

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are curious, and have come to see  
 If you are weary, and have come to rest  
 If you are grateful, and have come to share  
 If you are hurting, and have come for solace  
 If you are listening, and have come to pray  
 If you are seeking, and have come for answers  
 WELCOME

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION OF HERITAGE LECTURER *David Rutledge*

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT "Look Who's Coming" Bedford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day which God has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Blessed are those who enter in God's name.

People: **We bless you from the house of the Sovereign One!**

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 197 ELLACOMBE  
 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.**

\* 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.**

BAPTISM OF MICHAEL LOCHLAN JONES (9:00 a.m.)

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*\* CALL TO PRAYER "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" DuBois

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 50:4-9 (Page 681) *Elizabeth McElveen*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Mark 11:1-11 (Page 47)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ted Wardlaw

"Salvation By Betrayal"

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

Solo (9:00 a.m.) "The Palms" Faure

\*\* Anthem "Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem" Williams

\* 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. 198 ST. DROSTANE

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE "God So Loved the World" Stainer

\* POSTLUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Guilmant

*\*All who are able may stand*

*\*\* 11:15 a.m. service only*

<b>HEAD USHERS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jason Farmer
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Stan Pendergrass
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sarah-Ann Davis
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jon McKnight, Brent Thomasson
		Catherine Blount
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Beri Draganic, Becca Donohue
		Julia Bellew
<b>LITURGIST:</b>		Ludwig Weaver
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Rollins Beck, Amelia Key
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Katy Cox, Sarah Katherine White

*Following the 11:15 a.m. service, visitors and members are invited to meet Ted Wardlaw in the Sanctuary Atrium for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

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](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Jim Wilkins, tenor*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Junior Choristers*

*Senior Choristers*

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

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, March 25:**

**9:00 a.m.** *Chris & Meg Bradley*  
**11:15 a.m.** *Reg & Rebecca Batson/  
 Brett & Amy Meredith*

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 25

**9:00 a.m.**

Crib *Lee & Anne Kester*  
 Crawler *Joey & Susan Maxwell*  
 Toddler *George & Liz Howell*  
 K2 *Buddy & Sarah-Ann Davis*  
**11:15 a.m.**

Crawler *Mike & Laura Weiss*  
 Toddler *Jeff & Kathleen Reynolds*  
 K2 *Tyler & Brady Godfrey*  
 K3 *Jay & Kimberly Sparkman*  
 K4 *Freddie & Tiffany Williams*

LET US PRAY FOR:

*The Family of Jean Kilgore  
 Becky Warth and family  
 The Family of Anna Haley*

ONE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be one Adult Sunday School class **this Sunday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This class will be led by our guest Heritage Lecturer, Ted Wardlaw, on the topic **"Bearing a Memory, Sticking Out Like a Sore Thumb, and Expressing a Hope."**

BIRTH

A daughter, *Georgia Roselle Meadows*, was born to Brad & Margaret Meadows on Monday, January 22, 2018, in Columbia, SC.

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship *Michael Lochlan Jones*, son of Clay & Brooke Jones.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Thursday, 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](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will begin a new book study on **Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.** in **Room 212**. We will study the book, *Vanishing Grace*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

Exie Wilde Henson will be the guest speaker at the **Monday, April 9**, gathering of the Theology Reading Group. She will talk about her novel, *Laurel's Choices*, a family saga based on the lives of her parents who lived in the North Carolina mountains during the first half of the twentieth century. All are invited to the meeting in the **Charter Room at 7:00 p.m.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*Maundy Thursday*  
**March 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Good Friday*  
**March 30 at 12:00 p.m.**

*Easter*  
**April 1**  
**Worship Services**  
**9:00 & 11:15 a.m.**  
*(No Sunday School)*

**10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**  
*fellowship times with donuts,  
 coffee and juice.*

In Memoriam

*Anna DeVault Haley*  
**6/7/1929 - 3/14/2018**

*"He that hears my word,  
 and believes in him that  
 sent me has eternal life."*

ADULT GROUPS

- **Movie Group:** Will meet **Sunday, March 25.** Contact **Group Leader: Susan Robbins** (jamrobbins@aol.com) for details.
- **Hiking Group:** Will meet in the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m.** for a 6 mile hike at Chestnut Ridge. **Hike Leader: Bob Vannoy** (bobvannoy47@gmail.com).
- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, March 28, at Noon** in **Room 211.** **Leader: Mary Ann Cox** (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet on **Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion.** **Group Leader: Terry Gentry** (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study Group (ages 50+):** Will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** **Leaders: Dick & Mary Sargent** (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

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 **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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Generations Banquet*

