

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 15, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

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 "Alleluia!" Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary,

People: They shall walk and not faint.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 611 HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* 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 "Stay with Us" Hovland

MORNING PRAYER

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

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) "The Lord Is Risen" Sullivan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 33:1-12 (Page 507) Charlie LeGrand

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Matthew 28:16-20 (Page 34)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Perfect Faith – Imperfect Disciples"

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.) Trumpet in Dialogue Clerambault

** Anthem "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. Forrest

* 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. 297 ST. DENIO

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE Tanzanian Melody

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

* POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Page

*All who are able may stand

** 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Butler Mullins
	11:15 a.m.	Sam White, Jr.
SPONSOR:	11:15 a.m.	Paul Grier
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Grier Mullins, Gaye Sprague
		Beri Draganic
	11:15 a.m.	David Massey, Brad Lucas
		Ted Gentry
LITURGIST:		Leigh Stuckey
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Parker Godwin, Peyton Godwin
	11:15 a.m.	McCrae Mattice, Rebecca Nelson

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.

Emily Swezey, soprano

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Nancy Smith, Lynne Robinson, pianists

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, April 15:

9:00 a.m. Michael & Coleman Dixon

11:15 a.m. Bryant & Cara Puntch

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR APRIL 15

9:00 a.m.

Crib Evan & Caitlin Ullom

Crawler Bryan & Sarah Kelley

Toddler Zach & Lee Freeman

K2 Andrew & Amanda Parker

K4 Brandon & Laura Coker

11:15 a.m.

Crib Bo & Mae Todd Mullins

Toddler Lindsay & Steven Niedringhaus

K2 Chris & Meg Bradley

K4 Brad & Meredith Gower

LET US PRAY FOR:

Mike Smith 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. on Sunday, April 29**. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on **Sunday, April 29** during the **11:15 a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Associate Pastor, Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424

VBS 2018 - REGISTER NOW!

BABYLON: Daniel's Courage in Captivity Visit the ancient market place, and find out how Daniel and his friends showed courage and faith as they lived in this foreign land, as we all take part in this summer's Vacation Bible School, **Monday, June 18–Thursday, June 21**, from **9am-noon**. VBS this year is for all those who will be rising 5K–rising 6th grade. We will have a class for younger children of parents who are volunteer helpers. Adult and teen workers are needed. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop at bstoop@wpc-online.org, or 313-6956 if you can help. Mark your calendar and register your child anytime at <https://vbspro.events/p/wpcvbs18>.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, a fellowship group for adults and singles, will meet **Sunday, April 22** for lunch at **Limoncello** (401 River St.) at **12:45 p.m.** New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with **Gretta Lawson** by **noon on April 21** (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet **Saturday, April 28**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of **Joanie & Mike Martin** (66 Woodvale Ave.). 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!

CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE: HANDS ON GREENVILLE

All are invited to a clean up day at **Carolina High** (2725 Anderson Rd.), this year's WPC Hands on Greenville site, on **Saturday, May 5** from **8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up online through the church website (www.wpc-online.org). Hands on Greenville is a community wide initiative sponsored by The United Way with support from WPC. This year we'll do some lawn care, spread mulch, and have a great morning. We hope that you will join us to serve alongside your family, friends, and thousands of other Greenvillagers. Following the morning of service, you are invited to **Fluor Field** (945 S. Main St.) for lunch, beverages, and a general celebration.

YOUTH GROUP

SCHEDULES FOR APRIL 15

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

“\$2 A DAY”

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us this **Sunday, April 15**, at **10:00 a.m.** in **Room 209** as we welcome Geri Kinlaw from Carolina High. She is currently teaching a class on hunger and homelessness within Greenville county. The students are exploring the driving question: *In what ways can we help end the cycle of poverty within the United States?* Insights from local and national data will be juxtaposed with trends on the growing number of people living in extreme poverty as outlined in **\$2 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America.**

MEN’S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men’s Group will continue a new book study on **Monday, April 16**, at **6:30 p.m.** in **Room 209-C.** We will study the book, *Vanishing Grace*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact **Rick Carpenter** (608-1881).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, April 17

• **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.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Wednesday, April 18**, at **6:15 p.m.** in the banquet room at **The Blockhouse** (1619 Augusta St.) for fellowship and discussion. Childcare will be available at Westminster. And don’t forget to mark your calendar for **Hands on Greenville Day (May 5 at 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**, **Tuesday Trivia at Growler Haus** (12 Lois Ave) on **May 15**, at **7 p.m.**, and the **Fifth Annual Low Country Boil (June 3, 5-7:00 p.m.)**. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) to find out more or get involved.

ADULT GROUPS

• **Hiking Group:** Will meet in the church parking lot on **Saturday, April 21**, at **8:30 a.m.** for a hike at Moonshine Falls. **Hike Leaders:** *Jacqui & Terry Foster* (charley307@att.net).

WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION

FINAL PILOT DAY ON APRIL 23

A few spots remain where you can help at Carolina High on **April 23** from **8:30 -11:50 a.m.** Visit the website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration> to sign up. There is even some wiggle room if you cannot arrive by 8:30 a.m. If you have a flexible schedule we urge you to participate. A survey will be emailed the week of April 23 to everyone who helped over the three pilot days as Westminster plans for the next school year. Questions? Contact **Steve Johnson** (stevejohanson.cvm@gmail.com) or **Meg Hyché** (mhyché@charter.net). The mission of the Westminster-Carolina High Connection is for the church to engage students while administrators provide professional development for all teachers. This design is to help train teachers while at the same time trying to eliminate teacher burnout in a school with 100% of the students meeting or falling below the poverty line.

**SPRING MEN’S MISSION TRIP
 APRIL 27, 28 & 29
 CAMP THORNWELL**

Join us for a few hours, a day, or for the entire four day endeavor. Whatever time you can volunteer is valuable and helps to achieve our specific mission goals. It will be helpful in knowing, beforehand the day(s) and times you plan on joining us. Make your commitment known by contacting the church office (232-2424) by Monday, April 23. Questions: contact **Terry Foster** (twfoste@ilstu.edu). Mission Leaders: **Paul O’Neal, Jeff Reynolds & Scott O’Neal.** **Camp Thornwell:** 435 Sugar Likker Rd. (camp sign on Hwy 178), Sunset, SC - 36 miles from Westminster Church, a one hour drive.

GAIHN SIGN-UPS

HELPING FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS

Quarterly, WPC hosts up to three families who are experiencing homelessness. Our next hosting week is **May 13-20**. Sign-up this Sunday in the Sanctuary Atrium or by visiting the website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration>. Questions? Contact **Julia Bellew** (juliabellew@gmail.com), **Beth Edwards** (bethholladay73@gmail.com), or **Holly Vanderwal** (hollyv04@hotmail.com). GAIHN is one of five programs under the umbrella organization of United Ministries which seeks to serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. It is the only shelter that keeps families together, specifically for single mothers with sons age eleven or older. GAIHN is the only shelter for single fathers. GAIHN is a family friendly ministry open to members of all ages to participate.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15-21, 2018

SUNDAY

9:00 p.m. Worship Service
 Education Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. PW Generations Banquet
 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 Youth Group Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:15 p.m. NAMI
 6:30 p.m. Men’s Book Study Group
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting
 6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:00 p.m. “It’s Elementary!” & Tweens
 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Hiking Group



A question I often get about our mission trips to the Dominican is around the role of evangelism. Do we teach people about Jesus? Within our walls, people usually sigh relief when they find out that we go there to work, not to preach. Outside our walls, people have expressed disappointment and frustration that the trend has been for mission trips to abandon their zeal for spreading the Good News.

So...when the Great Commission says that we are to “make disciples of all nations,” what does that mean?

It makes me think of the gangly pre-teen boys that go door-to-door nervously asking to share the Good News of Christ. I don’t know the best response, but I always send them on their way with the idea that nothing they could say would alter how I make sense of the world, religion, and my place in it all. If we were to drop in on the Dominicans with a similar approach to spreading the word of the Gospel, why in the world would they feel any differently?

Instead, if a group of people show up who have the means to spend their vacations anywhere else and instead invest their time healing your family; building schools for your children; or cleaning trash out of your ditches, how in the world could you close your door?

Instead of going down there to say “Jesus Christ is the only way for your salvation!,” we go to show them, “We love you.” Our conviction in a Creator, who teaches us to live in love and service to one another, drops us on the doorstep of oppressed humanity with open arms. The funny thing is that when we reach out to give and they reach out to receive, God is there on both sides flowing just as freely to us as from us. The act of giving pushes us to think humbly, to care deeply, and to focus on things outside of ourselves, all of which open up space for the Holy Spirit to work and to grow.

So when the Great Commission says to “make disciples of all nations,” I don’t think the aim is for a record breaking head count of future angels on high. I think it’s talking about the never ending process of making disciples that transforms giver and receiver alike. It is a process fueled by our commitment to live the way Christ teaches us to live that opens up a channel for the Holy Spirit to travel from one end of the earth to the other – and back again.

Catherine Blount

CHURCH BARBECUE LUNCH on CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY, MAY 6

Join your Westminster friends and family for the annual barbecue lunch! Lunch will be served in the **Fellowship Hall** after the **10:00 a.m.** worship service. The barbecue will be catered by Charlie’s. Our chef, Lisa, will be preparing sweet potato casserole, baked beans, chips and slaw. Nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website signup is also available by visiting www.wpc-online.org. **Sign-ups end Monday, April 30.**

Name: _____
 Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children 3-11 (\$3.50) _____
 Ages of those needing childcare (Under age 3): _____