



Prayer of **Preparation**

*God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name, we pray. 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**

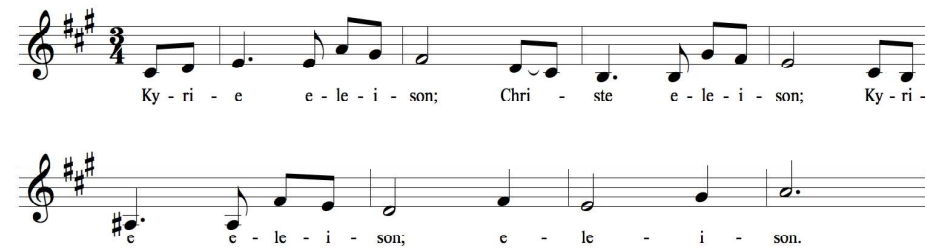
Prelude 9:00 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Arr. Purifoy  
 Introit 11:15 "Surely" Langston

\* Call to Worship from Lamentations 3:22, 24  
 Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
**People: God's mercies never come to an end.**  
 Leader: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul.  
**People: "Therefore I will hope in him."**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART  
 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\* Prayer of Confession  
**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek the lost and save us from ourselves.**  
**We confess that we have strayed from you, striving for that which will not feed us, but will only fool us.**  
**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, full when we are empty, rich when we are poor, and strong when we are weak.**  
**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your good news.**  
**Grant us the everlasting grace that can only come from you, O God.**  
**Return us to paths of righteousness through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Following the corporate prayer, you are invited to a time of silent confession. When directed join in singing the "Kyrie" ("Lord, have mercy") as printed.



\* 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.**

Children in K5-1st grade are invited to join a Westminster pastor in Children's Church (200 Hall).

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
 Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 4:1-11* N.T., p. 785  
 Old Testament Lesson, *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7* O.T., p. 2  
 Leader: The Word of the Lord:  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "In the Middle of the Garden"

Responding to **God's Word**

\* Affirmation of Faith, *The Nicene Creed (325CE)*  
**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 at 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 worshiped 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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

\* Offering  
 Offertory "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Helvey

\* Doxology (*Hymnal, No. 606*)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn No. 500 ST. FLAVIAN  
 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response 11:15 "Gaelic Benediction" Ulrich

\* Postlude "Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise" Pachelbel

*\*All who are able may stand*

**Leading in Worship this morning:**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*; Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*  
 Nancy Smith, *organist*; Kathryn Knauer, *soloist* (9a); The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)  
 Susan McLarty (9a), Parks McLeod (11:15a), *lay readers*  
 Anne Nuttall (9a), Bryant Puntch (11:15a), *head ushers*  
 Jon McKnight, *sponsor*  
 Roxanne Cromartie, Scott Clark, Lee Freeman (9a), *greeters*  
 Gaye Sprague, Ashley Gettys, Becky Warth (11:15a), *greeters*

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Gathering Notes

#### NURSERY CARE THIS MORNING

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 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!

#### PARKING ON SUNDAY & CROSSING AUGUSTA

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop (next to the Fellowship Hall), Augusta Commons, and the TD Bank. A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45a–12:45p to help those who have parked at TD. Please be mindful of the officer and pedestrians when leaving the parking lot.

For the safety of all, please do not park alongside curbs.

#### STREAMING & VIDEO RECORDING

All Westminster services are streamed. Visit [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org) and navigate to the “Live Stream” button.

Baptisms, anthems, and other elements of the service are recorded. Anthems are posted on our Facebook page, or you may subscribe to our YouTube channel ([wpcgreenville.com](http://wpcgreenville.com)).

Please be mindful that this is a service of worship and refrain from recording or photographing elements of the service.

### Please Remain in Prayer for

Kimberly DuBose and family

*“I am the resurrection and the life.”  
John 11:25*

### Announcements

#### 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 Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

#### 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, March 8, at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org) if you are planning to attend.

#### MISSIONS AT WESTMINSTER

The United Ministries 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.

