

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 17, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God;
with our tongues we shout for joy.

People: **You have done great things for us, O God;
we come before you with praise on our lips.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 475 NETTLETON

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Power beguiles us and we deem ourselves worthy. Our good works convince us that we can assure our salvation. We heap treasures about us as signs of merit and status, then build elaborate defenses to keep our prizes secure. Forgive the illusion of our own greatness, and in Christ humble us to receive your word.

* 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 “Bright Morning Stars” Appalachian Folk Song

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 34:1-8 (Page 508) *Will Murphy*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Page 78)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

“Kill the fatted calf...”

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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Wood

* 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. 39 FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Diemer

***All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Brian Blount
SPONSOR: Michael Hoffman
GREETERS: Grier Mullins, Rob Warren, Philip Land
LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop
ACOLYTES: Anna Puntch, Margaret Rowan

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service 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:

*Julie Florin, guest organist
Kristen Blumer, soprano
Diana Dailey, alto
Judy McKenney, alto*

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).

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 17** are *Reg & Rebecca Batson*.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR JUNE 17

Crib *Price & Anna Blair Cameron*
Toddler *Peter & Kendall Bemisderfer*
K2 *Lindsay & Steven Niedringhaus*
K3 *Rodney & Hayden Brewer*
K4 *Dan & Erin Kyser*

CONNECTIONS

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

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.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Holland Janes Broome*, was born to Lee & Lillie Broome on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in Greenville.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, *Ragan Smith* and *Coleman Kirven* were united in marriage at Westminster.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Paul Grier* on the death of his father, John Miller Grier, Sr., on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in Due West, SC.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Walker Miller* on the death of his mother, Martha Miller, on Friday, June 8, 2018, in Greenville.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

PACKETS

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

*The Family of Elizabeth Gower
The Family of Harriet Carver
Paul Grier & family
Walker Miller & family*

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.

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.

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- [youtube.com/wpcgreenville](https://www.youtube.com/wpcgreenville)
- [gplus.to/wpc](https://www.gplus.to/wpc)

NEW MEMBERS

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

- *Vance Bakeman*, 12 Shoal Creek Tr., Travelers Rest, 29690, joined by transfer from Trinity Presbyterian, Travelers Rest.
- *Sarah Daniels*, 111 Fuller St, 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Shay & Laurie Koch*, 6 Frontus St., 29605, joined by transfer from Downtown Presbyterian, Greenville. They have two sons, Rivers (8) and Hayes (5).
- *Kyle Moore*, 111 Fuller St., 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Corey Sanders*, 21 Essex Ct., 29609, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Jordan Smith*, 107 McCall St., 29601, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

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

Middler Mission Days
July 11
August 1-2 (overnight)

Rising 9th Grade Mission Day
July 18

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 17 - 23, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. VBS
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. VBS
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Cuba Mission Trip (June 20-30)*
- 9:00 a.m. VBS
- 12:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. VBS
- 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>
<i>Roxanne Cromartie</i>	<i>Coleman Kirven</i>
<i>Becca Donohue</i>	<i>Christa Likes</i>
<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>



WHERE DID THE TIME GO?

A big milestone was passed in my life about a year ago when I turned 60. That was quickly followed by our son's 18th birthday and the marriage of our daughter.

That caused me to ponder time and how it accelerates through life. It truly seems like yesterday I was holding Rachel (born 7 weeks early) in my arms in the NICU at Greenville Memorial Hospital. And didn't we just pick up Robby from his first day at Westminster's Weekday School?

Where are the brakes in life? I don't act like I'm 61 and I don't feel like I'm 61 (although my arthritic right knee would beg to differ), but life seems to be rushing by like one of those bullet trains we saw in Italy last summer: Blink and it's gone.

Many of us say we want life to slow down, but we get so caught up in "stuff" that we fail to take it all in. Daily worries shade our eyes and distract us.

As always, Jesus addresses those concerns. Toward the end of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us to unburden ourselves of worry.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"
Matthew 6:25-34

I think what Jesus meant was for us to stop and experience life. That's really what his time among us was all about. Through Him, God was able to see what our lives were like. Through Jesus, God was able to show us a path, a light to follow.

So cherish those little moments: The artwork your preschooler is so proud of; the hard work your spouse does to create a wonderful home; the prayers you say together as a family. These moments seem like they will always be around. But 61 years on God's creation has shown me they are fleeting.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for this life you've given us. Help us to cherish the small moments and trust your Son for the big picture. Amen.*

Mark Matlock

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>.