

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 27, 2018
10:00 a.m.

First Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, not you, it is I who am absent. At first belief was a joy I kept in secret, stealing alone into sacred places; a quick glance, and away—and back, circling. I have long since uttered your name but now I elude your presence. I stop to think about you, and my mind at once like a minnow darts away, darts into the shadows, into gleams that fret unceasing over the river’s purling and passing. Not for one second will my self hold still, but wanders anywhere, everywhere it can turn. Not you, it is I am absent. You are the stream, the fish, the light, the pulsing shadow, you the unchanging presence, in whom all moves and changes. How can I focus my flickering, perceive at the fountain’s heart the sapphire I know is there?

Denise Levertov, “Flickering Mind”

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT “Let All Mortal Flesh” Vaughan Williams
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God the Creator is in this place.
People: **The love of God is with us.**
Leader: God the Redeemer grants us life.
People: **The grace of God is with us.**
Leader: God the Spirit calls us forward.
People: **The fellowship of God sustains us.**
Leader: Let us worship the Triune God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 1 NICAEA
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of creation: you call us into being, sustain our lives, and set a path for our days. We stand each day in your presence, proclaiming your splendor and majesty, but too often fail to recognize you in our daily living. We see strangers where you have called us brothers and sisters. We isolate ourselves, content with singular faith. You call out for response, but we turn our ears, neglecting the cries of our neighbors. Startle us, O God. Cleanse us from our selfishness. Set our hearts ablaze to proclaim your word to a world in need.

* 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 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalm 29 (Page 504) Justin Wingard

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — Isaiah 6:1-6 (Page 635)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Leigh Stuckey

“A Very Bad Year”

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 “Zion’s Walls” Copland

* 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. 12 ST. DENIO
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE “Alleluia” Fedak

* POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Pete Sweeny
SPONSOR: David Massey
GREETERS: Rob Warren, Elizabeth McElveen, Michael Hoffman
LITURGIST: Ludwig Weaver
ACOLYTES: Davis Fairey, Mary Mac Fairey

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

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

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 27 are Kenneth & Jennifer Dillard.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 27

Crawler Evan & Coley Gault
Toddler Rodney & Bryn Robison
K2 Zandr & Carly Tesolowski
K3 Will & Reid Murphy

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Joey Fievet and family
Randy Blouin and family

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 (lstickkey@wpc-online.org) or Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org). Childcare is available.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Randy Blouin on the death of his mother, Marianne Blouin, on Friday, May 18, 2018, in Greenville.

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>.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room on Monday, June 11. Bucky Tarleton will lead the discussion of *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, by Joan Chittister. 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 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.”

NEW EACH SUNDAY

Pick up a new Children's Worship Packet each week to find puzzles and activities that go along with the sermon for that week. There are activities for children of all ages, plus a little surprise in each packet. You will also find a sheet with ideas for your family to do during the week to think more about the sermon and scripture from each worship service. Get them before worship, or pick one up after worship to take home with you.

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.

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.

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.

FIND WPC ONLINE

Visit us online to find up-to-date photos, videos and information about our programming:

- <http://www.wpc-online.org>
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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 27 - June 2, 2018

SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Weekday School Closed/
Church Office Closed

- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

<i>Howard Boyd</i>	<i>Collin Mackie</i>
<i>Sarah-Ann Davis</i>	<i>Susan McLeod</i>
<i>Beri Draganic</i>	<i>Elizabeth Palmer</i>
<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Joanne Sweeny</i>
<i>Paul Grier</i>	<i>Rob Warren</i>
<i>Walter Hinton</i>	<i>Stephen Woods</i>

The Class of 2020

<i>Ben Alexander</i>	<i>Michael Hoffman</i>
<i>Rita Barker</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
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<i>Lee Freeman</i>	<i>Jon McKnight</i>
<i>Mike Hall</i>	<i>Parks McLeod</i>

The Class of 2021

<i>Kristin Burrell</i>	<i>Elizabeth McElveen</i>
<i>Phillip Cox</i>	<i>Grier Mullins</i>
<i>Ted Gentry</i>	<i>Pete Roe</i>
<i>Philip Land</i>	<i>Gaye Sprague</i>
<i>Brad Lucas</i>	<i>Catherine Stoddard</i>
<i>David Massey</i>	<i>Freddie Williams</i>

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: _____



When I was a child and on into my teenage years, I was not a fan of thunderstorms. So, when I first read Psalm 29 with its analogy of God's voice to a violent storm, I was reminded of this fear. I can specifically remember a Wednesday night when I was about thirteen and my parents were heading to the old Westminster church gym for their weekly volleyball activities when a bad thunderstorm was brewing. I was tearful and begged them not to leave us at home, but they assured me that Becca and I would be fine in our house and in the safe hands of our dear sitter, Mrs. Chapman, who was probably nearing ninety years old at the time. I definitely did not feel very safe.

When I read this passage, it did not evoke the feeling of safety that I like to feel when I read from the Bible. I prefer the peaceful "still, small voice" to a God thundering, breaking, shaking, stripping, and burning. I then read *The Message* translation and the word that stood out to me was awe. Awe of His glory, awe of His power, awe of His voice, face, and streaming brightness. Such awe that we fall to our knees and call out, "Glory!"

May God remove all power and control from us, may he remove all our assumptions and plans for ourselves, and may he unbind us so that we can see only him and fall down in awe and have nothing more to say than, "Glory!"

As an adult I have come to love the thunderstorms. I love the sounds and trust the safety. I love how a storm can slow down and cool down a summer afternoon. I like their power and the lack of human control over their path. I pray that I can also be utterly reduced by the voice of the Lord through the storms so that I can be fully dependent on him and go forth into the world with confidence and peace to change it and to show God's glory to all.

Mandy Pruitt