

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN ALL WE DO

*Giving thanks always for all things unto
God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
--Ephesians 5:20*



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ONE LAST DIVE INTO CHURCH SPEAK

As we continue in our last month of looking at words referred to as church speak we have seen that “church” has its own language and customs. When you are “in” or a “part of” this culture they seem normal, but to someone walking into church for the first time they are often foreign. As Christians we live in a very familiar subculture and we speak the language fairly easily. After all we understand what it means to repent, to be saved and to call God holy. We know that 3-in-1 refers to the Trinity and not a bargain and that this vocabulary is to help communicate sometimes difficult often tricky concepts. Sometimes those on the “inside” struggle with describing the meaning of words that are familiar but difficult. It was many years before I understood the difference between Catholic and catholic, after all they are the same word! Today we will look at Catholic vs. catholic; Doxology; Docetism; and Homiletics. Let’s dive in!

Catholic vs. catholic: This can be confusing especially when we say the line in the Apostle’s Creed; *“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.”* The term “catholic” when used with a lower case “c” refers to the broader, universal church. When Catholic is used with a “C” it refers to the Roman Catholic Church. Both terms refer to Christians, however, the lowercase “c” “catholic” signifies the universal church of all Christians, while the capitalized “Catholic” specifically refers to the Roman Catholic Church.

Doxology: Each Sunday we sing a doxology which is a short hymn used to give praise and glory to God. Typically, a doxology will encompass all three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). The one Presbyterians sing most often the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end Amen, Amen.

This short praise hymn acknowledges God’s glory, affirms the doctrine of the Trinity, and is a proclamation of God’s enduring presence and everlasting glory.

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Docetism: This is a doctrine or belief that denies that Jesus had a body. His body was an illusion as Jesus was pure spirit. Docetists are people who believe that Jesus' physical existence was not real. Jesus did not suffer. Jesus did not die. Early on in the Christian church this belief took hold because of gnostic thought. This thought had disdain for the body and all things material. Because only the spirit mattered, Jesus only appeared to have a body, to suffer and to die. In docetism there is a dualism that sees matter as evil or imperfect therefore how could God become incarnate with a physical body? God would be imperfect then. The gospel of John actively opposes docetism. This thought is present today when Christians emphasize the spiritual to the neglect of the physical. God made us with bodies and it is through our bodies that we understand who God is and how he calls us to live. God's creation of the body raises it up. Our bodies need care just as our spirits do. And when we die, we will be given a glorified body - we will not be spirit only. (See 1 Corinthians 15).

Homiletics: This refers to study of preaching and refers to the art of both writing and preaching sermons. The emphasis on homiletics is understanding and interpreting the scriptures to ensure that the message is rooted in the Word. One theologian said that it is important when putting a message together to hold the bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. That way all that is said about the world today is interpreted through the lens of the worldview based upon the sovereignty of God.

Pastor Angie

For the Lord God
is a sun and
shield: the Lord
will give grace
and glory: no
good thing will He
withhold from
them that walk
uprightly.

Psalm 84:11



NEW CAMERA AND FACEBOOK PRESENCE

Gregory Allen has helped move us forward with our technology in the Sanctuary with a regular live presence on Facebook each Sunday morning. We are looking for volunteers to learn how to run this newer system.

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Chapter 1337— “Prayers and Squares”

The Prayer Quilt Ministry.

The Prayers and Squares ministry aims to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts. We strive to involve as many people as possible in our prayer efforts.

Together with the United Methodist Church, meetings will occur on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

July meetings: Saturday, July 05 & Monday, July 21. Something always needs to be cut, ironed, tied, labeled, sewn, and organized. Please join us for this fun, creative, worthwhile mission. If you don't know how, we'll show you!

Contact Holly Cagle if you have any questions.

Prayers and Squares met June 16th. Holly instructed and demonstrated English Paper Piecing (EPP) with sample kits from PaperPieces.com. Holly also taught pattern weights. Twenty-three quilts have been made this year. Seventeen quilts have been given this year. July's class will be 3D Pinwheel quilt blocks.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

For the purpose of
electing Elders
Sunday, July 06, 2025
After Worship
Please plan on attending.





Helping the Community
June 23, 2025



INFORMATION

- ▶ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025**— for the purpose of electing Elders. Please plan on attending.
- ▶ **PENTECOST OFFERING** – Total collected \$561. 40% of which stays in our church. Thank you everyone!
- ▶ **OFFERING**—Offerings for 1st 4 weeks in June – Pledges \$4315.00, Non Pledges \$400.00, Basket \$130.00.
- ▶ **ATTENDANCE**— Average attendance for June—18 persons.
- ▶ **OUR CHURCH WEBSITE** has been given a new and improved look. We are in the process of Updating with current photos and information. If you have any photos or information that you would like to see on the website, please email your photos with a description or information to Evangelina: presby1902@gmail.com
- ▶ **LITURGISTS/LITTLE LAMB TIME SCHEDULE** — Please check the Schedule so you don't forget which Sunday you are the liturgist & Little Lamb time leader. Please sign up for available dates.
- ▶ **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**—If you see the kids during passing of the Peace with “Bounty Buckets” please give them your change. We are collecting loose change for missions in our community. Collected so far— \$280.00 (as of June 22)
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER** — 9:00 a.m. — upstairs in the conference room.
- ▶ **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**— 10:30 a.m.—downstairs in Clingan Hall.
- ▶ **MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE**— 7:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.—downstairs in the dining area “Hill Hall”.
- ▶ **PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHAPTER 1337**—Together with the United Methodist Church, we shall meet on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon. July meetings: Saturday, July 05 & Monday, July 21. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle.
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER WORSHIP:** On the first Sunday of the month there will be a potluck after church. All other Sundays there will be a light snack. Please check the refreshment sign-up list on the bulletin board in the kitchen to sign up on available dates. Please don't forget your date. Thank you!
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**—9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING:** Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. (Meetings 4th Wed. of the month)

James 1:17

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.



Mark your
calendars

JOIN IN ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5-11 is Camp Montreat and we have two teens attending this camp. Please be praying for Jlee and Andie.

July 14-18 the Methodist church is hosting VBS from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This year the theme is Christ in Community. Lunch will be served each day and the children will go to the pool afterwards. Help and Prayer welcome.

July 17 at 5:30 p.m. WPCV will serve a meal at the Ministry House. More to come.

July 25 at 5:00 p.m. the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church will together host a friendship dinner cookout at the City Park. All are invited. There will be a friendship quilt give away and lawn games. Bring something to share.

September 21 we will be serving our neighbors after church. Please bring baked goods (cookies, cake, bread) to church and we will be giving these delicious treats out to our neighbors afterwards in neighborly appreciation.

October 12 we will hold worship in Dunham Park as we have a service for the blessing of the animals. Bring your pets to be blessed!



Genesis 8:22

*²² "As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night
will never cease."*

Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship/refreshments after Worship

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