

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 13, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 "Not One Sparrow" Hawley
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God,
People: the earth and all its people.
Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,
People: to live together in unity.
Leader: Love and faith come together,
People: justice and peace join hands.
Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent
People: these stones would shout aloud.
Leader: Open our lips, O God,
People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

* HYMN No. 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

* 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 "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" Hopson
MORNING PRAYERS
THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*
Rising K5 and first grade in the fall will leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 1 (Page 489) *Trey Morrow*
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Page 118)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan
"Casting Lots"

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 "Lord, Here Am I" arr. Page
* 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 ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

<i>Ladson Fishburne Belcher, Jr.</i>	<i>Alyson Suzanne Mangione</i>
<i>Tristan Albert Bissetta</i>	<i>Hugh Gunn McGee</i>
<i>Emily Elise Broderick</i>	<i>Jackson Spence Montgomery</i>
<i>Kayla Marie Burrell</i>	<i>James Walter Moon</i>
<i>Abigail Rose Cavallo</i>	<i>Thomas Haynes Morrow</i>
<i>William Hunter Hughes Clark</i>	<i>Thornton Brooks O'Hanlan</i>
<i>Abby Dupre Donohue</i>	<i>Stephen McDaniel Ridgeway</i>
<i>Luka Oliver Draganic</i>	<i>Anna Lane Sanders</i>
<i>Caroline Kay Eades</i>	<i>Davis Edward Taylor</i>
<i>William Charles Givens</i>	<i>Davis Wofford Usher</i>
<i>Ashley Camille Kirven</i>	<i>Sutton Edward Vanderbloemen</i>
<i>Logan Grant Leonard</i>	

Constitutional Questions

The Blessing
Anthem "Write Your Blessed Name" Scott
The Welcome

Elder: These young people, by publicly professing their faith have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the Church.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.

* HYMN No. 749 WE ARE CALLED

* CHORAL RESPONSE "Come! Live in the Light!" Ulrich
"Gaelic Benediction"

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Page

***All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Jason Farmer
SPONSOR: Coleman Kirven
GREETERS: Ben Alexander, Joanne Sweeny, Sarah-Ann Davis
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
ACOLYTES: Laney Palmer, Whit Palmer

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for coffee and fellowship, and to welcome our Confirmation Class.

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

A Reflection on the Psalms, created by Lisle Garrity during worship on Music Sunday is currently displayed in the Friendship Court. You are invited to spend a few moments for a closer look before it finds its permanent home in the Choir Room.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class members and their mentors should meet in the **Sanctuary Atrium** by **9:30 a.m.** this **Sunday, May 13**. You will have your picture taken, and we will review the parts you and your mentor will take during the **10:00 a.m.** worship service.

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 rising 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 13** are *Tyler & Brady Godfrey*.

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 13

Crib	<i>Laura Morrison & Harrison Wheeler</i>
Crawler	<i>Eric & Jordan O'Toole</i>
K2	<i>Josh & Lauren Roach</i>
K3	<i>Trevor & Nicole Ream</i>
K4	<i>David Duncan</i>

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
No Church School
Fellowship time after worship

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Celebrating Mother's Day with a gift to Presbyterian Communities of SC is a long standing tradition for SC Presbyterian churches. PCSC consists of five retirement facilities located throughout the state. The offering benefits residents who need financial assistance during their last years. Envelopes for this annual offering are located in the Ritual of Friendship folders. Make checks payable to WPC and designate them for PCSC. For information about PCSC, go to www.prescommunities.org.

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.

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://vbspro.events/p/wpcvbs18>.

JUMP AHEAD

With the start of our summer worship schedule on **May 6**, 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.

This week we welcome three families who are experiencing homelessness to Westminster. Thank you to the 90+ WPC members who are serving and helping empower families in our community who are on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. GAIHN + United Ministries, now joined together as one agency, are working more effectively to strategically engage congregations in the provision of education, employment readiness services, emergency assistance and interim housing. Questions? Contact GAIHN Coordinators *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), *Julia Bellew* (jbellew@gmail.com), or *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Circle #7: Will meet **Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.) **Circle Leader:** *Talitha Allen* (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

ADULT GROUPS
• **Hiking Group:** Will meet on **Thursday, May 24, at 8:30 a.m.** in the **parking lot** for a hike to Landsford Canal/Rocky Shoals. **Group Leader:** *Anne Holleman* (holl2759@att.net).

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).

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the June 3 Harbinger.

Name: _____
School: _____

Connections will meet for brunch/lunch on **Sunday, May 20,** at **Bonefish Grill** (1515 Woodruff Rd.) at **11:45 a.m.** Make reservations with *Gretta Lawson* (grettalawson@gmail.com) by Friday, May 18.

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).

LOW COUNTRY BOIL
You are invited to join us for the New Members 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 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://vbsspro.events/p/wpcvbs18>.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
May 13 - 19, 2018

SUNDAY
GAIHN arrives
8:45 a.m. Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Reception for Confirmation Class
Stated Session Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
GAIHN
6:15 p.m. NAMI
6:30 p.m. Men's Book Study
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
7:30 p.m. Men's Softball
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
8:30 p.m. Men's Softball

TUESDAY
GAIHN
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7

WEDNESDAY
GAIHN
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

FRIDAY
GAIHN

SATURDAY
GAIHN

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. 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.



The Bible is filled with metaphors of God being like a mother and father. The most basic human need of all is the love and care that parents give their children. Without that care and attention we would not survive.

Parenting for me has provided a glimpse into God's heart. I understand loving in a different and deeper way. There are moments of sheer joy and moments of feeling overwhelmed and inadequately prepared.

I have the blessing of several mother figures in my life. Each have played an important part in my journey and each have brought different strengths to speak into my life. Today's scripture reading from Psalms reminds me of my maternal grandmother. She was known for being loving and direct. Her words were "telling it like it is."

Reading from *The Message* – Psalms 1:1- 6: "How well must God like you – you don't hang at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College. Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. You're not at all like the wicked, who are mere windblown dust – without defense in court, unfit for innocent people. God charts the road you take. The road they take is Skid Row."

My grandmother had very similar advice. She would remind us that we needed to make life decisions that reflected our Christian values and that required making unpopular decisions sometimes. She also loved unconditionally and was the first to welcome you back from a slight turn down "skid row" or in my case a few visits to "smart-mouth college."

As we celebrate our Confirmation Sunday, let us be reminded as a congregation that we have promised to help love, shepherd and guide this class today along their journey. We pray that you seek His parental guidance to avoid "Sin Saloon, Dead-End Roads and Smart-Mouth College" AND, if you also find yourself taking a turn off the charted map, know that Westminster will welcome you back with loving arms.