

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 18, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT traditional Russian Orthodox

“Lord, Have Mercy”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God remembers the Covenant from water through wilderness

People: God’s kingdom draws near.

Leader: God remains faithful to the Covenant written on stone and on our hearts

People: God’s kingdom draws near.

Leader: From Noah to Moses, Abraham to the Son,

People: God keeps the Covenant and the Kingdom draws near.

\* HYMN No. 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks” KINGSFOLD

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin the Lenten season in confession, aware of all of the ways we fail to live up to your Covenant. We prefer our old way of life to the yoke of your will. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage. We turn from your commands, afraid that they are too difficult to keep. We cheapen your mercy by refusing to do your work in the world. Show us once more your path, help us to turn from ourselves and toward your kingdom. Remember us, and make us covenant people. Be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ’s name we pray.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

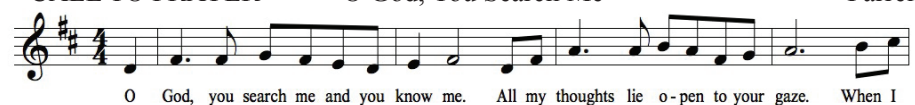
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)

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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER “O God, You Search Me” Farrell



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MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM “Psalm 86” Nygard

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalm 89:1-8 (Page 545) Justin Wingard

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — selections from Genesis 6-8 (Page 5)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Floody, Floody” Leigh Stuckey

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed

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; 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory “Unclouded Day” arr. Kirchner

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

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

\* HYMN No. 833 ST. MARGARET

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE traditional Russian Orthodox

“Lord, Have Mercy”

\* POSTLUDE “Christian Hearts, in Love United” arr. Powell

\*All who are able may stand \*\* 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Jeff Reynolds 11:15 a.m. Grady Patterson

SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Hank Sanders

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Catherine Blount, Donn James Jon McKnight 11:15 a.m. Stephen Woods, Coleman Kirven Sallie White

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Davis Fairey, Mary Mac Fairey

11:15 a.m. Elizabeth Brasington, Sarah Sanders

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link “Worship via Live Streaming.”

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Jim Wilkins, soloist

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

During the worship service, children in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children’s Church this Sunday, February 18:

9:00 a.m. Michael & Lynne Willis

11:15 a.m. Ryan & Sarah Beasley

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR FEBRUARY 18

9:00 a.m.

Crib Kenney & Amanda Howayeck

Toddler David & Rachael Anna

K3 Parks & Rachel Workman

K4 Kevin Lancaster &

Stephen Woods

11:15 a.m.

Crawler Hunter & Carolina Blouin

Toddler Andrew & Elizabeth Wheaton

K3 Harvey & Greta Cleveland

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Beth Evans Jones

Coleman Dixon and family

Hannah Dias and family

Courtney Kyle and family

Holly Johnson and family

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday is the first Sunday in the Season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation as we approach Holy Week and Easter. Each Sunday in Lent we will utilize the same call to worship and call to prayer. You are invited to dwell on these texts each week as we together journey to Easter.

BIRTH

A daughter, Blair Armstrong Arscott, was born to Greg & Amanda Arscott on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A daughter, Josephine Rose McKernan, was born to Frank & Kristin McKernan on Monday, February 12, 2018, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Hannah Dias on the death of her mother, Eugenia Smith Howie Milford, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in Abbeville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Courtney Kyle on the death of her husband, Neil Caesar, on Sunday, February 11, 2018, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Holly Johnson on the death of her father, Robert S. Hines, Jr., on Sunday, February 11, 2018, in Tennessee.

GAIHN

This week we welcome to Westminster three families who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to WPC members who are serving and helping empower families in our community who are on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. GAIHN + United Ministries, now joined together as one agency, are working more effectively to strategically engage congregations in the provision of education, employment readiness services, emergency assistance and interim housing. Have questions or want to join the GAIHN email list to receive updates? Contact GAIHN Coordinators Beth Edwards (bethholladay73@gmail.com) or Julia Bellew (juliabellew@gmail.com) or Mission Outreach Coordinator, Susan McLarty (smclarty@wpc-online.org).

