

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL INTROIT Farrell

“O God, You Search Me and You Know Me”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is God who rescues the weak and the needy and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to you belong all the nations!

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 300 SCHOLTES

“We Are One in the Spirit”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness; we look with disdain on those less fortunate, and ignore the poverty of our own souls. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience. Yet in Christ you love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve you.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* 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.

** BAPTISM OF MARGUERITE BOWEN MULLINS and

GERALD CLARENCE SMOAK, IV

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

** ANTHEM Purcell

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

** ANTHEM “Tell All the World” Horman

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the anthem.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

DUET (9:00 a.m. only) “The Lord Is My Light” Fettke

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 82 (Page 542) Ashley Brown

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Luke 21:5-19 (Page 85)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

“Race, Sex, and Politics”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* 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; 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.

** WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory Prelude and Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

* 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”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE Scholtes

“And They’ll Know We Are Christians”

* POSTLUDE arr. Page

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only

Table with 3 columns: Role, Time, Name. Includes HEAD USHERS, SPONSORS, GREETERS, LITURGIST, and ACOLYTES.

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

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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.”

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Kelly Kemp, soprano

Mark Kemp, tenor

11:15 a.m.

Senior Chorists

Sanctuary Choir

CHOIR FESTIVAL

This weekend, members of the Sanctuary Choir are participating in the 14th Annual Festival by the Sea in Charleston, SC. This gathering of nearly 300 church musicians from twenty churches across the southeast will culminate in a worship service of music and scripture at First Baptist Church in Charleston. The Westminster Sanctuary Choir is one of the founding choirs of the Festival.

During the worship service, children in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children’s Church this Sunday, January 21: 9:00 a.m. Kenneth & Jennifer Dillard 11:15 a.m. Jon & Blair Miller

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 21

9:00 a.m.

Crib Clay & Brooke Jones Toddler Rob & Kathy Sessions K4 Curt & Jade Hall

11:15 a.m.

Crib Alice Sargent Crawler Zandr & Carly Tesolowski Toddler Kent & Caroline Giguere K2 Tyler & Brady Godfrey K3 David Duncan K4 Freddie & Tiffany Williams

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Rutledge Johnson The Family of John Marshall Dick Stewart and family

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from 8:45-10:30 a.m. this Sunday, January 21, in the Charter Room. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606. The next class will be Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

HERITAGE LECTURE COMMITTEE

The WPC Heritage Lecture Committee is pleased to announce that the outstanding speaker and writer, Philip Yancey, will return to our pulpit on Sunday, January 28, for both services and will speak to a combined adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Invite your friends. All are welcome.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Dick Stewart on the death of his father, Charles Stewart, on Friday, January 12, 2018, in Woodruff, SC.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, Elizabeth Matthews and Bart Carver were united in marriage at Westminster.

BIRTH

A son, Owen Samuel Ullom, was born to Evan & Caitlin Ullom, on Thursday, January 4, 2018, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- Marguerite Bowen Mullins, daughter of Bo & Mae Todd Mullins, sister of Elizabeth Todd and Pearson.

- Gerald Clarence Smoak, IV, son of Clay & Meagan Smoak.

In Memoriam

John Q. Marshall

12/21/1918 - 1/12/2018

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

YOUTH

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 21
 5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group
 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal Senior High Group

Senior High Girls Breakfast is **Wednesday, January 24, at 7:15 a.m.** at **Panera Bread** (1922 Augusta St.).

Any seniors that would like to participate in Youth Sunday are invited to join Mary Kathleen for a planning dinner at **The Blockhouse** (1619 Augusta St.) on **Wednesday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m.**

CONNECTIONS

Join Westminster friends for Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, at **Lieu's Chinese Bistro** (1149 Woodruff Rd.), at **12:30 p.m.** after the morning worship service on **Sunday, January 21**. New people are welcome. Place your reservation by **Saturday, January 20**, with **Mary Ann Cox** (1maryanncox@gmail.com or 963-2335).

ADULT GROUPS

- Sunday, January 21**
- Movie Group:** Will meet to see "The Post" at **Hollywood 20 at 4:20 p.m.** We will follow with dinner at **Yard House Restaurant** (1025 Woodruff Rd.). **Leader: Susan Robbins** (jamrobbins@aol.com).
- Wednesday, January 24**
- Luncheon Group:** Will meet at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. **Leader: Mary Ann Cox** (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
 - Couples Bible Study Group (ages 50+):** Will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Leaders: Dick & Mary Sargent** (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue a book study on **Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m.** in **Room 212**. We will study the book, **The True Measure of a Man**, by Richard Simmons. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact **Rick Carpenter** (608-1881).

UNITED MINISTRIES + GAIHN

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) which serves families who are tackling homelessness is now under one roof with United Ministries. You are invited for an open house on **Tuesday, January 23, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** To learn more, visit the Eventbrite invitation here: www.under-one-roof.eventbrite.com. Westminster will host GAIHN families again the week of **February 18 - 25**.

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.

