



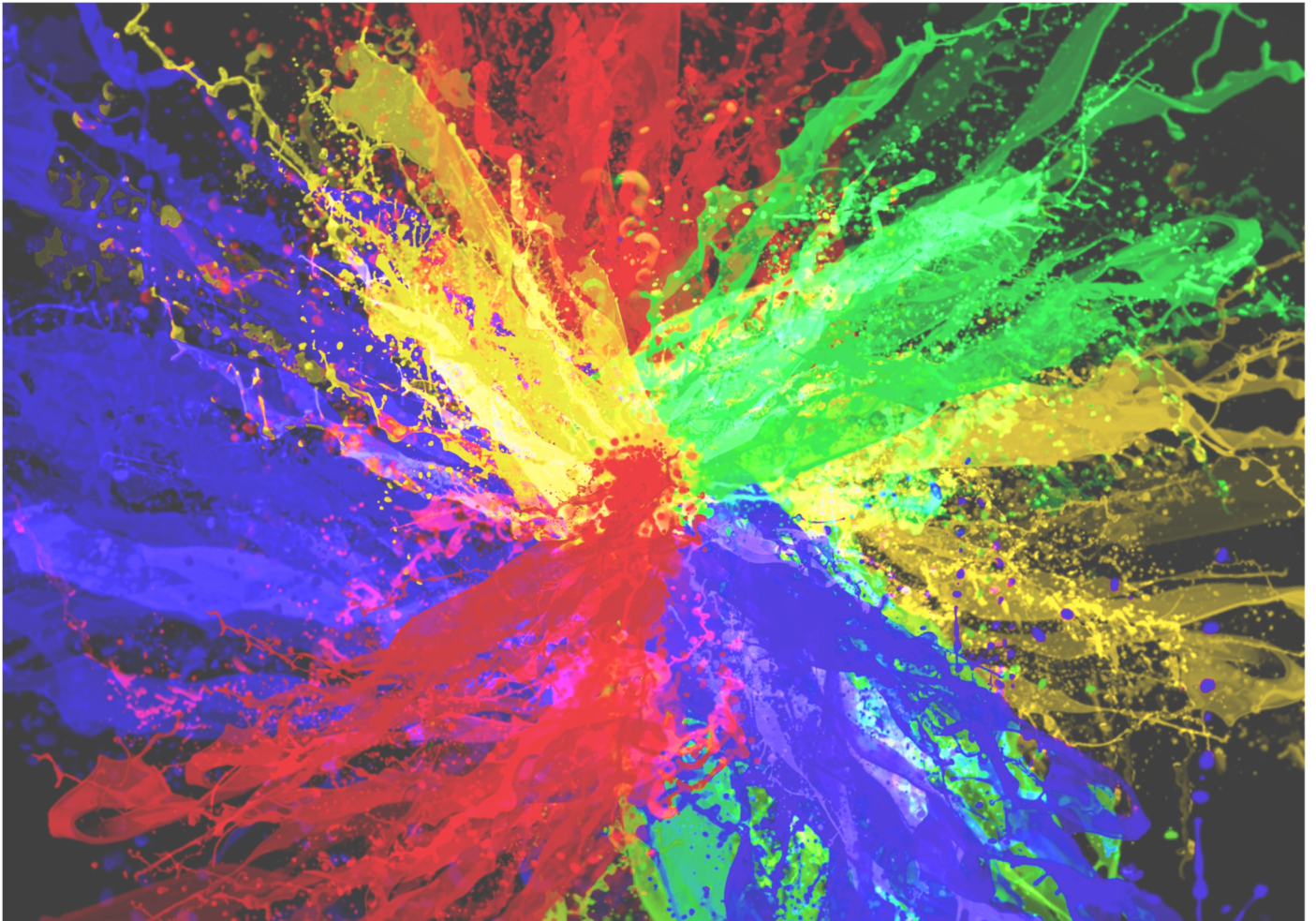
WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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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

*Oh, Love, How Deep
Come, Thou Almighty King
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

