

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Love

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

People: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**
 All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 630 CRUSADERS' HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to reduce the size of your love to something we can handle. We rationalize our desire for control, instead of trusting you to lead the way. We miss opportunities to share your grace, out of fear that we will fail. We have been luke-warm disciples, hesitant to hand our entire lives over to you. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us another chance. Help us to be your faithful people, so that when the world sees your church at work, they would be amazed at the beauty of Christ's love. 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 Joseph Perry Major

Samuel Jackson Singletary

11:15 Fiona Sawyer Grace

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

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Welcome and Congregational Response

ANTHEM 11:15 "Bwana Asifiwe" Patterson

Children in K5-First grade leave for Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21 O.T., p. 586

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-8 N.T., p. 874

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What Does This Sermon Smell Like?" Ben Dorr

ANTHEM 11:15 "Indodona" Barrett

"The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us, the son of the Lord God was crucified. Hololo Father Jehovah, Zjem zja father."
 traditional isiXhosa

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 Hymn No. 423

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Anthem 9:00 "A Lenten Prayer" Hopson
 Offertory 11:15 Voluntary on CRUSADERS' HYMN arr. Hamlin

* 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. 826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 arr. Hopson

"Lift High the Cross"

* POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Triumphant" Paxton

*All who are able may stand

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- HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Ross Glidewell
- 11:15 a.m. Jacob Barker
- SPONSOR: 9:00 a.m. Brad Lucas
- 11:15 a.m. Mike Hall
- GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Coleman Kirven, Lee Freeman
- 11:15 a.m. Jon McKnight
- 11:15 a.m. Sarah Beasley, Kristin Burrell
- Ben Alexander
- Barbara Stoop
- LITURGIST: 9:00 a.m. Mark Matlock
- LAY READERS: 11:15 a.m. Dorothy Rutledge
- 9:00 a.m. Rollins Beck
- 11:15 a.m. Clarissa Hart, Amelia Key

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."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

- Nancy Smith, organist
- 9:00 a.m.
- Chancel Choir
- 11:15 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir
- Junior & 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 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!

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Brad Wingate on the death of his mother, Donna Wingate, on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in Chester, SC.

LET US PRAY FOR:

- Barbara Patterson and family
- Brad Wingate and family

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

This Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the Junior and Senior Choristers, joined by the Cherub Choir, will present their Spring music program, **God's Presence, Power, and People**. All are invited to hear these choirs express their faith through song.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, April 7. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at 627-0725.

BAPTISM

This morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- Joseph Perry Major, son of Denny & Elizabeth Major, brother of Sarah, Ellen, and Sophie.
- Samuel Jackson Singletary, son of Rob & Jean Singletary, brother of Conner & Charlie Nantz.

BAPTISM

This morning at the 11:15 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Fiona Sawyer Grace, daughter of Joseph & Erika Grace.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, Holly Lindler and Shawn Houlihan were united in marriage at Westminster.

HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY OF SERVICE • MAY 4

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service at Carolina High on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Carolina High to help them clean up their campus. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org. Following our time at Carolina you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

**MEN'S GROUP
BOOK STUDY**

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, April 8, 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).

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, April 9, at 6:30 a.m.** in the **Women's Lounge.** This semester we are studying Lee Hull Moses's book, More Than Enough: Living Abundantly In a Culture of Excess. Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

ADULT GROUPS

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion.** Group Leader: *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** Leaders: *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).
- **Hiking Group:** Will meet **Friday, April 12, for an overnight hike** at Amicola Falls State Park. Hike Leader: *Kathryn Algary* (kaalgary@gmail.com or 907-7291).

CONNECTIONS

Connections will meet **Palm Sunday, April 14, at 12:45 p.m.** at **Iron Hill Restaurant** (741 Haywood Rd. - next to Barnes & Noble). Singles and couples are welcome.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** *Cathy Grills* will lead the discussion of Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, by Diana Butler Bass. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 7,** and will be reading from Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. This is a rich novel imaging the story behind the book The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop if you have questions (bstoop@wpc-online.org).

IHN APRIL 21-28

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families facing homelessness during the week of **April 21-28.** We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down, act as hosts, or provide dinner to our guests. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2W9ydhV>. If you have any additional questions or want to learn more, please contact *Holly, Beth or Julia* at hollyv04@hotmail.com, bethholladay73@gmail.com, or juliabellew@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

A six week Divorce Support Group will be offered **Wednesdays, April 24 – May 29, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church library. This small group, led by associate pastor Barbara Stoop, will discuss the book Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends. We welcome anyone going through the process of separation or divorce. Childcare is available upon request. To sign up for the class, contact Barbara at 313-6956 or bstoop@wpc-online.org.

MEN'S MISSION TRIP

The Men of the Church will be back at Camp Thornwell (near Table Rock State Park) from **Wednesday, May 15 - Sunday, May 19** to continue our renovations and improvements at Thornwell Home's retreat camp. The project list is complete and will include light construction, "handy man" inside activities, painting, and of course grounds maintenance like cutting and clearing-something for all skills and abilities. We will again bunk up and have provided meals in the rec hall with evening social time and a Sunday worship service. Look for more details and sign up info closer to time! Questions? Contact *Jeff Reynolds* at 864-617-5152.

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**HOLY WEEK
SERVICES**

**Maunder Thursday
with communion
April 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Good Friday
April 19 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Easter
April 21
Worship Services
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
(No Sunday School)**

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
*fellowship time with donuts,
coffee, juice and a children's activity.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7 - 13, 2019

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Stated Session Meeting with Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Event
- 5:00 p.m. 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

MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Group
- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #5
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
- 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. PW Circle #6
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Couples Bibles Study (50+)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Hiking Group overnight hike

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, April 9

- **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair (rischlacht@att.net), will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room.**
- **Circle #3:** *Dee Malone*, chair (dee05m@gmail.com), will meet at the home of *Ruth Collins* (103 Haddon Ln., Greer) at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 10

- **Circle #6:** *Liz Einstein* (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and *Sherry Tate* (sherrytate63@gmail.com), co-chairs, will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Liz's home (223 Camille Ave.).



THE ART OF LISTENING

One of the casualties of this Cyber Age has been the art of listening. When was the last time we truly listened to one another?

Listening is so much more than being still and quiet. It is a state of mind, one that can be easily disrupted by the noise of the 21st century. When was the last time we truly sat down, opened our hearts and listened to someone? Earbuds, cell phones, multimedia presentations that can be at our fingertips in seconds all form a cone of noise that can wipe out our ability to listen, to relate, to heal one another.

The news media, of which I was a member for more than 25 years, doesn't help the art of listening with its never-ending news cycle and the shows covering the political spectrum that devolve into shouting, finger-pointing or name-calling.

So what does God try to teach us about listening? Interestingly, a passage from the fourth chapter in 2 Timothy paints an accurate picture of our current dilemma.

"For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths."

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Amazing how words written more than a millennia ago can speak to us so clearly. Then there's this from later in the New Testament.

"You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls."

James 1:19-21

Jesus points the way in one of the most familiar passage from Matthew.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

One of the profound points of this passage is to assume a humble posture. Humbleness begets gentleness, and gentleness begets an open heart, and an open heart begets listening. And from listening we find understanding and the will to do God's work. May we all strive to be humble.

Mark Matlock

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