

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.

PENTECOST

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, you are the true and only Light, and from you comes every good gift. Send your Spirit into our lives with the power that you bestowed on the disciples long ago. Open the horizons of our minds with your startling and disturbing grace. Loosen our lives so that we would give you praise throughout our days, and let our words be spoken with the hope, humility, and peace of Jesus Christ. 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 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Hustad

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 104*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.

People: **You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you make the clouds your chariot.**

Leader: You make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

People: **O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 280 EBENEZER

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, so that we would be filled with the courage that faith demands, the love that Christ requires, and the will to share your grace and good news with all people. 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

Elizabeth Harper Newton

Presentation
Questions to the Parents

* Question to the Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Prayer

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Congregational Response

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

K5 & 1st Graders are invited to Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:14-17 N.T., p. 919

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 N.T., p. 885

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

"Bewildered and Astonished"

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. 280*

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERTORY "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Dawson

* 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. 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 582*

"Glory to God"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER: Carl Nuttall
SPONSOR: Pete Roe
GREETERS: Philip Land, Ted Gentry
Talitha Allen

LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READER: Beri Draganic
ACOLYTES: Cooper Dorr, Amelia Key

BENEDICTION PARTICIPANTS: Beri Draganic, Nancy Johnson, Morgan 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 9:15 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

Shalick Smith, baritone

SUMMER CHOIR

Anthems during the summer months are led by Westminster's Summer Choir, which rehearses at **9:15 a.m.** every Sunday in the Choir Room. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Mark Kemp (mkemp@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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!

PENTECOST OFFERING

This annual offering taken by Presbyterian Churches goes to aid children, youth, and young adults. The money helps children at risk both here and abroad. Plus, a portion of the gifts strengthens ministries nurturing the faith of our young people and developing leaders of tomorrow. Twenty percent of the offering is retained by the local church. We invite you to participate in this vital ministry. Envelopes are located in the Rituals of Friendship.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship, *Elizabeth Harper Newton*, daughter of Matthew & Lauren Newton.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Emma Marie Andres*, was born to Jorge Andres Amo & Holly Vanderwal on Friday, May 31, 2019, in Greenville.

INTRODUCING OUR SUMMER YOUTH INTERN:

Lauren Ghighi is a junior at Furman University and will be our Youth Intern for the summer. She is a religion and educational studies double major with a passion for ministry that she hopes will take her to seminary after college. In the future, she plans on being a pastor and hopes to continue working with youth. After a year of helping out with the youth from this past school year, Lauren is looking forward to continuing the partnership with our church at a higher level. Originally from Dallas, Texas, and a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Lauren loves life in Greenville and also looks forward to chaperoning some of her favorite trips from her time in youth group. She would love to extend her gratitude to our congregation for this invitation. We are so excited to have her, and please feel free to extend to her a warm welcome!

CONNECTIONS

Please join Westminster friends for Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, at **Bonefish Grill** (1515 Woodruff Rd.) at 11:45 a.m., after the morning worship service **this Sunday, June 9**. New people are welcome. Place your reservation with *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com or 963-2335).

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. 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.

JUMPAHEAD

With the start of our summer worship schedule of one worship service at **10:00 a.m.**, the children at Westminster will **“jump ahead”** a grade **beginning this Sunday, June 9**. Among other things, this means that those currently in 4K Sunday School will begin attending the first part of the worship service with their parents, then will leave with one of the ministers for Children’s Church. This also means that those finishing 1st grade will no longer attend Children’s Church and will begin staying through the entire service. Look for backpacks for the rising 4K group available in the Sanctuary Atrium beginning Sunday, June 9, and children’s worship packets for the older children to aid their worship experience.

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

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 for the **June 24 dinner**.

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

- Sunday, June 30 Barbara’s last Sunday at Westminster. Reception following service.

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.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 - 15, 2019

SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Connections Group
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Movie Night

THURSDAY

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

THE SESSION

The Class of 2020

<i>Ben Alexander</i>	<i>Michael Hoffman</i>
<i>Rita Barker</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
<i>Roxanne Cromartie</i>	<i>Coleman Kirven</i>
<i>Becca Donohue</i>	<i>Christa Likes</i>
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<i>Brad Lucas</i>	<i>Catherine Pollock</i>
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<i>Sarah Beasley</i>	<i>Ben Edwards</i>
<i>Brian Blount</i>	<i>Ashley Gettys</i>
<i>Scott Clark</i>	<i>Anna Hanor</i>
<i>Brandon Coker</i>	<i>Susan Jones</i>
<i>Bob Dellert</i>	<i>Becky Warth</i>



Mrs. Law was a benevolent and generous person, and someone that could get me excited about going to Sunday school. The latter skill is truly impressive given that I was ten years old. Mrs. Law was not a larger than life personality or even entertaining, but you knew she cared about you and, in hindsight, I see how diligently she worked to create class experiences that engaged us in learning the teachings of Jesus and being a part of the community that was our 4th grade Sunday school class. To remember those Sundays as clearly as I do some 40 years later speaks volumes about the ministry of Mrs. Law.

The scripture from Acts that is part of our biblical lesson this week tells of the moment when God fills the disciples with the Holy Spirit and kickstarts the ministry of the church. This scripture is filled with powerful imagery of whipping winds and tongues of fire. It is easy to picture being filled with the Holy Spirit as overwhelming and almost cataclysmic. This can lead us to believe that to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to minister to others should be similarly over-the-top, loud, and flashy. However, that is much too narrow of a view. Mrs. Law was clearly filled with the Holy Spirit (you had to be to teach a bunch of 10-year-olds for as many years as she did) and yet her style of ministry was one of subtlety based on being nurturing, creative, and consistently present.

Mrs. Law is but one of many teachers filled with the Holy Spirit that have helped me grow in my faith throughout my life. As a child, youth, and adult I have been blessed with many teachers that have shared their gifts with me. I look back and am sure that I never thought to say thank you to Mrs. Law; perhaps my mother did. But, I am thankful for her and the many other teachers I have had. I imagine that many of you have been similarly blessed with caring and wonderful teachers filled with the Holy Spirit throughout your lives.

As we approach the end of the school year and our Sunday school classes wind down, it is a great time to take a few minutes and reflect on the many teachers that have shared their gifts with us this year. Let us lift them up in a prayer of thanksgiving. I offer the following prayer written by Jenna Campbell to all the teachers of Westminster:

*O God, on the day of Pentecost
you came in the rush of the wind and filled
your followers with your Spirit.
We thank you for the teachers in our lives that
you’ve filled with a passion for telling
your story in ways we can hear and understand.*