The Westminster Ringers
DEO GRACIAS, arr. Bruce W. Tippet
ITALIAN HYMN, arr. Ron Mallory
UNSER HERRSCHER, arr. Cathy Moglebust

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: Hymn 236, v. 2

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
**The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Written by WPC Youth for the Season of Easter*

Deanne Morgan [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. 44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

AUSTIN

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Thankam Rangala

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.
O God who gave us life and death, you hold us in your hands. You cradle us in our need, and you push us into growth. We confess to you that all is not well, that we grieve the loss of many things and people. All is not well, and we hurt in part because we cannot make things better for ourselves, for those we love, or for the world. All is not well, and we find it easy to succumb to despair.
And so, O God, we pray for healing, and for strength and courage; we pray for renewal and for grace to meet this day and this world. We pray to find you in the midst of our everyday lives and to be cradled by you once again. Hear now our silent prayer.

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 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thanks be to you, O God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Ground us in your hope every day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:51-58

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN No. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Barton Henry

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning
The Westminster Ringers

Hymn 352, African American Spiritual
Arr. John A. Behnke

* 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. 369

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING: Hymn 591 *Sing three times.*

HALLE, HALLE

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

arr. Anton Wilhelm Leupold

Many thanks to the **Westminster Ringers** for the beautiful music this morning!

The Westminster Ringers are Wes Bolton, Laura Chesnut, Brenda Doyle, John Gunter, Pat Gunter, Shelley Keir, Ann Lehew, Deanne Morgan, Lauren St. Louis, Doug Wellemeyer, Kay Wellemeyer, and Janet Whitaker.

The flowers today are given by Jerald Breitman to the glory of God and in loving memory of both his mother, June Grabb Breitman, and his late life partner, Stephen Dorn Breitman.

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers Kristen Klein, Diana Monroe, Logan Toms

Offering Counter Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station *Volunteer needed*

Ushers John & Nancy Lesesne, Rachel Meyen

Lector Deanne Morgan

Offering Counters Rebekah Perry, *Volunteer needed*

AV Technicians Devin Hatcher, Ryan Steck

May 19

8:30am Service

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Lector Kristen Klein

Offering Counter Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station *Madison Rauscher*

Ushers Rayner England and family

Lector Rachel Meyen

Offering Counters Anne Wolf, *Volunteer needed*

AV Technicians Mark Hill, *Volunteer needed*

Sanctuary Flowers WPC Flower Guild



Worship Volunteers needed!

Scan the code to sign up now 😊

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What's up at Westminster

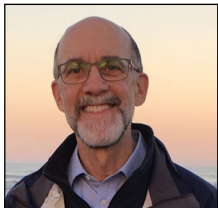
OPPORTUNITIES TO
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

WEDNESDAY: 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.

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>.

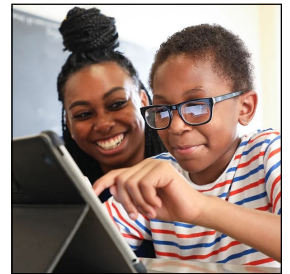


Jay Sherwin has practiced law, given away money for five charitable foundations, worked as a philanthropy consultant, and served as a hospital chaplain. Drawing on all those experiences, Jay created the “Life Reflections Project” to educate people about legacy letters and ethical wills; he now teaches 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.

Fun Way to Support Y Learning Students at WPC

Donation Deadline: Thursday, May 16

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 by scanning the code at right. Please consider purchasing an item or making a donation. Contact Anne Vann (thevanns@gmail.com) with any questions.



Congratulations to Class of 2027 Church Officers and Thankam!

At last Sunday's congregational meeting, we elected our Class of 2027 church officers. Our new elders are David Anderson, Kristen Klein, Katherine Stanley, and Eric Wolf; new deacons include Jim Broyles, Jessica Buono, Richard Combs, Lori Hawkins, David McAdams, Tempe Pannill, and Amber Phillips. Our new officers will soon begin their training and will be ordained and installed in August. We are grateful these individuals who answered the call to serve our church family!

