#### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 18, 2018** 

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### 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 Russian Orthodox **CALL TO WORSHIP** 

In you, O God, I take refuge; Leader:

you are my hope and my trust.

People: You are my rock and my fortress.

I will continually praise you.

Let us worship God. Leader:

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 361

**AURELIA** 

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, hear us as we confess our sins toward our families and friends. If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

O God, you search me and you know me.

\* 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 FINLEY ALICE BARNHARDT and ANN YATES GAULT

#### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER "O God, You Search Me" Farrell

All my thoughts lie o-pen to your gaze.



#### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO/ANTHEM

Hymnal page 35, Traditional arr. Hopson

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Page 698) Cara Puntch NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Luke 4:16-30 (Page 61)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON** Ludwig Weaver

"Hometown Boy Makes Good?"

#### **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 "Beautiful Savior" arr. Christiansen

\* 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** 

arr. Page

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE

"Kyrie"

Russian Orthodox

\* POSTLUDE \*All who are able may stand

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*\* 11:15 a.m. service only **HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Ted Gentry 11:15 a.m. Stan Pendergrass **SPONSORS:** 11:15 a.m. Biff Dickerson, Steve Johnson **GREETERS:** Mike Hall, Walter Hinton 9:00 a.m. Parks McLeod Elizabeth Palmer, Hunter Williams 11:15 a.m. Michael Hoffman

LITURGIST:

Jean Weaver 9:00 a.m. Natalie Dixon, Henry Horne **ACOLYTES:** 11:15 a.m. Anna Puntch, Caroline Thomasson

the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and to welcome our new members.

Following the service, visitors and members are invited to

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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

Nancy Smith, organist

#### 9:00 a.m.

Grace Honohan, Furman Choral Scholar

#### 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, March 18:

9:00 a.m. Zach & Lee Freeman 11:15 a.m. Ryan & Sarah Beasley

#### NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 18

9:00 a.m.

Andy & Julia Mowlajko Crawler Chris & Kelly Woodard Toddler Edmund & Alison Williams K2 Curt & Jade Hall K4 11:15 a.m.

Crib Michael & Lynne Hall Toddler Peter & Kendall Bemisderfer Rick & Paige Hawks K2 K4 Rodney & Hayden Brewer

#### **LET US PRAY FOR:**

Henry Bellew and family Paula White and family The Family of Sandra Niven The Family of Jean Kilgore Becky Warth and family

#### **SYMPATHY**

We extend sincere sympathy to Becky Warth on the death of her step-daughter, Emily Harper, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in Greenville. Emily was the daughter of the late WPC member, Charlie Warth.

#### **BAPTISM**

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- Finley Alice Barnhardt, daughter of Jay & Kelley Barnhardt, sister of Cameron, Thomas, Patrick, and Walker.
- Ann Yates Gault, daughter of Evan & Coley Gault, sister of Mamie Gray.

#### **CONNECTIONS**

Connections, a fellowship group for adults and singles, will meet this Sunday, March 18, at 12:45 p.m. at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill (1025 Woodruff Rd.) in the Magnolia Park Center. New participants are welcome. Make reservations with Gretta Lawson (grettalawson@gmail. com or 430-4008) by noon on Saturday, March 17.

#### #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.

#### PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on Thursday, 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.

#### 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.

#### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES FOR MARCH 18

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

#### **ADULT GROUPS**

- Creation Stewardship: Will meet Sunday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 209-C. Leader: Bill Holt (billholt71@aol.com).
- Hiking Group: Will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 22, in Room 209 at 6:30 p.m. A hike is planned for Wednesday, March 28. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for a 6 mile hike at Chestnut Ridge. Hike Leader: Bob Vannoy (bobvannoy47@gmail.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Tuesday, March 20

• Circle #7: will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.). Circle Leader: *Talitha Allen*, bewt29617@bellsouth.net.

#### MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will begin a new book study on **Tuesday, March 27**, at **6:30 p.m.** in **Room 212**. We will study the book, <u>Vanishing Grace</u>, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

#### **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 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@wpconline.org or 313-6956.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday March 30 at 12:00 p.m.

Easter
April 1
Worship Services
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
(No Sunday School)

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

fellowship times with donuts, coffee and juice.

#### LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$15.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. *Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25*.

