

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 6, 2018
10:00 a.m.

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sung by the Youth Choir
Grace Beasley, soloist

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me every hour. Christ be in my resting as the day is ending, calming and refreshing, watching through the night. Christ be in my thinking and my understanding, guarding me from evil, walking in the light. Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing, pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear. Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to, every pleasure jaded, every well is dry. Christ the loving shepherd draws me with his kindness, leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

-Sarum Primer, arr. Shackley

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORIENTATION

INTROIT "Adonai, Adonenu" Psalm 8, Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 13 Psalm 50, KINGSFOLD "The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

ANTHEM "Bless God's Holy Name" Psalm 103, Kosche

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have assured us of your presence, and though we claim to seek you day and night, too often we turn to you only in times of need. We ignore your abiding presence, we forget how you have cared for your children throughout the generations, listening instead to the voices that suggest you have left us. Where you send love we sow unfaithfulness. Where you offer peace we create chaos. Turn us away from pursuit of our own good and from the empty promises of the world. Quench our thirst with your Word. Remind us of your light, so that our sorrow filled hearts may find everlasting peace.

ANTHEM "As the Deer" Psalm 42-43, Scheer Murray Freedman, soloist

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.

ANTHEM "The Lord's My Shepherd" Psalm 23, Althouse

BAPTISM OF SHIRLEY BEA PITMAN and FRANKLIN EVERETT WARREN, IV

ANTHEM "I Will Tell All the World" Psalm 9, Horman

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DISORIENTATION

MORNING PRAYER HYMN No. 786 Psalm 10, MORNING SONG "Why Stand So Far Away, My God?"

Stanza 1 - solo, Judy McKenney Stanza 2 - solo, Derek Pitman Stanza 3 - solo, Grace Honohan Stanzas 4, 5 - Congregation (seated)

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

MEDITATION Mark Kemp "Remember Well the Future"

REORIENTATION

ANTHEM Psalm 139, Hurd "Lord, You Have Searched Me Out and Known Me"

SERVICE OF GIVING Offertory Psalm 150, Ames "Let Everything That Has Breath"

\* 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. 687 Psalm 90, ST. ANNE "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\* BENEDICTION \* POSTLUDE "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Hobby

\*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Charlie LeGrand SPONSOR: Sarah-Ann Davis GREETERS: Grier Mullins, Walter Hinton, Steve Johnson LITURGIST: Ludwig Weaver ACOLYTES: Amelia Kent, Charlie Ratterree

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.

This Sunday in worship, the Reverend Lisle Garrity of A Sanctified Art in Black Mountain, NC, will be live-painting as an expression of our worship; reflecting on words, music, and liturgy of our faith. Please allow yourself the freedom to worship through observing the creation of this visual representation of our faith. After worship, the piece she creates will be permanently housed in our choir room. The choirs of Westminster welcome your voice as a part of our community of faith. As we all seek to "make a joyful noise," we invite you to find your role in our singing, be it with a choir that fits your commitment and experience level, or joining in our corporate voice from your seat in the congregation. For more information, visit the ministries and music tab at www.wpc-online.org.

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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 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 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 Sanctuary Choir Chancel Choir Westminster Youth Choir Junior & Senior Choristers Tracey Ensley, violinist Cooper Kemp, electric bass

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, May 6 are Jonathan & Emily Cole.

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 6

Crawler Toddler Jacob & Jade Fountain Elizabeth Metherell & Darah Huffman K2 Alex & Ellis Crigler K3 Alan & Melissa Witherspoon

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship: - Shirley Bea Pitman, daughter of Derek & Janell Pitman. - Franklin Everett Warren, IV, son of Trey & Stacy Warren.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Theresa Sparks and family The Family of Musette Williams Ted Gentry and family

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This Sunday, May 6, begins the Summer Schedule of: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service No Church School

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, May 6. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at 363-0740.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room on Monday, May 14. Amos Workman will lead the discussion of To End All Wars by Ernest Gordon. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL

You are invited to join us for the New Member and Young(ish) Low Country Boil on Sunday, June 3, from 5-7:00 p.m. at Brewery 85 (6 Whitlee Ct.). The Boil is one of the best you'll have and you can't beat the company. To sign up visit wpc-online.org and navigate to "Connect / Events Registration."

VBS HELPERS NEEDED

We are still in need of adults and teens to help lead Vacation Bible School this summer, on Monday, June 18-Thursday, June 21, from 9:00 am - Noon. We need arts and crafts leaders and "shepherds" who will greet the children, teach a short lesson, and lead the children from place to place. If you can help, contact our Associate Pastor, Barbara Stoop (313-6956 or bstoop@wpc-online.org). To register your child for VBS, go to https://vbsspro.events/p/wpcvbs18.