The congregation also called Thankam Rangala to the newly created position of Associate Pastor for Neighborhood Partnerships. She will take on this new role after her examination for ordination by the Presbytery of New Hope in July. As our part-time Associate Pastor for Neighborhood Partnerships, Thankam will work to support and build relationships with two of WPC's key campus partners, the Y Learning literacy program and La Nueva Jerusalén, and provide congregational care to our church's older members. Congratulations, Thankam!



Happy WPC-versary to Sharon!

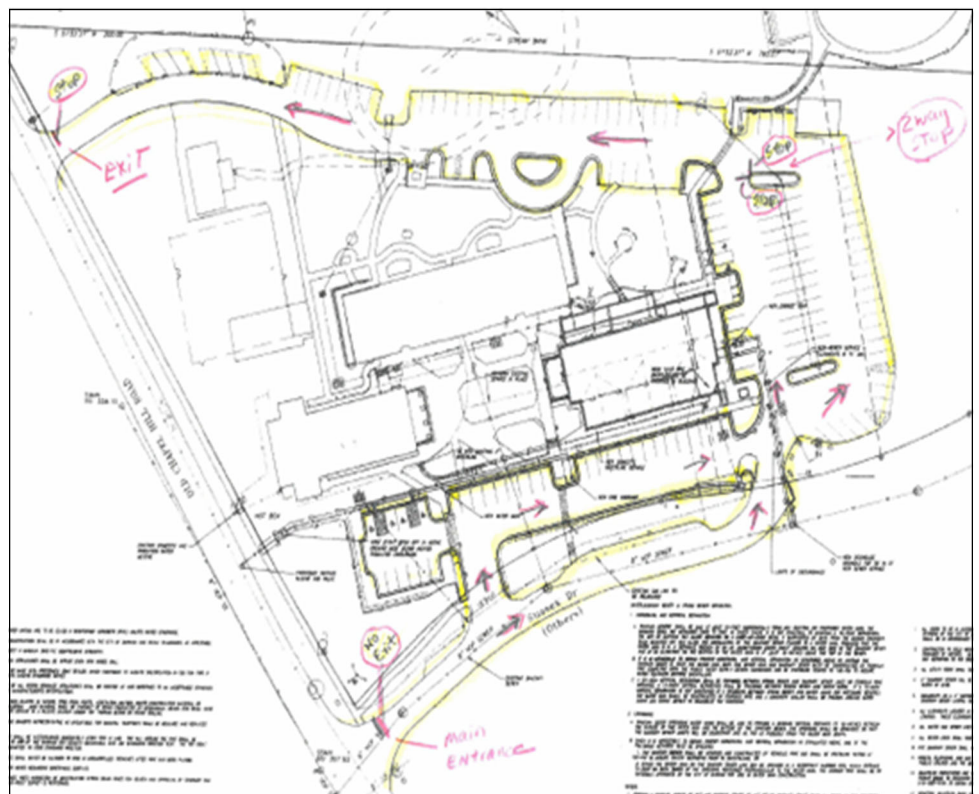
Last month marked Sharon Morgan's fifth anniversary of joining the Westminster staff as our Business Manager! We are grateful for her many gifts, which make WPC a better place financially and in general. The next time you see Sharon, be sure to wish her a happy WPC-versary, and thank her for all she does!



Important Info: WPC Traffic Flow Changing!

Traffic flow around campus is intended for entering on Sussex Drive (across from Shannon Road) by the Sanctuary and exiting by Calhoun Cabin. Unfortunately, many folks exit at Sussex Drive, which can be dangerous and has been the scene of several accidents lately. In addition, the latest plans for the development across the street now include the addition of a 3-Way stop at this intersection. There will be stop signs on both sides of Old Chapel Hill Road in addition to the existing stop sign at Shannon Road, but it is not currently planned to be marked as a 4-Way stop. This will surely lead to confusion and the potential for accidents for anyone trying to exit from Sussex Drive. WPC's Property Management Team has evaluated current traffic patterns around campus and noted that much of the flow goes against current signage. To address these concerns, we will make the following changes to improve campus safety. Please contact Sharon Morgan (sharon@wpcdurham.org) with any questions.

