

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 4, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;*

*God be in my eyes, and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart, and in my thinking;*

*God be at my end, and at my departing.*

*Sarum Primer, c. 1514.*

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT “Taste and See” Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**People: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,

**People: singing joyful songs of praise.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN No. 509 HOLY MANNA

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\* 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.*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*\* CALL TO PRAYER “O God, You Search Me” Farrell

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 126 (Page 572) *Amos Workman*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Philippians 1:3-11 (Page 196)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

“Holding Each Other In Our Hearts”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

**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 on 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 worshipped 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.**

SERVICE OF GIVING

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) “Come Share the Lord” Leech

\*\* Anthem “i carry you in my heart” Dickau

*i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart)  
i am never without it (anywhere i go you go, my dear;  
and whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling)  
i fear no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet)*

*i want no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)  
and it’s you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you*

*here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that’s keeping the stars apart*

*i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)*

*E. E. Cummings*

\* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Assembling of the Elders

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* HYMN No. 500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” ST. FLAVIAN

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE “Gaelic Benediction” Ulrich

\* POSTLUDE Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH Bock

*The Lord’s Table is open to all who profess  
Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

*\*All who are able may stand*

*\*\* 11:15 a.m. service only*

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m.

Rebecca Faulk

11:15 a.m.

Grady Patterson

SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m.

Rita Barker

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m.

Parks McLeod, Mike Hall

Walter Hinton

11:15 a.m.

Hank Sanders, Ben Alexander

Hunter Williams

LITURGIST:

Jean Weaver

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](http://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.**

*Jackson McCarthy, baritone*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Sanctuary Choir*

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 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, February 4:

**9:00 a.m.** *Matt Delfino & Lizzy Holt*

**11:15 a.m.** *Erik & Emily Busby*

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR FEBRUARY 4

**9:00 a.m.**

*Andrew & Amanda Parker*

*Toddler Charlie & Alissa Yeargin*

*K2 John & Abby Paylor*

*K3 Harvey & Greta Cleveland*

*K4 Brandon & Lindsay Norris*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Crawler Price & Anna Blair Cameron*

*Toddler Brad & Meredith Gower*

*K2 Hastings & Kristen Blumer*

*K3 Rance & Andrew Bryan*

*K4 Ben & Tricia Craddock*

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Members of the Youth Group will collect donations before and after both worship services this Sunday, February 4, for the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Donations will benefit United Ministries as they strive to feed the hungry in our community.

WPC ONLINE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website, still housed at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). Our new site is mobile-friendly and easier to use, featuring an entirely new design and layout. New to the site are “Featured Events,” an easy way to sign up for trips, meals, and fellowship events. And don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram—just search for @wpcgreenville.

HOME COMMUNION

If you or a church member you know is unable to attend church and would like to celebrate communion, please call *Amos Workman* (423-0070) or call the church office.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, February 4. 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.

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 Church and mark for Congregational Care.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Cathy Grills* will lead a discussion of **The Return of the Prodigal Son** by Henri Nouwen. Read the book and join us for an interesting discussion. All are invited.

YOUTH

Schedule for February 4

Youth Groups and Choir will be held at different times this week. **Senior Highs** participating in Youth Sunday will meet at **4:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Both **youth choirs** will rehearse in the **Sanctuary** at **5:00 p.m.** Games and tailgate food will be in the **Fellowship Hall** from **5:15 - 6:15 p.m.**

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue a book study on **Tuesday, February 6**, 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).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Join us in the **Library** on **Tuesday, February 6**, from **7-8:00 p.m.**, as the Westminster Book Club discusses the intriguing memoir, *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller. At our following meeting on **March 6**, we will discuss *Small Great Things* the best selling novel by Jodi Picoult. Newcomers are always welcome.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us for fellowship and discussion on **Wednesday, February 7**, at **6:15 p.m.** at the **Edwards Home** (216 Meritta Trl.). All are welcome. Childcare will be available at Westminster. Mark your calendars for a screening of best-picture nominee *Get Out* on **February 16** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Duncan Home** (14 Pimlico Rd.).

