

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 26, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

### PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Wood

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 67*

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

**People: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.  
May your way be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 268 DIADEMATA  
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Good and gracious God, we know that our instincts are self-centered and our desires are self-indulgent. You have asked us to love our neighbor as we love our own lives, but far too often we have forgotten our neighbor, ignored our neighbor, and put restrictions around the people we refer to as neighbor. Forgive us, Holy One, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us anew what it means to walk in another's shoes and to see the world through her eyes. Make us faithful as we work for a world in which justice and peace are found in every neighborhood. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

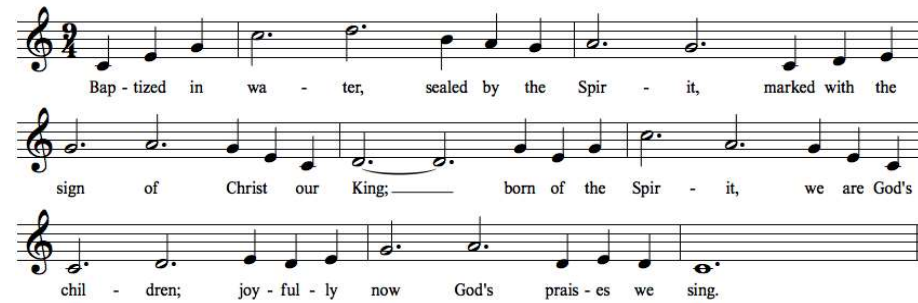
\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Sarah Margaret Land*

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

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## Welcome and Congregational Response



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

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:25-27 N.T., p. 877

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:9-15 N.T., p. 900

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr  
"Not Knowing Where You're Going"

### 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 Fishel  
"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

OFFERING  
Offertory "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Beck  
\* 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. 722 CANONBURY  
"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION  
\* POSTLUDE Voluntary Walond  
*\*All who are able may stand*

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**HEAD USHER:**  
**SPONSOR:**  
**GREETERS:**

Dick Stewart  
Jon McKnight  
Ben Edwards, Brad Lucas  
Freddie Williams  
Barbara Stoop  
Caroline Clark  
Mason Donlan, Caroline Thomasson

**LITURGIST:**  
**LAY READER:**  
**ACOLYTES:**

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

**CHURCH NOTES**  
Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Betty Bennett, guest organist*  
*Judy McKenney, alto*

**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!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 2, 11:00 A.M.**  
The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, June 2**, immediately following our **10:00 a.m.** worship service. The purpose of the meeting is the following:

- To approve bylaws for Westminster Presbyterian Church;
- To approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Barbara Stoop and Westminster Presbyterian Church, effective July 1, 2019, and to recommend to Foothills Presbytery that Barbara receive the designation of "Honorably Retired" by the presbytery.
- To approve changes to the terms of call for the Reverend Leigh Stuckey and the Reverend Mary Kathleen Duncan.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
This **Sunday, May 26**, begins the Summer Schedule:  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
No Sunday School

**BAPTISM**  
This morning we welcome into our fellowship, *Sarah Margaret Land*, daughter of Philip & Beth Land, sister of Elizabeth.

**BIRTH**  
A son, *William Alan Woodward*, was born to Josh & Kelsea Woodward on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Greenville.

**LOW COUNTRY BOIL**  
Mark your calendars for the annual Low Country Boil on **Sunday, June 2**, from **5-7:00 p.m.** at **Brewery 85** (6 Whitlee Ct, 29607). The event is free and includes tickets for two craft beers or sodas. Make sure to sign up at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org).

**GET YOUR WPC SWAG!**  
Updated WPC car magnets are now available in the church office. Pick yours up today (and try not to cut too many people off!). We also have a limited supply of WPC branded insulated grocery totes in the office for a suggested \$5-\$10 donation.

**LET US PRAY FOR:**  
*Janie Little and family*  
*The Family of Pat Miller*  
*Carl Nuttall and family*

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## 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, May 28, 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.

## 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. Our next meeting will be **June 4** and we will discuss the book, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. This is a murder mystery set on the North Carolina coast in 1969, involving a rumored "Marsh Girl."

## CUBA MISSION TRIP

Adults from WPC will travel to Cuba from **October 9-16, 2019** to visit our partner church in Unión de Reyes and the Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas. The trip will also include time in Havana. Interested? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) or *Charlie LeGrand* (clegrand@legrandlaw.com).

## WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Women of Westminster offer scholarships to provide financial aid among our college and graduate student membership. Any Westminster member who will be furthering their education in the fall is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the church office or online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). Applicants may contact *LeAnne White* (leannejw@charter.net) with any questions. **The deadline is Friday, June 28, 2019.** Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

## ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 2** Harbinger.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW MEMBERS

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

- **Allie Able** joined by transfer from St. Paul UM Church, Saluda, SC.
- **Clay & Haley Evans**. Clay joined by transfer from Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville. Haley joined by transfer from First ARP Church, Rock Hill, SC.
- **Aly Friend** joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Daniel & Kaitlan Hawkins** joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Hampton Reed (1).
- **Clive & Kim Keable with sons Joshua (14), and Evan (10)**. Clive and Joshua joined by reaffirmation of faith. Kim and Evan joined by profession of faith.
- **Whitner & Sarah Kennedy** joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC. They have two sons, Jay (4), and Grady (1).
- **Donny & Katie McElveen** joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Charlie & Ann Nichols** joined by transfer from Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, Chapin, SC. They are the parents of WPC member, *Lindsey Donlan*.
- **Carolina Raycroft** joined by reaffirmation of faith. She and her husband, Coulter LaBoone, have a son, Richard (1).
- **Ryan & Ashley Richards** joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two daughters, Campbell (4) and Blythe (1).
- **Bret & Shannon Sowers** joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Liam (1).
- **Larkin Watson & Virginia Wolfe** joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Henry (5 mos.).
- **Hunter Wood** joined by transfer from Downtown Presbyterian Church, Greenville.
- **Stuart & Mary Katherine Wyeth** joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville. They have a son, MacReynolds (5) and a daughter, Wallace Ann (2).
- **Bill & Tavia Young** joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two daughters, Jane (2) and Lou (3 mos.).

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## BARBARA STOOP'S RETIREMENT

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sadly for us, the time has come for Barbara Stoop to retire. We will be celebrating the wonderful ministry of Barbara. Please mark these dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, June 24 5:45 p.m.** Church dinner celebrating Barbara. We are creating fun activities for all ages in honor of Barbara's ministry.

Sign up now at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) for the **June 24 dinner**.

**\$8 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 4-11)**

- **Sunday, June 30** Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster.

For the church dinner, the retirement committee is collecting mementos of Barbara's time at Westminster. Please send in any photos you have and share any special memories. Photos can be dropped off at the church office and will be returned. We will have a table displaying artwork created by Barbara, so if you have anything you can loan us, we would enjoy sharing it with the congregation. Special memories can be e-mailed to *Susan Robbins* at [jamrobbins@aol.com](mailto:jamrobbins@aol.com).

Barbara's ministry at Westminster has touched all of our lives. We hope you can join us in celebrating her 31 years with us.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 26 - June 1, 2019

### SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

### MONDAY

Weekday School Closed for Holiday

Church Office Closed for Holiday

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

### TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon

### WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Divorce Support Group

### THURSDAY

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



Evangelism has always been my weakest spiritual gift, or so I thought. I know that our society is desperate for hope, and even when everything is going well, I am inexplicably drawn to God's ability to help – pulled to the promise of peace. There have been times in my life when I did not believe help would come; and yet, in these darkest moments of my fear, there has always been a supernatural peace. I know that my relationship with God is part of the "good news" all Christians are called to proclaim in the world, but it almost seems like a faux pas to even talk about.

One childhood experience that I go back to quite a bit in my mind is the moment that I can say for certain I knew God was real. My parents were managing life as best they could and as an astute child, I was particularly aware of the stress they were under. This, on top of the fact that my dad tended to yell when he was afraid, made for one particularly petrifying night. Huddled in my bed, fearing the worst, I recall frantically praying the Lord's Prayer over and over. Suddenly, I felt an unnatural sense of calm wash over my body and a warm light filled my room – a detail my older brother never recalls seeing.

Maybe I watched too many televangelism programs with my grandmother or maybe it was a psychological phenomenon, brought on by the fear and stress of an over-imaginative mind... it certainly was not a very "Presbyterian" experience... but I know the extraordinary moment was from the father.

Regardless of our comfort level with angelic occurrences like mine, miracles are not always the type of peace that we are promised, nor are they always the opening line of our testimony. Peace and salvation are inseparable concepts, bound together in the Holy Spirit with an undeniable supernatural component. Proclaiming the Gospel is more than just something we should do, and it most certainly is not something we can avoid by giving someone else the money for the heavy lifting. How ever you feel about it, and no matter what you call it, proclaiming the good news is a divine compulsion – a love that will not let us go. The very fiber of creation desires to cry out the glory of the Lord.

It doesn't take an unusual cosmic event to share a kind and gentle word with someone or demonstrate a simple act of selfless love. Often the warm light that fills the room is found in the eyes of a friend or even a stranger. Our neighbors are desperate for hope and ready to listen; and through the Holy Spirit, we have the power and the words to bring them eternal peace.

*Jordan O. Smith*