

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are curious, and have come to see
 If you are weary, and have come to rest
 If you are grateful, and have come to share
 If you are hurting, and have come for solace
 If you are listening, and have come to pray
 If you are seeking, and have come for answers
 WELCOME

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL INTROIT "Teach Me Your Way" Shaw
 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God remembers the Covenant
 from water through wilderness
People: God's kingdom draws near.
 Leader: God remains faithful to the Covenant
 written on stone and on our hearts
People: God's kingdom draws near.
 Leader: From Noah to Moses, Abraham to the Son,
**People: God keeps the Covenant
 and the Kingdom draws near.**

* HYMN No. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that sometimes we forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess...

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

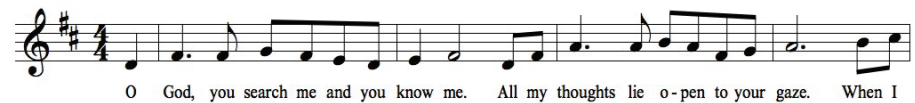
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* 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

** ANTHEM "What Will God Do With Me?" Atteberry
 K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the anthem.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) "Tell Me the Story" Rice
 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalm 19 (Page 498) Coleman Kirven
 SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — Exodus 20:1-17 (Page 66)
 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
 SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan
 "A Letter to Our Children"

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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory (9:00 a.m.) "Amazing Grace" arr. Hustad
 ** Anthem "This Is the Day" Rutter
 * 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. 63 AZMON

"The Lord Is God"

* BENEDICTION
 ** CHORAL RESPONSE "Kyrie" Russian Orthodox
 * POSTLUDE "To God be the Glory" arr. Hustad

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

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Jeff Reynolds
 11:15 a.m. Grady Patterson
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Coleman Kirven
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Parks McLeod, Jason Farmer
 Jon McKnight
 11:15 a.m. Kathryn Freedman, Beri Draganic
 Stephen Woods
LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Ramsey Glidewell, Sterling Porterfield
 11:15 a.m. Emily Craddock, Laura Morgan

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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.
 Mark Kemp, tenor
 11:15 a.m.
 Sanctuary Choir
 Junior Choristers
 Senior Choristers

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 25:

9:00 a.m. Michael & Coleman Dixon
 11:15 a.m. Brady & Tyler Godfrey

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 25

9:00 a.m.
 Eric & Jordan O'Toole
 Adam & Darcy Slizewski
 Will & Jennifer McDavid
 Erik & Whitney Jensen
 11:15 a.m.
 Gene & Elizabeth Campbell
 Philip & Beth Land
 Matt Delfino & Lizzy Holt
 Jon-Mikel & Bryant Byrne

BIRTH

A daughter, Emma Kirkley Kelley, was born to Bryan & Sarah Kelley on Friday, February 16, 2018, in Greenville.

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Beth Evans Jones
 Coleman Dixon and family
 Hannah Dias and family
 Courtney Kyle and family
 Holly Johnson and family
 The Family of Bob Shufeldt

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday is the second Sunday in the Season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation as we approach Holy Week and Easter. Each Sunday in Lent we will utilize the same call to worship and call to prayer. You are invited to dwell on these texts each week as we together journey to Easter.

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.

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 6-8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, in Room 209.** Dinner and childcare will be provided. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on **Sunday, March 18** during the **11:15 a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. RSVP so that we may plan for food and childcare or if you have questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606.

#yeahTHATwpc WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION

Join us **Monday, March 26, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** for pilot day #2 of the Westminster-Carolina High Connection. The largest local mission project in WPC's 71 year history is off to a fantastic start. To sign up or learn more contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606.

In Memoriam

Robert C. "Bob" Shufeldt

3/21/1943 - 2/18/2018

"In my Father's House are many mansions."

**YOUTH GROUPS
SCHEDULES FOR
FEBRUARY 25**

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. Senior High Youth Group
Middler Choir Rehearsal

BOOK CLUB

Westminster Book Club would love to have you join us at one of our future meetings, from **7:00-8:00 p.m.**, in the church library. On **March 6**, we will be reading the New York Times bestselling book, *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult, a novel which examines racism in the face of a gripping moral and medical dilemma. On **April 3**, we will discuss the novel, *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haruf, a look at loneliness and second chances. On **May 1**, we will discuss *In the Midst of Winter*, by Isabel Allende, a novel in which the lives of three very different people collide; from Brooklyn, to Guatemala, and Chile. Newcomers are always welcome.

