

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 10, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Third Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In this place where Your Name, O God, is above every name, where Your truth is sought and Your faith cherished, grant Your blessing upon all who worship You in sincerity and truth. Here may the weary find rest; the lonely, friendship; the saddened, comfort; the fearful, courage; the discouraged, hope; the weak, strength; the strong, discipline; and all of us the reassurance of Your forgiving and empowering mercy, and the desire and opportunity to invest our lives for the good of all people and the glory of God.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
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. 41 LYONS
“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God, You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people, help us to dwell in your promise.

* 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 *GEORGIA GRACE KESTER*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SOLO “Cry No More” Forrest

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 — Psalm 57 (Page 523) *Wil Brasington*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — II Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Page 180)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

“Still Young On the Inside”

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.

** WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Henderson

* 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 ST. ANNE
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” arr. Phillips

***All who are able may stand**

- HEAD USHER:** Brandon Coker
- SPONSORS:** Nancy Giguere, Beri Draganic
- GREETERS:** Kathryn Freedman, Collin Mackie, Parks McLeod
- LITURGIST:** Leigh Stuckey
- ACOLYTES:** Rollins Beck, Elizabeth Brasington

Following the service, visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and to welcome our new members.

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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
Emily Sweezey, soprano*

During the month of June, the Sanctuary Choir takes a well deserved vacation. We look forward to their return in July, and invite you to be a part of Westminster’s Summer Choir. Beginning **July 8**, anyone interested in singing with the choir in worship is invited to rehearsal at **9:15**. After rehearsal, singers sit in the congregation during worship and assemble on the chancel steps for the anthem. For more information, contact Mark Kemp, Music Director (mkemp@wpc-online.org).

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, June 10** are *Chris & Lauren Doar*.

**NURSERY
PARENT SCHEDULE
FOR JUNE 10**

- Crawler *Kenny & Amanda Howayeck*
- Toddler *Adam & Darcy Slizewski*
- K3 *Laura Parker & Diana Dailey*
- K4 *Parks & Rachel Workman*

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.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Georgia Grace Kester*, daughter of Lee & Anne Kester, sister of Alex.

HOME COMMUNION

If you or a church member you know is unable to attend church and would like to celebrate communion, please call *Amos Workman* (423-0070) or call the church office.

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>.

VBS
ONLY 1 WEEK AWAY
SIGN UP NOW TO SAVE YOUR SPACE!
(see information on following page)

In Memoriam
Harriet W. Carver
1/18/1921 - 5/29/2018
“He that hears my word, and believes in him that sent me has eternal life.”

LET US PRAY FOR:
Randy Blouin and family
The Family of Elizabeth Gower
The Family of Harriet Carver

ADULT GROUPS

• **Needle Arts Group:** The Needle Arts Group will not meet during the summer months. Watch the bulletin for the next meeting in early Fall. **Group Leader:** Terry Gentry (tmgentry@charter.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.

GREENVILLE LITERACY
Westminster is a collection site again this year for "The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. Deadline for drop off is **July 27.** For more information and **a listing of items that are and are not accepted,** visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

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.

CONNECTIONS
The Connections group will meet **Sunday, June 24,** at **Jellow Ginger** (2100 Poinsett St.) at **11:45 a.m.** Make reservations with **Carole Tinsley** (caroletinsley@yahoo.com) **by Friday, June 22.**

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>.

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.

MIDDLER MISSIONS
Middlers who are participating in our mission day on **Wednesday, June 13,** will meet at the church at **8:30 a.m.** and return to be picked up at **2:30 p.m.** Please wear long pants, closed toe shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Middler Mission Days
*June 13, July 11,
August 1-2 (overnight)*

Rising 9th Grade Mission Day
July 18

Senior High Mission Trip
*June 24 - 30
(registration closed)*

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference
*July 22 - 28
(registration closed)*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 10 - 16, 2018

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
3:30 p.m. W&S Committee Budget Workshop Meeting

WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m. Middler Mission Day
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Men's Group to Greenville Drive game
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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

The Class of 2020

Ben Alexander	Michael Hoffman
Rita Barker	Steve Johnson
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Becca Donohue	Christa Likes
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The Class of 2021

Kristin Burrell	Elizabeth McElveen
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Ted Gentry	Pete Roe
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Brad Lucas	Catherine Stoddard
David Massey	Freddie Williams



In today's Old Testament reading, we find David in peril, taking refuge in a cave, praising God and asking for mercy. In the New Testament reading, Paul encourages the reader to not lose heart in the face of light and momentary troubles, but to fix their eyes on what is important – God's eternal glory.

I am fond of saying that 'everybody has something' – something that they're struggling with. Often, we have a bunch of somethings, but always something, nonetheless. At times those somethings don't seem light or momentary but seem like they are too much or that they will consume us or those we love. We feel we won't escape the cave.

Having spent time in the cave, Paul's words are hard for me to hear, as hard for us to hear today as they likely were for the Corinthians. We worry and stress over what are seemingly big somethings in our lives. But we also struggle every day in the minutia – slowly building lives, building families, careers. All these things, a million little pieces, that through time, perseverance and grace, we hope will add up to big, seemingly important things. Yet, the rules of the game provide that all that is wagered is temporary and that in the end it is swallowed up – game, player, all.

So what's the point?

Believe it or not, this existential question was covered recently in the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class. All the tough questions get asked in the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class. This one (I think) got answered. In the class, we had developed a list. A list of rules to live by, things to keep in mind, the important stuff. The list comes directly from the words of Jesus, from Jean Weaver's sermon on what Jesus may have scratched in the dust after saving the woman from stoning, and from *Grayson White* imploring us to think more about others and be less selfish. It's a good list, organic, continuously growing.

The most recent two entries on the list are simple, but they apply here. They go like this – (1) keep faith; (2) do good things too.

Faith, of course, is what matters and God's eternal glory outweighs everything else. The class argued whether it should be 'keep the faith' or 'keep your faith.' Ultimately through a vote, it was determined that faith didn't need a qualifier. It was enough on its own.

That said, what we do with our time, treasure and energy matters too. A poet once wrote, "Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal." It's doubtful that Longfellow had the people of the church of Corinth in mind when he wrote this, but if he had, he might well have told them that through their earthly lives and actions they could cause God's glory to spread.

As the story goes, three workers were at toil on a job site. Each of them was asked what they were doing. The first answered flatly, "I'm laying bricks." The second replied, "I'm bricking a building." The third though proclaimed enthusiastically, "I'm building the house of God!"

Scott Clark