

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 20, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Pentecost

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 "Surely" Langston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is spirit.

People: And those who worship God

Leader: must worship in spirit and truth.

People: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 280 EBENEZER

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves. So we continue to pursue old patterns of living and pretend that we can go it alone.

\* 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.

BAPTISM OF EMMA KIRKLEY KELLEY

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" Hopson

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

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

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Page 806) Sue Inman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Acts 2:1-8, 12-21 (Page 119)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Change Agent"

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 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Hogan

\* 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. 295 SINE NOMINE

"Go to the World!"

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You" Tomer

\* POSTLUDE Fanfare Lemmens

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Bo Mullins
SPONSOR: Rita Barker
GREETERS: Phillip Cox, Brad Lucas, Freddie Williams
LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan
ACOLYTES: Emily Jane Rayneri, Sarah Sanders

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the Congregational Meeting for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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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
Shelden Timmerman, directing
Diana Dailey, soloist

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 20 are Charlie & Heather Reynolds.

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 20

Crib: Trey & Stacy Warren
Crawler: Cory & Robyn Ezzell
Toddler: Frank & Kristin McKernan
K2: Thad & Dixie Dulin
K3: Bryant & Cara Puntch
K4: Jay & Kimberly Sparkman

BIRTH

A son, Paxton Nicolas Brackett, was born to Lee & Tiffany Brackett on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Emma Kirkley Kelley, daughter of Bryan & Sarah Kelley, sister of Salters.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Joey Fievet and family

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, May 20, 2018, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The order of business will be:

- (1) To hear and act upon a report from the Senior Pastor Search Committee.
(2) To vote on the Session's recommendation that the quorum for congregational meetings be set at 10% of the membership.

PENTECOST OFFERING

This annual offering taken by Presbyterian Churches goes to aid children, youth, and young adults. The money helps children at risk both here and abroad. Plus, a portion of the gifts strengthens ministries nurturing the faith of our young people and developing leaders of tomorrow. Twenty percent of the offering is retained by the local church. We invite you to participate in this vital ministry. Envelopes are located in the Rituals of Friendship.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Joey Fievet on the death of his mother, Dorothy Hopkins, on Friday, May 11, 2018, in Greenville.

CONNECTIONS

Connections will meet for brunch/lunch this 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

As Presbyterians, we believe that Christians are called, formed, and challenged in the church. We are delighted that you are considering membership at Westminster, and invite you to join us Wednesday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209 to learn more about our church, our denomination, and our shared faith. We will serve dinner during the class. To reserve your spot, or with any questions, call Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) or Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org). Childcare is available.

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.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 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.

GAIHN THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing genuine hospitality and nourishing meals with families experiencing homelessness who resided at WPC from **May 13-20**. 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.

ADULT GROUPS

- **Movie Group:** Will meet this **Sunday, May 20**. Contact **Group Leader, Susan Robbins** (jamrobbins@aol.com or 270-6747), for details.
- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, May 23, at 12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. **Group Leader: Mary Ann Cox** (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Group Leader: Terry Gentry** (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Group Leaders: Dick & Mary Sargent** (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).
- **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 TO GREENVILLE DRIVE GAME

The Men's Group will attend a **Greenville Drive game on Thursday, June 14**. Sign up with Wendy in the church office **by Thursday, June 7**. A group of tickets is reserved. Contact **Bob Vannoy** (bobvannoy47@gmail.com) with questions.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUNGISH ADULT SUMMER KICK OFF

Join us this **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).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at **7:00 p.m.** On **June 5**, we will discuss the novel, *A Gentleman from Moscow*, by Amor Towles, a delightful book about a gentleman ordered to spend the rest of his life in a luxury motel. The group will not meet in July, but in August will discuss *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah, a bestselling book about two sisters during World War II. In September, our book will be *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders, a Booker prize winning novel about Abraham Lincoln and the death of his son, with a cast of characters, living and dead in an original, unique novel. For October, the group will read *Speak No Evil*, by Uzodinma Iweala, a novel about what it means to be different in a conformist society. New members are always welcome.

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 20 - 26, 2018

SUNDAY

GAIHN departs

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:20 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 12:30 p.m. Connections
- 3:00 p.m. Youngish Adults Bowling
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Softball
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group Outing
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

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](http://wpc-online.org) and navigate to "Connect / Events Registration."

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.



THE SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

As humans, we are naturally born to ask the question, "Why?" Parents dread the day that toddlers learn the word, teachers dread it from teenagers, and then we drown in the question even more once we reach "adulthood." We ask why when something bad happens, when something good happens, or when nothing happens. You can try and convince someone that humans are just naturally inquisitive people, but the truth is, there is a need for control, and answering that *why* allows us to feel power in our own lives. The answer that we are taught growing up is that God is in control but the truth is, sometimes that answer isn't enough.

In the scripture lesson for this week, God fulfills his promise to pour out his Spirit on all of his people. God sends the Holy Spirit down, and everyone is overcome with their faith in God. They don't ask why this is happening. No one asked why there was fire or wind. No one questioned why they were speaking in different languages. Their faith in God was so strong that they trusted God and they knew the Holy Spirit was inside of them.

Peter uses God's word to speak and says, "And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2: 21)." If what Peter says is true, then why do we still need so much reassurance that we are on the right path? God is constantly at work for us, but God still chooses to challenge us. I think by sending us through certain obstacles, God gives us a choice in our faith. You can question and analyze the situation, or you can call on the Holy Spirit and trust in God. We don't need the fire, wind, or one defining moment that confirms our faith in God. God's Spirit is with us, no matter how many times we find ourselves asking, "Why?"

Anna Britton Madden