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**SUNDAY** 

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

March 18-24, 2018

Worship Service

Meeting

Sunday School

Creation Stewardship Group

Membership Committee

**Education Committee Meeting** 

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Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta Road,		11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
Greenville SC 29605. Periodical postage paid		12:15 p.m.	New Member Reception
at Greenville SC 29605.		12:30 p.m.	Connections Group
CHURCH STAFF		5:00 p.m.	Middler Youth Group Meeting
Church 232-2424	School 232-5766		PW Planning Meeting
Pastor	Ludwig Weaver	5:15 p.m.	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
Home Phone	292-5128	6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
Associate Pastor	lweaver@wpc-online.org Barbara Stoop	6:30 p.m.	Middler Choir Rehearsal
Phone	313-6956	•	Senior High Youth Group
4	bstoop@wpc-online.org		Meeting
Associate Pastor Home Phone	Leigh Stuckey 451-7688	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Home I none	lstuckey@wpc-online.org	MONDAY	
Associate Pastor	Mary Kathleen Duncan		NAME
Phone	283-0092	6:15 p.m.	NAMI
mkduncan@wpc-online.org Parish Associate for Adult Education Jean Weaver		8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Home Phone 292-5128		TUESDAY	
	weavjean@aol.com	12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting
Parish Associate for Older Ac	dults Amos Workman 423-0070	6:30 p.m.	PW Circle #7
	aworkman@wpc-online.org	WEDNESDAY	
Pastor Emeritus	Zane Moore		Ctaff Masting
Director of Music	Mark Kemp	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Children's Choir Coordinator	mkemp@wpc-online.org Kathryn Knauer	3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" & Tweens
Cindrens Chon Coordinator	kknauer@wpc-online.org	3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
Mission Outreach Coordinate	or Susan McLarty	4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Choristers
Organist	smclarty@wpc-online.org Nancy Smith		Rehearsal
Organist	nls1949@aol.com	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Weekday School Director	Cara Puntch	THURSDAY	
71 110	cpuntch@wpc-online.org	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
Financial Secretary	Sherri Owens sherri@wpc-online.org	6:30 p.m.	Hiking Group Meeting
Office Manager	Michelle Little	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
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Secretary	Wendy Bagley	SATURDAY	
Director of Nurseries	wendy@wpc-online.org Ianell Pitman	10:00 a.m.	Weekday School
Director of mulscries	ipitman@wpc-online.org		Annual Carnival

#### WEEKDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL CARNIVAL

The children, parents and staff of Westminster Weekday School are so excited about our upcoming Annual School Carnival. Come and join in all the fun! The Carnival is **Saturday, March 24**, from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** in the **gym, fellowship hall**, and on **Westminster Drive**. There will also be a fire truck in the Augusta Road parking lot for the children to visit. Come play games, win prizes, take a pony ride, visit our mini petting zoo from Denver Downs, jump in one of our Bounce Houses, have your face painted and grab a snack before you go. Don't forget to bring cash or checks so you can participate in our Amazing Prize Drawing. Feel free to pick up a Prize Packet in the school office even if you don't have a child at WWS. You do not have to be present to win! There will also be delicious casseroles and baked goods available for you to purchase at the carnival to stock your kitchen. See you there!



In today's Old Testament Lesson, Jeremiah is called by God to serve as a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah protests that he is too young and unskilled to bear the weight of God's call. Jeremiah's excuses are rejected, and God arms Jeremiah with the assurance that it is in fact his time and he will not be alone in this work. Jeremiah, as it turns out, wasn't too young or too unskilled and ends up being a pretty big deal.

In a town called Madison, Mississippi, there's a picture of me hanging in the hallway of a school. Wearing a tuxedo. Who knows what the world will hand out when sitting for your senior portrait? What a sleepy-eyed expectation of the world and my future in it must I have had the summer before my senior year in high school. My naivety frozen in time. Where was my wife whom I had not yet met? My children, unborn and unnamed? Who looked after them while I held that crooked smile for the camera? Today, the picture with that crooked smile and that tuxedo watches over hallways where children of those who were children fumble with growing up and the accompanying awkwardness and anxiety. All the while my assured, yet, crooked smile leads viewers to believe I, as a member of the senior class of 1990, had outgrown all those troubles.

A few weeks back I was impressed while watching our high school seniors share their hopes and anxieties for the future while reflecting on their memories of growing up in Westminster. I thought about myself at that age. A couple of weeks later, we all watched as unspeakable things happened in the hallways of another school and I thought about myself at that age.

I would like to go back and see that picture of me hanging in that hallway, unhinged now from the past, ignorant of the future, beholden only to the present. As a young person you are set up to believe that the future and God's use for your life are just over the horizon. That once you are a little bit older, a little more educated, a little more experienced – the promise of your future will be revealed to you. Just like Jeremiah wanted God to believe, we are raised to believe that it's not time yet. But the truth is that the time and the future is now and the future doesn't come to us in a big box with a bow and a don't-open-until card. It comes to us every day and it comes to us every hour, every minute and every second.

It's the only future we're ever going to get, and we are all called – young and old – to do God's work in it right now.

Scott Clark

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