MEN'S GROUP SOCIAL

Men of Westminster are invited to our Men's Group Social meeting in the **banquet room at The Blockhouse Restaurant** (1619 Augusta St.), on **Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m.** No RSVP is required. Come and enjoy the fellowship. There will be a moment to acknowledge last year's achievements and discuss our upcoming goals.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet on **Saturday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Susan & Tim Reed** (51 Club Forest Ln.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or – if you don't hear from us (databases are imperfect). Contact **Jean Atkins** (jean@indconinc.com) or **Susan Grier** (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see you!

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held **Wednesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 6, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the **church library** to discuss the book **Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight** by Alexandra Fuller. Visitors are always welcome.

THE SESSION

The Class of 2018

Julia Bellew	Nancy Quinn
Catherine Blount	Kathleen Reynolds
Kimberly DuBose	Hank Sanders
Melinda Dumpert	Brent Thomasson
Jason Farmer	Sallie White
Donn James	Hunter Williams

The Class of 2019

Howard Boyd	Collin Mackie
Sarah-Ann Davis	Susan McLeod
Beri Draganic	Elizabeth Palmer
Kathryn Freedman	Joanne Sweeny
Paul Grier	Rob Warren
Walter Hinton	Stephen Woods

The Class of 2020

Ben Alexander	Michael Hoffman
Rita Barker	Steve Johnson
Roxanne Cromartie	Coleman Kirven
Becca Donohue	Christa Likes
Lee Freeman	Jon McKnight
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21 - 27, 2018

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting
- 8:45 a.m. New Member Class
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Education Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Session Training
- 12:30 p.m. Connections Group Meeting
- 4:20 p.m. Movie Group
- 5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group Meeting
Presbyterian Women
Planning Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 11:00 a.m. PW Lifetime Membership Committee Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Book Study

WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 a.m. Senior High Girls Breakfast
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Sunday
Planning Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Couples Bible Study (ages 50+)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Social
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Adult Choir Festival by the Sea (thru 28th)

SATURDAY

- Dominican Republic Mission Trip (thru Feb. 3rd)
- 7:00 p.m. Lightly Seasoned Group



Psalm 82

Three doors down lived a boy. In an apartment. For the most part, all alone. When the sun went down and the shadows came out, he would reach and reach for the switch to the light in the hallway. Either he was too short or it was too high. Night would fall, and he would fumble.

Same hall, different door, there lived a carpenter who made step-stools. And the next door, a nurse. The next – a teacher.

What happens when this motley crew gets together? There is help. There is hope.

And if they don't?

If the woodworker never notices he is needed, if the nurse cannot see the wounds...suffering grows.

As we pass by those experiencing homelessness, dismiss addictions, and ignore the realities of poverty – suffering grows. Someone else's problem? Yes. Do they have their own families? Yes. Could they have made better decisions? Most likely – yes. But if we have resources that can help suffering and provide hope, why does anything else matter?

Psalm 82: "...give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness..."

Catherine Blount

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Teachers: *Ted Gentry/Trey DuBose* **Room:** 209

2. **Faith in God in a Scientific Age**

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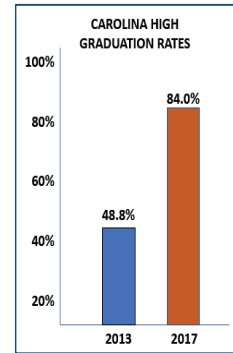
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WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION

We need your help. On Monday, January 29, Westminster will launch our largest off-site local mission project in the history of this church, the **WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION**. This new opportunity is less than six miles from our church campus and will involve **arriving by 8:15 a.m. and staying until 11:50 a.m. on January 29**. Less than four hours to make a difference in hundreds of young lives at Carolina High School in West Greenville.



Carolina High School (CHS), located just off White Horse Road, has a student population that is roughly 40% black, 40% Hispanic and 20% white and 100% poverty. Only a few years ago, the graduation rate was under 49%, but in 2017, the rate increased to 84%. The school is an amazing story of how an inspired principal, Mr. Michael Delaney, totally revolutionized a school by converting their curriculum to “Project Based Learning” which gets his students to work on real-world problems and come up with innovative solutions.



To help prepare for January 29 we are offering the following:

Friday, January 19 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Drop in for a free cup of coffee and Q&A at Grateful Brew (501 S. Pleasantburg Drive). Materials and classroom assignments will be available.

Monday, January 22 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Join a general tour of Carolina High. Meet Susan McLarty and student tour guides in the school lobby.

Tuesday, January 23 – Thursday, January 25 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Attend one small group tour if you are helping with the 11th grade “Test Tips and Practice” group. Meet Terry Foster in the school lobby.

Sunday, January 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room 209 at WPC – Everyone helping is invited to receive final preparation information and materials.

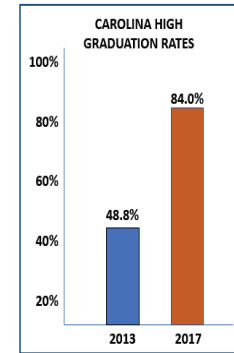
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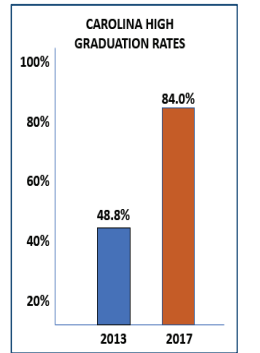
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