

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

*from Patrick of Ireland*

**GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE "The Servant Song" arr. Hayes

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Jeremiah 17:7-8*

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is in the Lord.

People: **They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 415 RESTORATION

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we come to you as an insecure and fearful people. We have put too much energy into material possessions. We have guarded our own lives while closing doors to the stranger. We have forgotten your good news, placing our hopes in whatever we can plan, predict, and control. Forgive us, O Lord, and remake us in the image of your Son. Grant us the courage we need to live simply, to love generously, to speak truthfully, to serve faithfully, and to leave everything else to you. We ask it through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* 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.*

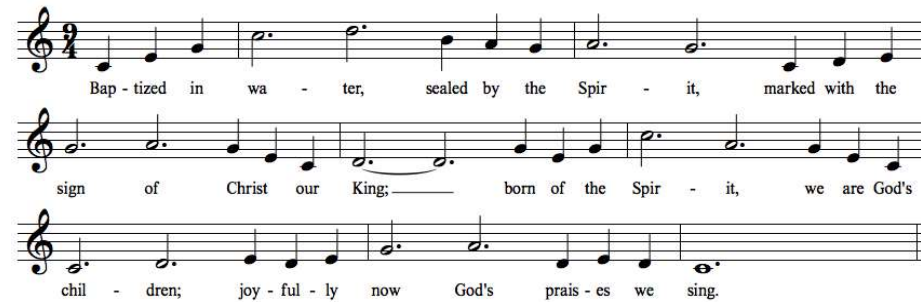
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:00 a.m. *Lillian Martha Miller*

11:15 a.m. *Samuel Marshall Waller*

- Presentation
- Questions to the Parents
- Question to the Congregation
- Thanksgiving over the Water
- Baptism
- Prayer

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Welcome and Congregational Response



*Children in K5-first grade leave for Children's Church.*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:17-23 N.T., p. 838

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 N.T., p. 935

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "But Today's Not Easter" Ben Dorr

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* 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; 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER Walker

"I Will Arise"  
*I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are then thousand charms.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

OFFERING Anthem "Hallelujah" Potter

\* 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

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

\* HYMN No. 852 I'LL FLY AWAY

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION  
\* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 "I'll Fly Away" Brumley  
\* POSTLUDE Prelude from TE DEUM Charpentier

*\*All who are able may stand*

*Following the service, visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium for a time of fellowship and to welcome our new members.*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Pete Sweeny  
11:15 a.m. Will Edwards
- SPONSORS: 9:00 a.m. Joe Frasher  
11:15 a.m. Kathryn Freedman, Beri Draganic
- GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Gaye Sprague, Catherine Pollock  
Paul Grier  
11:15 a.m. Paul Grier, Coleman Kirven  
Ted Gentry  
Mary Kathleen Duncan
- LITURGIST: 9:00 a.m. Mickey Brown
- LAY READERS: 11:15 a.m. Mary Ashmore
- ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Parker Godwin, Peyton Godwin  
11:15 a.m. Madeline Barker, Sarah Katherine White

**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."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Furman Choral Scholars*

*11:15 a.m.*

*Sanctuary 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 worship, children in rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

**GRAB A NAMETAG THIS SUNDAY!**

We will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

It's time for Westminster to have a new Pictorial Directory. Directory pictures will take place primarily during a three week period in March. Sign ups are now available online. See insert for dates and details!

**BIRTH**

A son, *John Tyler Womack*, was born to Tyler & Amanda Womack on Monday, January 14, 2019, in Greenville.

**BAPTISM**

This morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship *Lillian Martha Miller*, daughter of Walker & Leigh Miller.

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This morning at the 11:15 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship *Samuel Marshall Waller*, son of Marshall & Kate Waller.

**ADULT GROUPS**

**Hiking Group:** Will meet **Saturday, February 23, at 8:00 a.m.** in the parking lot for a 7.5 mile hike at Table Rock State Park. **Hike Leader:** *Anne Holleman* ([holl2759@att.net](mailto:holl2759@att.net)).

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGES: GEORGIA & ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR**

Our informational session will be **Monday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Contact Leigh Stuckey ([lstuckey@wpc-online.org](mailto:lstuckey@wpc-online.org)) for more information.

*Save the date for  
VBS this summer!  
Monday, August 5 -  
Friday, August 9  
Classes for ages having  
completed 4K-5th grades and  
volunteer opportunities  
for all ages.*

**MEN'S GROUP  
BOOK STUDY**

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, February 18**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We are studying the book, The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

**THEOLOGY READING  
GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, February 18**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Dianne Scherer* will lead the discussion of Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I Have Loved, by Kate Bowler. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER**

**Tuesday, February 19**  
• **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net), will meet at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.).

**YOUNGISH ADULTS**

Join us **Wednesday, February 20**, at **6:30 p.m.** at Topsy Taco (15 Conestee Ave.) for fellowship and the next installment in our series on Jesus' parables.

**WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY**

Get your day started right with the *"It's Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus"* study and discussion group, meeting again **Tuesday, February 26**, at **6:30 a.m.** in the **Women's Lounge**. This semester we are studying Rachel Held Evans's New York Times bestseller, A Year of Biblical Womanhood (available in the WPC library). Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be **Sunday, February 24**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office (michelle@wpc-online.org) if you are planning to attend.

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**

You are invited to join the Westminster Book Club on **Tuesday, March 5**, at **7:00 p.m.**, in the **Library**, as we discuss the book Becoming by Michelle Obama. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month, and new people are always welcome.

**SURGICAL MISSION TRIP  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Calling all nurses, doctors, and medical professionals: join WPC from **September 28-October 5, 2019** in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for a surgical mission trip coordinated with Foundation for Peace. This year's trip is being led by *Chuck Marguet* and *Rob Morgan*. Watch your Harbingers for updates and announcements, and contact Chuck with questions (charlesmarguet@yahoo.com).

**CALLING ALL COOKS!**

The Weekday School Spring Carnival is quickly approaching! This year, the Weekday School is calling on the wonderful cooks of Westminster to help make the casserole and bake sale a HUGE success! Frozen casseroles are the most popular items, but you may also chose to make something else like homemade pimento cheese, pasta, or soups. If you are interested in donating, please contact Cara Puntch at cpuntch@wpc-online.org, or at 232-5766. Thank you for your participation in supporting one of the biggest fundraisers of the Carnival!

**UNITED MINISTRIES**

The United Ministries food pantry is in need of nonperishable food items and hotel-sized toiletries. Items may be left in the marked cabinets located in the Friendship Court outside the church office.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
February 17-23, 2019**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8:30 a.m.	New Member Class
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Library Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	New Member Reception
12:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
5:00 p.m.	APNC Meeting Middler Group Meeting
5:15 p.m.	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Middler Choir Rehearsal Senior High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>MONDAY</b>	
	<i>Weekday School Closed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Group
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
7:00 p.m.	Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
6:30 p.m.	PW Circle #7
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:30 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" & Tween
4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Chorists
5:30 p.m.	K5-Fifth Grades Basketball Banquet
6:15 p.m.	Youngish Adults Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
	PW Retreat at Montreat (through Sunday, 2/24)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
	PW Retreat at Montreat (through Sunday, 2/24)
8:00 a.m.	Hiking Group

**K5 - 5th GRADE TEAMS**

**BASKETBALL BANQUET**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Celebrate the 2018-2019 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 at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). **Register for dinner by Monday, February 18**. Serving lines will open at **5:30 p.m.**



*"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy for surely your reward is great in heaven."*

These lines of Scripture taken from Luke 6 are a Bible classic. When I read these lines, I am lost in the image of a sub-Saharan African village, crowded with starving children, unclothed, insect ridden, and still. The images you might see on a late night infomercial hosted by Sally Struthers. Luke certainly leads me to believe that God has a bias towards the poor. I imagine there could be no better lines in the entire King James Bible to convey a message of hope. When I reflect upon the most faithful Christians that I have encountered in my life, as a whole (at least outwardly) those with only modest means at best seem to be more in tune with their Christian spirituality. I admit that I have prayed more often and with more intensity during difficult and challenging periods of my life. When I find myself at a comfortable place, I am often distracted (from GOD), preoccupied if you will, with mostly those things and people in my direct field of view.

Christ knows this about our imperfect human nature so he added a few lines just to keep in-check those in his flock who (like me) might find themselves "off-track" every now and again.

*"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you, you who are full now for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe, when men speak well of you, for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets."*

This passage of scripture isn't easy to hear. I certainly wonder if these lines gave a sense of purpose and guidance to the Quakers and Puritans of the past. I have to wonder if I, Mark Pruitt, have been unknowingly making my earthly descent into the eternal heat locker, fully equipped with pitch-forks, fire, and of course, a red-face, horned demon. I admit it right here that I am content...in fact happy, with all that I have been given. Family, friends, and a fulfilling career to name a few.

I tend to believe that the "woe" of which the Lord speaks in this passage is the complacency that can accompany the comfort and stability that a modern, developed country can afford many of us. Just as I am able to admit personal contentment, I must and do admit to my own complacency. After the chaos I experience and energy I expend on a daily basis, I seek the shelter of my loving family, the bottomless distraction of modern technology, and ultimately a warm, comfortable bed to recharge for the next day. To say that I am a creature of habit is an understatement. I often remind myself (or am reminded by Mandy) that even in this greatest, most bountiful country of ours there are untold numbers of suffering, underprivileged that God calls us to serve. Privilege carries with it a corresponding responsibility. That to those to whom much is given, much is expected.

*Mark Pruitt*

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