- Mark Sussex Drive as “entrance only;” add a “NO EXIT” sign to discourage use as an exit.
- Have traffic flow into the Sanctuary parking lot at the first entrance and down Sussex Drive.
- Add a Yield sign at the exit of the Sanctuary parking lot as it merges with the end of Sussex Drive on the ramp up to the back parking lot.
- Change the flow in the back parking lot to flow down both sides.
- Add a stop sign to the back parking lot interior corridor so it's a two-way stop leading to the Preschool parking area.
- Add an additional Stop sign at the exit onto Old Chapel Hill Road.
- Paint arrows on the asphalt throughout campus, as indicated on the map, to encourage flow as marked.

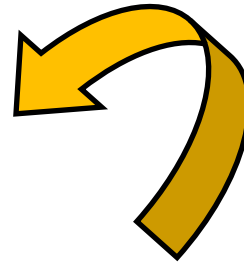


Save The Date

2024 ANNUAL BREAKFAST



HOUSING
FOR NEW
HOPE



Join Chris at
Housing for New Hope's
Annual Breakfast

This year's event will focus on designing for community and wellbeing, a timely conversation as HNH works with its community partners (like WPC!) to design and create the next generation of housing opportunities for people exiting long-term homelessness and beginning their journey toward housing stability. Come be a part of the conversation! Email Chris to reserve your seat at the WPC table (chris@wpcdurham.org).

Earth Care Update: Solar Panels for the Win!

Our solar panels have now been live for almost nine months. The total amount saved is more than \$5,500 so far, even with the cloudy winter months! Our biggest savings should come this summer, so we're looking forward to some major Earth Care wins over the next few months.



SAVE THE DATE

beans & rice packing event

EMANUEL FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, June 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Gather the family, reach out to friends and neighbors, and let's help Emanuel Food Pantry feed the 600+ households they serve each week!

Let's also turn this into a big food drive! You're invited to bring shelf-stable food items or bags of fresh fruit and vegetables with you. Protein (canned tuna, chicken, peanut butter), cereal, granola bars, and other healthy foods are the most needed items.

Watch for more info & sign-up coming soon!

WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
- Godly Play (4 yrs–gr 1) – Parlor

Monday, May 13

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study – Room 105
- 7:15pm Seekers – Room 208/Zoom
- 7:30pm Connections Committee – Zoom

Tuesday, May 14

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- Heart for Mailing Squad – WPC Library

Wednesday, May 15

- 12:00pm Lunch Bunch – First Watch
- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry's Food Distribution
- Sign up to serve:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
- Donate beans & rice:** <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 5:30pm Ways & Means Commission – Room 105/Zoom
- 7:00pm Aperture: "Writing a Legacy Letter" – Zoom

Thursday, May 16

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 1:30pm Mission X Planning Committee – Room 105/Zoom
- 7:00pm Men's Fellowship with Mark Hill's band! – Guglhupf

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room/Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
- Godly Play (4 yrs–gr 1) – Parlor
- 12:15pm Racial Equity Committee – Room 105
- 3:00pm Durham Community Concert Band's "Music on the Square" – Courtyard
- 4:00pm Diaconate Meeting – Room 105
- 5:00pm Session Meeting – Room 205

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WPC LUNCH BUNCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 12:00 NOON

FIRST WATCH

5307 NEW HOPE COMMONS BLVD EXT

HOSTED BY HELEN HARRISON

Sign-up sheet in the Mission Center foyer
or register online at <https://bit.ly/wpclunchbunch>

If you have any trouble signing up, please contact Pru Meyer
(pruumeyer@gmail.com)



Summer Sunday Schedule
May 26 – September 1

- 9:00am Adult Church School Classes
- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and on YouTube