**Sunday, April 15 12:15 p.m.**

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the annual Presbyterian Women’s Generations Banquet on **Sunday, April 15 at 12:15 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.** Childcare will be provided for children ages three and under. RSVP to the church office (232-2424) or the website (www.wpc-online.org) by **Wednesday, April 11.**

LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$15.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25.**

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Library Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Lilies x \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ or Endowment Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- **Sally Daniels,** 118 Holbrook Trl., 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith. Sally is married to Mark Daniels.
- **Cory & Robyn Ezzell,** 2 Argonne Dr., 29605. Cory joined by reaffirmation of faith. Robyn joined by transfer from Mountain Chapel United Methodist, Vestavia, AL. They have two sons, Mac (3) and Henry (10 mos.).
- **Beth Hicks,** 424 Rocky Slope Rd., 29607, joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville.
- **John & Suzanne McGhee,** 25 Grove Valley Way, 29605, joined by transfer from Alpharetta Methodist, Alpharetta, GA. They have two daughters, Kate (11) and Anna (8).
- **Cecil Rhodes,** 35 Fontaine Rd., 29607, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Dallas, TX.
- **Lucy Surka,** 212 Camille Ave., 29605, joined by transfer from Buncombe Street United Methodist, Greenville. Lucy and her husband, Azim, have two daughters, Lilla (10) and Millie (9).
- **Elizabeth Timmons,** 926 Cleveland St., #4212, 29601, joined by transfer from Shandon Presbyterian, Columbia, SC.

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WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA  
HIGH CONNECTION  
PREP NIGHT AND SESSION #2

As we look to our second session at Carolina High on **Monday, March 26,** join us for a prep session this **Sunday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209.** On Monday, WPC “pilots” will be at Carolina High from **8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The largest local mission project in WPC’s seventy-one year history is off to a fantastic start and we want to be ready for Session #2. To sign up or to learn more, contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25-31, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School Confirmation Class
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. After Worship Reception
- 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. Carolina High Connection Prep Session
- 8:00 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Carolina High Connection
- 9:30 a.m. WDS Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. WDS Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men’s Book Study

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group to Chestnut Ridge
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. “It’s Elementary!” & Tweens
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Couples Bible Study (ages 50+)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

The children, parents and staff of Westminster Weekday School are so excited about our upcoming Annual School Carnival. Come and join in all the fun! The Carnival is **Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** in the **gym, fellowship hall,** and on **Westminster Drive.** There will also be a fire truck in the Augusta Road parking lot for the children to visit. Come play games, win prizes, take a pony ride, visit our mini petting zoo from Denver Downs, jump in one of our Bounce Houses, have your face painted and grab a snack before you go. Don’t forget to bring cash or checks so you can participate in our Amazing Prize Drawing. Feel free to pick up a Prize Packet in the school office even if you don’t have a child at WWS. You do not have to be present to win! There will also be delicious casseroles and baked goods available for you to purchase at the carnival to stock your kitchen. See you there!



SEASONAL AWARENESS

“For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

When you enter your seventh decade, which I did last year, the mind can wander to life’s key moments. It’s only natural to think, “What would’ve happened if ...”

Some are small moments, like the time I wrote an acrimonious letter to my high school principal after being caught and paddled as a senior trying to leave school at the start of final period study hall. It was one of those moments looking back where I think, “Thank goodness I read it to my mom,” because she took the letter and suggested we hold onto it for a few days. I never saw it again.

There are big-picture moments like when I was offered a job interview – better pay, higher profile, larger city – the day before I left for the one I had already accepted. How would my life have turned out had I taken that path?

There are mortal moments. One night I was waiting for a traffic light to change at Congaree and Halton roads. As the light turned green, a voice in my head told me to not pull out yet. At that moment, a car sped through the intersection across our intended path. Had I not hesitated, I certainly would’ve been killed along with my wife and young daughter.

Life can come down to just a few moments. But it’s best not to wallow in the “what ifs.” I refer to that as “Twilight Zone” thinking: “If I had done this,” or “If I taken this job,” or “If so-and-so had lived” becomes a dog chasing its tail: lots of energy expended to stay in the same place.

Instead we have to look at how life has played out, what we have learned from it and how we can improve going forward. There is no DVR here. We can’t pause or rewind life though many times we wish it.

In those instances, I am reminded of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” There are times to be born and die, times to weep and laugh, times to mourn and dance. The wisest among us dwell neither on the light nor the dark sides of those thoughts. Rather they see the whole picture the Lord created. They discern and choose to live life according to God’s Word, not as they wish it might have been. The wisest find the joy that comes from God and His Son.

May all of us find such wisdom.

Mark Matlock

Heritage Lecturer  
March 25, 2018

*Ted Wardlaw*



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