ADULT GROUPS

Wednesday, February 7

• **Hiking Group Meeting:** Will meet at **6:30 p.m.** in **Room 209**. Our speaker will be Dan Whitten from the South Carolina Native Plant Species Society. **Group Leader:** *Ron Lawson* (ronlawson2010@gmail.com).

MEN'S GROUP DINNER

*Danna Rohleder*, Greenville County School Board Trustee and WPC member, will introduce featured speaker, **Phillip Davie**, Assistant Superintendent, on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**, at **6:30 p.m.** in **Room 209**. They will, building upon current and projected facts and demographics, discuss our future School Board District plans. We are aware this insight will generate considerable interest from amongst our members. For this reason, we would like to invite spouses and friends to the dinner meeting as well. Please sign up for this dinner-meeting (cost \$7/person) by calling the church office **by Monday, February 5**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, February 13

• **Circle #5:** will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room**. Circle Leader: *Ilene Schlacht*, rischlacht@att.net.  
 • **Circle #3:** will meet at **6:00 p.m.** at the home of Kay Williams (13 Quail Hill Dr.) Circle Leader: *Joanne Sweeny*, swejoa38@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for a visit to ancient Babylon at this summer's VBS, to be held from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** on **Monday, June 18 thru Thursday, June 21**. Visit the ancient market place, and find out how Daniel and his friends showed courage and faith as they lived in this foreign land.

6th - 12th GRADE TEAMS

WPC BASKETBALL CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

All players and parents of 6th-12th graders are invited to celebrate the 2017-2018 WPC Basketball season on **Sunday, February 11**, at **6:00 p.m.** You don't want to miss youth, coaches and parents on the court in games of skill and chance. Prizes will be awarded. Dinner includes pizza, salad and dessert for \$5/person. **Sign ups for dinner end on Wednesday, February 7.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11): \_\_\_\_\_

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
February 4-10, 2018

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Health Ministry  
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:15 p.m. Health Ministry  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. Combined Youth Choir  
 5:30 p.m. Youth Tailgate Supper  
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel  
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Uplift  
 6:15 p.m. NAMI  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting  
 AI-Anon Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Book Study  
 7:00 p.m. Westminster Book Club  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens  
 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir begins  
 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Hiking Group Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Dinner  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



In Psalm 126, we read how the Israelites rejoiced upon their return from captivity and life of struggle to their homeland where they sought a life of good fortune once again. Their mouths were filled with laughter and joy upon their release. The greatness of God's love was even evident to other nations as they spoke of His love for the Israelites after their return.

I wonder how many of the captives gave praises to God during the midst of their hardship. Did they praise God daily for the blessing of life or was it a constant grumble of why are you allowing this to happen to me? It is so easy to be thankful for all the good things in life when everything seems to be going our way - money in our bank accounts, a nice comfortable home, plenty of food on the table, multiple cars, phones, and televisions. When the difficult times are present all around us is when it can be hard to thank God for His many blessings to us throughout our lifetime. We all experience times of struggle in our lives such as financial problems, work related conflict or job loss, family struggles, sickness and even death. Even though it can be hard to thank God for His love to us amid our misfortune, that is exactly what He instructs us to do.

As Christians, we are taught to pray without ceasing and in all circumstances. Our Lord wants to hear from us constantly to rejoice with us in our good times; but also, to be there during the rough periods to bring us the comfort we so anxiously seek from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he speaks of "Praying for them every time he thinks of them" and "Always with joy."

May we here at Westminster pray thankfully and constantly for ourselves and for each other during the good times as well as our times of need.

Philippians 1:3-4: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..."

Mickey Brown

K5 - 5th GRADE TEAMS

BASKETBALL BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Celebrate the 2017-2018 season of WPC Basketball for **K5-5th** grade teams. Coaches will recognize players and award trophies. The nursery will be available for children under three. Dinner includes pizza, salad and dessert for \$5/person. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing *michelle@wpc-online.org*. Website sign-up is also available at *www.wpc-online.org*. Register for dinner **by Monday, February 19**. Serving lines will open at **5:45 p.m.** and the time to be recognized with your team is **6:15 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ages of those needing childcare (under age 3) \_\_\_\_\_