**Save the dates for  
Vacation Bible School  
this summer!**

**August 3 - August 7  
9a - 12 noon**

**Classes for ages in rising  
K5–5th grades and volunteer  
opportunities for all ages.**

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1-7, 2020

#### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. New Elder Training  
4:30 p.m. First Steps Music Class  
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

#### MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study Group  
JustFaith Group Meeting  
6:15 p.m. NAMI  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

#### TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting  
Al-Anon  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Westminster Book Club Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

3:00 p.m. It’s Elementary!  
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers  
6:30 p.m. Youngish Adults Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY - SUNDAY

*Youth Choir Festival by the Sea*

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**“The Mirror shows us nothing more or less than the deepest,  
most desperate desire of our hearts,”  
says Dumbledore, to Harry Potter,  
as he gazes into his reflection of the Mirror of Erised.**

In the Harry Potter Series, the “Mirror of Erised” (which is the word “Desire” spelled backwards) allows the viewer to see their heart’s desire in their reflection. Viewers might see the glory of a career path not taken, they might see themselves dancing in piles of gold and jewels, or a healthy version of themselves, living a life of health and wellness. They would see a replica of themselves, in a life void of sickness, doctor’s appointments, funeral arrangements, debt collector calls. The mirror reflects a false life void of pain. The best version of themselves would be reflected back to them. A version unmarred by sin, almost porcelain in its effect. The viewers are presented with versions of their life that is unattainable or desires that are unhealthy, deeply dangerous to the beholder. It is revealed that the mirror is hidden away from society because many people go insane and succumb to their addiction of seeing “what could have been.”

Dumbledore says to Harry, “The happiest man on earth would be able to use the Mirror of Erised like a normal mirror, that is, he would look into it and see himself exactly as he is.”

From a Christian lens, The Mirror of Erised is a vessel that holds the exact directions for self-destruction. Spiritual weaknesses are revealed when people are confronted with their desires. In Matthew 4:1–11, Jesus fights temptation after forty days of fasting. He is presented with all the kingdoms and glory in the world, and yet Jesus swats away these temptations with ease. What desires in Jesus’s heart provided a “roadmap” to Satan to attempt to destroy his spirit, and how was Jesus able to overcome his own desires to serve God? Was he able to smash the imaginary mirror reflecting “what could have been” through fasting and through his purified faith?

Is it our moral responsibility to inventory our potential areas of weakness and to glance once, just once... into a fictional Mirror of Erised to see the pieces of ourselves prone to temptation? If you were to peer inside... what desires could be used to tempt you... and how could that be used to separate you from God?

Ashley Brown

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We at Westminster believe that education is essential for discipleship and hope that what you learn in this place will transform your living beyond our doors. This quarter kicks off this Sunday, March 1, and will run each Sunday through April 5. You are welcome to join any class at any point!

### 1. Faith & Medical Ethics:

**Teachers: Scott & Denise Broderick with Trey & Kimmie DuBose, Rob Morgan, and Ben Alexander**

#### Room 209

From the earliest beginnings of the Christian faith, its members have been devoted to helping others. After a brief review of the interwoven history of Christianity and medicine in general, the focus of this class will be on the current interaction between the Christian faith and the complexities of the modern medical world. Topics will be presented by a variety of congregational members involved in the medical field and will include mission work, challenging patients and diagnoses, medical malpractice and medical finances.

Denise Broderick specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. She studied at College of Charleston and MUSC and presently practices at Vida Gynecology. Her husband Scott is an orthopaedictraumatologist specializing in care of patients with severe injuries and fractures. He works for Spartanburg Regional Hospital System and studied at Furman and Vanderbilt. Special guest lecturers will include the Doctors DuBose, Dr. Rob Morgan, and Ben Alexander, J.D.

### 2. Israel, Palestine, and the Modern Arab World

**Teacher: Nathan Stock**

#### Room 212

Untangling the headlines regarding the Middle East world is a complex task and requires knowledge beyond soundbites. This lecture-and-discussion based class will be an exploration of the modern history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with some attention paid to the wider Arab world. Our hope is that you will be able to better understand current events in the region.

Nathan and his wife Kate Taber are new members at WPC. Stock is a nonresident scholar at the Middle East Institute. He served for nine years at the Carter Center. While with the Carter Center he spent time living in Jerusalem and running the Israel-Palestine Field Office. Kate Taber, presently serving as Associate University Chaplain at Furman University, has served as a PCUSA Mission-Coworker in Israel and Palestine.

