds of “designated” positions must be temporary, lasting between two and four years.

Now that the Presbytery has made this possible, we wanted to know if we could make this happen internally and if Thankam would be willing to serve in this capacity. Through the fall, the Personnel Committee, Ways & Means Commission, and the Session discussed the potential funding of this position and identified one-time funds that could be used to pay for it for three years.

The final – and most important step – was discerning with Thankam Rangala as to whether she would be willing to serve in this capacity. We shared the position description with her and our hopes that she would be willing to work with us more (20 hours/week) in these specific ways. She agreed. She then needed to work through the Presbytery process as a candidate for ministry and be approved by the Exams and Transfers sub-commission of COM. This was completed in March.

If the congregation is willing to approve this position and to call Thankam to it, then the final step is for her to be examined for ordination on the floor of the next New Hope Presbytery. Providentially, that meeting happens to be here at WPC in July. Then she would work to schedule a service of ordination to be held here at WPC sometime in early August.

We know this is **a lot** of Presbyterian polity, but we wanted to explain this entire process to you. The Session and the Personnel Committee feel fortunate to have such a gifted person in our midst who is willing to serve an important WPC ministry, and the Presbytery has graciously helped make this happen.

We also know you may have questions about this, and the Personnel Committee would like to be available to you. We hope you’ll reach out to us if you have any questions. We’ll also be in the Courtyard and Parlor after worship over the next several weeks if you have other questions. We want to share with you anything that would be helpful to you to inform your voting at the meeting.

With thanks from the Westminster Personnel Committee: Michelle Ferguson, chair; Andy Dunk, Jennifer Feiler, Gray King, Russ Lange, Dave Mountain, and Mary Beck Sutton

## WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 28 – Birthday Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
  - Confirmation Class – Youth Suite
  - “Encounter the Word Bible Practices” – Parlor
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room/Sanctuary
- 10:30am M&Ms’ Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
  - Godly Play (4 yrs–gr 1) – Parlor
- 12:00pm Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/ Terrace
- 2:00pm Hike the Eno with WPC – Eno River State Park, Park at the end of Cole Mill Road
- 5:00pm WPC Youth Senior Send-Off – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Youth Group Lectio Divina – Youth Suite

### Monday, April 29

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study – Room 105
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education – Zoom
- 7:00pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal – Music Room

### Tuesday, April 30

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- 1:00pm WPC Oral Histories Project – Parlor

### Wednesday, May 1

- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry’s Food Distribution
  - Sign up to serve: <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
  - Donate beans & rice: <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 3:45pm M&Ms (gr 1–3) – Playground/Calhoon Cabin
- 5:30pm Property Management Meeting – Zoom
- 7:00pm Global Missions Committee – Zoom

### Thursday, May 2

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor

### Friday, May 3

- 6:30pm Game Night Supper Club – Parlor/Room 105

### Sunday, May 5 – Communion Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
  - GIFT: Grand Friends – Fellowship Hall
  - High School Brunch Bunch – Youth Suite
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
  - Baptism of Zoe Austin
  - Godly Play (4 yrs–gr 1) – Parlor
- 12:15pm Fellowship Committee – Parlor
- 12:30pm Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting – Room 105
- 4:00pm Youth Group Flour War – Contact Alex for location

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