YOUTH GROUPS  
SCHEDULES FOR  
FEBRUARY 18

5:00 p.m. *Middler Youth Group Meeting*  
5:15 p.m. *Senior High Choir Rehearsal*  
6:00 p.m. *Youth Dinner*  
6:30 p.m. *Senior High Youth Group meeting*

BOOK CLUB

Westminster Book Club would love to have you join us at one of our future meetings, from 7:00–8:00 p.m., in the church library. On March 6, we will be reading the New York Times bestselling book, *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult, a novel which examines racism in the face of a gripping moral and medical dilemma. On April 3, we will discuss the novel, *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haruf, a look at loneliness and second chances. On May 1, we will discuss *In the Midst of Winter*, by Isabel Allende, a novel in which the lives of three very different people collide; from Brooklyn, to Guatemala, and Chile. Newcomers are always welcome.

CONNECTIONS

Join Westminster friends for **Connections**, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, at **Nantucket Seafood Grill** in the Marriott Courtyard (W. Broad St.) at **12:45 p.m.** after the morning worship service on **Sunday, February 18**. New people are welcome! Place your reservation **by Friday, February 16**, with *Ruth Johnston* (ruthjohnst@aol.com or 201-6117).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
Tuesday, February 20

• **Circle #7:** will meet at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.). **Circle Leader:** *Talitha Allen* (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, March 29**, at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

FIND WPC ONLINE

Visit us online to find up-to-date photos, videos and information about our programming:

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K5 - 5th GRADE TEAMS

BASKETBALL BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Celebrate the 2017-2018 season of WPC Basketball for **K5-5th** grade teams. Coaches will recognize players and award trophies. The nursery will be available for children under three. Dinner includes pizza, salad and dessert for \$5/person. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available at www.wpc-online.org. Register for dinner **by Monday, February 19**. Serving lines will open at **5:45 p.m.** and the time to be recognized with your team is **6:15 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11): \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of those needing childcare (under age 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for a visit to ancient Babylon at this summer's VBS, to be held from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** on **Monday, June 18 thru Thursday, June 21**. Visit the ancient market place, and find out how Daniel and his friends showed courage and faith as they lived in this foreign land.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
February 18-24, 2018

**SUNDAY**  
*GAIHN arrives*  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Connections Group Event  
5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group Meeting  
5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
*Weekday School closed*  
6:15 p.m. NAMI  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
10:00 a.m. Foothills Presbytery Meeting at Fort Hill in Clemson  
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting  
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7

**WEDNESDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens  
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir  
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal  
5:45 p.m. K5-5th Grade Basketball Banquet  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
*PW Retreat to Montreat (thru 24th)*

**SATURDAY**  
*GAIHN*  
*PW Retreat to Montreat (thru 24th)*

THE SESSION  
The Class of 2018

<i>Julia Bellew</i>	<i>Nancy Quinn</i>
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<i>Lee Freeman</i>	<i>Jon McKnight</i>
<i>Mike Hall</i>	<i>Parks McLeod</i>



Our scripture today, Psalm 89: 1-11, begins with hymn of individual praise for the Lord's unfailing love and enduring faithfulness and concludes with a description of the Lord's universal rule over storm tossed seas and scattering enemies with a mighty arm. I find myself in need of His unfailing love as I attempt to navigate a climate of raging seas. My crashing waves consist of listening to stories of abuse and neglect from children that have been hurt by parents that should have been providing love and nurturance. My other crashing wave is hearing how much those children love and want to be loved by those same parents.

The New Living Translation verse 9-10 reads "You rule the oceans. You subdue their storm-tossed waves. You crushed the great sea monster." In this verse, scholars believe the term sea monster refers to chaos. I think we can all relate that it is hard to hear God's voice in the midst of loud chaos.

Part of my spiritual journey is to learn to love by listening more. Listening to the stories that are inspiring and that resonate for me and listening to stories that challenge my views. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a church leader during the rise of the Nazi regime, said "The first service one owes to others in a community involves listening to them. Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's Word, the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them. God's love for us is shown by the fact that God not only gives God's Word, but also lends us God's ear. We do God's work for our brothers and sisters when we learn to listen to them."

**Prayer:** *God of grace and mercy, help us learn to be still and listen to the stories that desperately need to be shared and help us to compassionately respond with unfailing love and faithfulness.*

Sonya O'Neal