JUMP AHEAD

With the start of our summer worship schedule this Sunday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m., the children at Westminster will "jump ahead" a grade. Among other things, this means that those currently in 4K Sunday School will begin attending the first part of the worship service with their parents, then will leave with one of the ministers for Children's Church. This also means that those finishing 1st grade will no longer attend Children's Church and will begin staying through the entire service. Look for backpacks for the rising 4K group, and children's worship packets for the older children to aid their worship experience.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, May 8

- **Circle #5:** will meet at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion** for their Spring luncheon. Circle Leader: *Ilene Schlacht*, rischlacht@att.net.
- **Circle #3:** will meet at **6:00 p.m.** at the home of *Diane Hughs* (118 Melbourne Ln.) Circle Leader: *Joanne Sweeny*, swejoa38@gmail.com.

Wednesday, May 9

- **Circle #6:** will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the home of *Liz Einstein* (223 Camille Ave.) **Circle Leaders:** *Liz Einstein* (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and *Sherry Tate* (sherrytate63@gmail.com).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet on **Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion.** **Group Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (50+):** Will meet on **Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** **Group Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

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.

MEN'S GROUP  
BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will complete their book study on **Monday, May 14, 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).

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- **Byron & Thayer Berry**, 92 Woodvale Ave., 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have five children, Christopher (23), Caroline (22), Griffin (17), Lila (10), and Spencer (6).
- **Ashley Lesley**, 133 Augusta Ct., 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith. She and her husband, Patrick O'Mara, have a son, Russ (2).
- **Lauren Page Moore**, 118 Cureton St., 29605, joined by profession of faith. She is married to WPC member, Rembert Moore.
- **Jean Marshall**, 22 Creekside Way, 29609, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Cheryl Militello**, 100 Lewis Dr., #22Q, 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Dianne Scherer**, 115 Wild Geese Way, Travelers Rest, 29690, joined by transfer from Trinity Presbyterian, Travelers Rest.
- **Al & Patti Wargo**, 8 Creekstone Ct., 29609, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

YOUNGISH ADULT  
SUMMER KICK OFF

Join us **Sunday, May 20, from 3-5:00 p.m.** at **Stone Pin Bowling** (304 E. Stone Ave) for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship. No need to sign up. Questions? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

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. Mark your calendar and register your child anytime at <https://vbspro.events/p/wpcvbs18>.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6 - 12, 2018

SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Churchwide Barbecue Lunch
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Softball game
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 11:00 a.m. PW Circle #5
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. PW Circle #6
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

PW SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Presbyterian Women offer scholarships to provide financial aid among our college and graduate student membership. Any Westminster member who will be furthering their education in the fall is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the church office or online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). Applicants may contact *Katherine Mattice* (kmmarketingservices@gmail.com) with any questions. **The deadline is Friday, June 29, 2018.** Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN?

Spring brings the rains we so greatly need. Rains to cool, refresh, and clean out the very air we breathe. When unrestrained, rains also can wreak havoc; destroying our homes, businesses, and well-being.

We also speak of rains metaphorically when we talk of "walking through the storms of life." As a people, it is these rains...these storms, that often come up quickly and unexpectedly, sometimes with devastating results. Our heart twinges and we need to call out to God.

King David knew of despair and hopelessness. Sure, he was the instigator of much of his own suffering, but that doesn't negate the fact that he experienced immeasurable turmoil. It was only through his sorrow that he was able to compose music to express his pain. When skies are blue, the knife of ache is dull.

The psalmists composed the songbook from which the Jewish people sang. The Psalms still speak to our journey today. There are Psalms to lead us in moments when we are experiencing the good life — the times when we appreciate the wonder of God and His creation — our times of Orientation. When we are unsettled, devastated, and our world has turned upside down — times of Disorientation — there are Psalms that express our feelings of angst, fear, and doubt. Then, once on the other side of the storm, during times of Reorientation, there are Psalms of celebration with a life renewed and transformed.

It is in the Disorientation and Reorientation where the Psalms show their true grit. They were not birthed solely to acknowledge God's creation in a stable and perfect life (nice as Orientation is). The Psalms are fueled by life's sense of loss and ache of failure, to help us through Disorientation and get us back to Reorientation.

Let us strive to honor and celebrate the moments of joy and learning from all of life's journey — Orientation, the rains of Disorientation, and back to Reorientation.

Kevin Lancaster