

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 5, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Easter in the Ordinary

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:30-31

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God promises a new day for those who respond to God's call.
People: Praise God for refreshing water and the nourishment of bread.
Leader: God establishes and commissions us, sending the Spirit into our hearts.
People: Praise God for cleansing and renewal as we receive the bread of life.
Leader: God equips us for a life of service among our brothers and sisters.
Leader: Praise God for meaningful work and for the strength to respond faithfully.

* HYMN No. 366 HYFRYDOL
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled by the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet.

* 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 BALM IN GILEAD
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

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 — Psalm 41 (Page 514) *Emma Skelton*
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 5:1-15 (Page 96)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON *Mary Kathleen Duncan*
"Judged"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory "Come to the Water" arr. Foley

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Assembling of the Elders
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Partaking of the Elements
(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)
Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN No. 490 BEACH SPRING
"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* BENEDICTION
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"
*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

* POSTLUDE

***All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Jay Culclasure
SPONSOR: Walter Hinton
GREETERS: Christa Likes, Ted Gentry, Rita Barker
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess
Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

Please join us for a reception in the Sanctuary Atrium following the service.

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 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 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
Summer Choir

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 rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in **Room 206**. The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, August 5** are *Michael & Lynne Willis*.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR AUGUST 5

Crawler *Tyler & Amanda Womack*
Toddler *Caroline Stephens*
K2 *Philip & Beth Land*
K3 *Mark & Mandy Pruitt*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for The Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Specific envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Church and mark for Congregational Care.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, August 5**. The screenings will take place in the **Friendship Court** following the **10:00 a.m.** service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Tim Miller* at 627-0725.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Hall Elizabeth Kitterman*, was born to Stephen & Allison Kitterman on Monday, June 11, 2018, in Greenville.

GAIHN IS GEARING UP FOR AUGUST

Four times a year, WPC provides a safe space for up to three families who are experiencing homelessness. Operating under the umbrella of United Ministries, GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a family-friendly ministry with volunteers of all ages that seek to serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. The next hosting week is **August 19-26**, and we are looking for volunteers to act as hosts or provide dinner to our guests. You can sign-up this **Sunday, July 29**, in the **Sanctuary Atrium** or online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/gaihn/>. If you have any additional questions or want to learn more, please contact *Julia Bellew* (juliabellew@gmail.com), *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), or *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com).

LET US PRAY FOR:

Jean Nations and family
Ted Gentry and family

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Large print hymnals and large print copies of *The Harbinger's* worship pages are available in the narthex. The hymnals contain only the words and not the music. An usher can provide you these items.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us this **Sunday, August 5**, at **4:00 p.m.** for an afternoon at the **Drive**. We'll watch Greenville's minor league team take on Rome. Haven't yet claimed your ticket? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstickey@wpc-online.org). And mark your calendars for Sunday brunch at **Tipsy Taco** on **August 26**.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at **7:00 p.m.** On **Tuesday, August 7**, we will discuss the novel, *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah, a bestselling book about two sisters during World War II. In September, our book will be *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders, a Booker prize winning novel about Abraham Lincoln and the death of his son, with a cast of characters, living and dead in an original, unique novel. For October, the group will read *Speak No Evil*, by Uzodinma Iweala, a novel about what it means to be different in a conformist society. New members are always welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual youth kick-off retreat is scheduled for **August 25-26** at **Look-Up Lodge**. This retreat is open to all **6th-12th graders**. Note that it is only one night, but don't worry, we'll be sure to pack in lots of fun, sun, fellowship, and worship! Start off your school year right by spending your first weekend with the WPC Youth Group! *More information will be coming to your mailboxes soon.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Taco Tuesdays

August 7 *Tipsy Taco*
(Pelham Rd.)

Youth Kick-Off Retreat at Look Up Lodge

August 25-26
(overnight and open to all 6th-12th graders)

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, August 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *John Smith* will lead the discussion of *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

"IT'S ELEMENTARY!" & TWEENS

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 29**, for the start of our weekly after school programs for those in grades 1-5. Children arrive right after school and stay until **4:30 p.m.** Arrival and departure occurs at the circular drive on Westminster Dr. This year's theme: *The Prophets* - will include a mixture of Bible learning, fun, and recreation. If you'd like to stay for **Children's Choir** (which begins the same day), plan to be picked up by **5:15 p.m.** Sign up now on the church website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/its-elementary-tweens-sign-up/>.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 5 - 11, 2018

SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
4:00 p.m. Youngish Adults to Drive game
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting
7:00 p.m. Westminster Book Club

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



*Blessed is he that considereth the poor:
the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble"*
Psalm 41:1

What does it mean to consider something? In this scripture, to consider, has three parts:

- (1) to properly examine, to take time to observe and learn,
- (2) to attend to in a wise and prudent manner and
- (3) to care for deeply.

The next step is to define the poor. Poor can mean weak, sick, feeble, marginalized, and helpless. These conditions could be brought on by poverty, class systems or medical/mental health. Basically those that need the aid of others to survive and/or thrive.

This scripture reminds me that in order to "love my neighbor" I must care deeply for the marginalized. Working at Thornwell, I see the effects of children and families that have fallen through the cracks and are struggling to survive. Working to address generational issues of poverty and neglect takes a willingness to step into messy issues of addictions, poverty, class structure and the voiceless. Considering the poor means prayer and thoughtful action. Westminster Presbyterian Church has a long history of considering the poor. We are a mission oriented church ministering to individuals, our community and the world. Consider the poor by participating in one of Westminster's many mission projects - The Family Effect, United Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Thornwell Connection, Dominican Republic Batey Development, Malawi Medical care, Cuba, "It's Elementary!", Youth ministries, Confirmation Mentors, etc. ... as Christians we have already been called, the question remains how will we respond and consider the poor.

Sonya O'Neal

Grab a Nametag this Sunday!

On the recommendation of Session and the Pastoral Nominating Committee, we ask that you wear nametags during worship and the fellowship hour. This will help make the process of learning names and faces easier for our new Senior Pastor Ben Dorr and his wife Heather, when they join us in worship. And you may finally learn the name of that one person you've been too embarrassed to ask!

You will find name tags in the following places:

- Sanctuary Atrium in several spots
- Friendship Court - outside the choir room
- Entrance Pavilion - near the Fellowship Hall entrance
- Starting September 9 in the Adult Sunday School classes

Write your name in large print and legibly!

Thanks for your help!