BIBLE BOWL

Mark your calendars. This year's Bible Bowl Team Challenge will take place at *"It's Elementary!"* and *Tweens* on **Wednesday, March 21**, during our regular after school meetings. We have focused on the life and teachings of Jesus in our lessons this year, especially learning about the twelve disciples and the parables of Jesus. At the Bible Bowl, teams of children from the same grade will answer questions about the Bible, coming up with a team answer. Trophies for the Bible Bowl are presented at our end of the year carnival, which will take place on **Wednesday, May 9**. For more information about this program, or to get a list of lessons we have covered, contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop at bstoop@wpc-online.org or 313-6956.

VBS PLANNING

Would you be willing to be part of the parent team which helps organize this year's activities for Vacation Bible School? We will have a planning meeting at **9:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, March 4**, in the **Charter Room**, across from the church library. Parent helpers are needed to help organize crafts, recreation, drama, decorating, snacks and recruitment. This year's program will take place from **Monday – Thursday, June 18 – 21**, from **9 a.m. – Noon**, when the children will engage with *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop, bstoop@wpc-online.org or 313-6956.

GAIHN THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing genuine hospitality and nourishing meals with families experiencing homelessness who resided at WPC from **February 18-24**. Often WPC members ask how we can support families past their time at our church. Donations of clothes, household items, bedding, and furniture may benefit families at the SOS Thrift Store and Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Please note at time of drop off that your donations are for United Ministries/GAIHN. Families "shop" through a voucher system, which helps provide for the things they need in an effective and timely manner. *WPC's next hosting week is May 13-20.*

ADULT GROUPS

- Wednesday, February 28**
- Luncheon Group:** Will meet at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. **Leader:** *Mary Ann Cox* (lmarianncox@gmail.com).
- The Needle Arts Group:** Will meet at **6:30 pm** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- Couples Bible Study Group (ages 50+):** Will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, March 29**, at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
PACKETS**

Remember to pick up a Children's Worship Packet outside the narthex each Sunday. In addition to a small treat and a prize, the packet contains worksheets for ages 3-12, which focus on the scripture passage used for the day's sermon. There is also a section with a few take home activities that you can do with your family in the following week.

**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.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
February 25 - March 3, 2018**

SUNDAY

GAIHN departs

PW Retreat at Montreat

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class Meeting
5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group Meeting
5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Meeting
6:30 p.m. Middler Youth Choir Rehearsal
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

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Couples Bible Study (ages 50+)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Youth Choir Festival (thru March 4th)

**THE SESSION
The Class of 2018**

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

The Class of 2019

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

The Class of 2020

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<i>Rita Barker</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
<i>Roxanne Cromartie</i>	<i>Coleman Kirven</i>
<i>Becca Donohue</i>	<i>Christa Likes</i>
<i>Lee Freeman</i>	<i>Jon McKnight</i>
<i>Mike Hall</i>	<i>Parks McLeod</i>



One of the hardest parts of Christianity for me to understand is the act of sin. The obvious definition of sin is to go against God's word and his commandments, as found in today's scripture, Exodus 20:1-17. A more complex definition of sin is anything that breaks, alters, or hurts your relationship with God. God created us in the beginning to live and be in a loving, dependent relationship with him. As we commit sins, we break that relationship and we look to other variables to heal our brokenness. We look to others to solve our problems, to the world, or to ourselves to feel better about what we did wrong.

It's difficult to always turn to God with every single issue because I usually want to go about finding my own solution. Every time something goes wrong in my life I don't think, "Okay, let me turn to God." Instead, I think "Okay, if I was only better at this, more self-disciplined and smarter, I could do this." But that's the problem. That's one of my sins. There is no "better," future version of myself who can make everything perfect. Turning only to myself to solve my problems is a temporary quench of thirst and if I keep going, the well is going to run dry. I find myself breaking a commandment, "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath." (Exodus 20:4) God wants a loving, dependent relationship with me, and by looking for this idol version of myself, I'm breaking my relationship with him.

God never needed people, but we needed him. He created a perfect world, and we chose to veer away from perfection to satisfy ourselves. We are always going to sin, and God is always going to be there watching us break. We just have to remember to look to him to heal our brokenness because we can't fix it all ourselves.

Anna Britton Madden