### 3. Feasting on the Word: Exploring Luke and Acts

**Teachers: Ben Alexander, Jim Gettys, Christa Likes, and LeAnne White**

#### Room 213

Using the curriculum Feasting on the Word developed by John Knox Press with insight from some of the best scholars and preachers in America, this discussion based class will explore more deeply the Gospel of John. The class will work through Lenten Scriptures, many of which will be preached in worship. Discussion will center on textual exploration and modern day application.

This class will be guided by long-time WPC members leaders of The Flock. Ben Alexander is a healthcare attorney at Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd. Jim Gettys is a family medicine specialist at TR Family Medicine. Christa Likes is a speech language pathologist at Greenville ENT, and LeAnne White is an artist and the Communication Coordinator and Office Manager at Foothills Presbytery. All are involved in many facets of Westminster's life, including having served as Elders.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Adult Groups & Circles

### MEETING THIS WEEK

- **Men's Group Book Study**, Monday, March 2, 6p, Room 209-C. Studying The Bible Jesus Read by Philip Yancey. Led by Rick Carpenter.
- **Westminster Book Club**, Tuesday, March 3, 7p, WPC Library. Studying Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Led by Kay Payne & Sherry Tate.
- **Youngish at WPC**, Wednesday, March 4, 6:30p, Hampton Station (1320 Hampton Ave.). Childcare at WPC at 6:15p. Questions? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).
- **Connections Group**, Sunday, March 8, 12:45p, The Lazy Goat (170 Riverplace). Reservations needed by March 6 with Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com or 201-6117).

## Announcements

### HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, March 1. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 9a and 11:15a services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller (627-0725).

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your  
clocks back  
one hour next  
**Saturday, March 7.**

### THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, March 16, at 7p in the Charter Room. Ann Hicks has designed and will present a program entitled Sacred Manifestations of Art Through Its Varied Branches: Literature, Music, Dance, Painting, Sculpture, Film, and Architecture. Join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

## WHAT IS A "KYRIE?"

As we worship together throughout the season of Lent this year, you will notice two small additions to our liturgy. After the corporate prayer of confession, we are including a brief time of silence, followed by the singing of the Kyrie. We are including these liturgical practices for a couple of reasons:

- a) Lent is a season of penitence and limitation. During the time of silence, everyone is invited to continue with individual prayers of confession, reflecting with God upon the ways that we have missed the mark in our personal lives of faith.
- b) The singing of the Kyrie is a way to draw us back together in this moment of penitence. "Kyrie" refers to the Greek phrase "Kyrie eleison," which means "Lord, have mercy." It is common in many Presbyterian churches to include a Kyrie every Sunday in worship. While we have not done so at Westminster, we do want to include it during this Lenten season to help draw attention to the meaning of Lent.

Of course, the emphasis on repentance during Lent does not negate the good news that we are forgiven and given new life in Jesus Christ. We hope that these two additions to our liturgy will make the journey from Lent to Easter more meaningful for you this year.

In Christ,  
Ben

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION TODAY**

If you are seated in the main section of pews, you will proceed up the center aisle to receive communion. Please wait for an usher to prompt your row. Please take communion from one of the two serving stations at the front of the chancel located on the same side as your pew, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

If you are seated in the transept pews at either side of the sanctuary, you will take communion from the servers at the front of the transept. The section of pews closest to the chancel will go first. Please wait to be prompted by the usher. When prompted, please proceed up the center aisle of the transept, take communion at the front of the transept, and walk down the center aisle to the back of the transept, returning to your pew via the side transept aisle closest to your pew.

Please remain quiet during communion so that those who wish to pray may do so.

If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward, or if you would simply prefer to remain seated, there are two pairs of rovers to provide you with communion, one on each side aisle. When the rovers approach your pew, simply raise your hand to indicate that you would like to receive communion in your seat.

The bread we are offering at today's communion is labeled by the manufacturer as gluten, nut, egg, and dairy free, and includes the following ingredients: water, sourdough (rice flour, water), rice starch, corn starch, agave syrup, psyllium seed husks (vegetable fiber), sunflower oil, modified cellulose, soy protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fiber, rice flour, sugar, quinoa flour, salt, corn flour, honey, guar gum, calcium citrate, niacin, iron, thiamin, riboflavin. Contains soy.