

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 1, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer, c. 1514.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy is the one whose help is in God.

People: I will sing praises to God as long as I live.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and worship God's name.

People: Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 331 NATIONAL HYMN
"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on sisters and brothers, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our 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.

BAPTISM OF RILEY ROSE BLEVINS, MARY MARGARET CRASE MEADOWS,
GEORGIA ROSELLE MEADOWS and ANSEN GRACE PATEL

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

SOLO "O Day of Peace" Parry

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — II Kings 5:19b-27 (Page 336) Sara Betts

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Acts 5:1-11 (Page 122)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Getting Your Fair Share"

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 Voluntary on an American Folk Tune arr. 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. 353 SOLID ROCK
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Fantasia on AMERICA arr. Broughton

**All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Dick Allen
SPONSOR: Jeff Lawson
GREETERS: Phillip Cox, Rob Warren, Mike Hall
LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan
ACOLYTES: Katy Cox, Amelia Key

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:

Nancy Smith, organist

Derek Pitman, tenor

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Beginning **Sunday, July 8**, the Summer Choir will begin singing in worship each Sunday morning, and you are invited to join us. A brief rehearsal begins at **9:15 a.m.** in the **Choir Room**, and the choir sits among the congregation during worship. If you've wanted to lend your voice to the choir in worship, now is a great time to give it a try! Contact Mark Kemp, Music Director, (mkemp@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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, July 1** are *John & Roselle Bonnoitt*.

**NURSERY
PARENT SCHEDULE
FOR JULY 1**

Toddler *Austin & Mary Frances Knapp*
K3 *Allen & Leslie Hellenga*
K4 *Jeff & Kathleen Reynolds*

LET US PRAY FOR:

*Paul Grier & family
Walker Miller & family
Mike Hall & family*

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 son, *Arthur Rowan Giguere*, was born to Kent & Caroline Giguere on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- *Riley Rose Blevins*, daughter of John & Meghan Blevins, sister of Tristan.

- *Mary Margaret Crase Meadows* and *Georgia Roselle Meadows*, daughters of Brad & Margaret Meadows.

- *Ansen Grace Patel*, daughter of Chetan & Kristen Patel, sister of Eli.

FREE BOOKS!

Jean and Lud Weaver are downsizing their theological libraries. Commentaries, reference books, etc. are all free of charge. From **June 24 - July 8**, you can come to Westminster and take what you want.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, July 1**. The screenings will take place in the **Friendship Court** following the **10:00 a.m.** service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Tim Miller* at 363-0740.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room** on **Monday, July 9**. *Kathryn Algary* will lead the discussion of Mudhouse Sabbath by Lauren F. Winner. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

ADULT GROUPS

• **Hiking Group:** Will meet on **Saturday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m.** in the church parking lot. **Hike Leader:** *Anne Holleman* (holl2759@att.net or 979-1606). We will be kayaking on Lake Jocassee. We will be towed with our kayaks across the lake, and spend the afternoon exploring waterfalls, coves, and the beautiful lake. Then we will be towed back to the dock. The cost is \$95 each including kayak rental, or \$60 if you have your own kayak. You must pay with cash or check. We MUST know by **July 1** if you plan to join us. Spaces are limited so participants will be on a first come first serve basis. We should be back by 6:30 p.m. Kayaking will be from 11:00 to 5:00. Bring lunch. They will have plenty of water, but if you want anything different to drink you need to bring it. We will have a cooler on the boat. Contact Anne if you want to go.

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.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

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)

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet **Saturday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Mel & Hannah Dias* (1 Brookside Way). Watch your e-mail for more information, or – if you don’t hear from us, contact *Jean Atkins* (jean@indconinc.com) or *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see you!

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

You are invited to walk down memory lane with other WPC senior adults. Join us **Tuesday, July 17, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 209**. Lunch is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made **by Wednesday, July 11** with the church office. Bring an item from your past that you can share with the group. For example, Amos Workman will be bringing his Dodger’s pennant from 1960.

SUMMER SUPPER SOIREE

honoring

Jean and Lud

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Fellowship Hall

Supper at 6:30 with program and entertainment to follow

Adults \$10 Children 4-11 \$5

RSVP to the church office or michelle@wpc-online.org or wpc-online.org

Our caterer requires a firm number by Monday, July 9.

Please note agenda for children: Nursery provided for children 3 and under. Rising 4K children through rising 2nd graders will be served pizza downstairs in the Craft Room followed by movies in the Movie Room; rising 3rd through 5th graders will be served pizza in the Gym followed by games. Rising 6th graders and up will dine with the adults and stay in the Fellowship Hall for the program.

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THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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<i>Mike Hall</i>	<i>Parks McLeod</i>

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<i>Kristin Burrell</i>	<i>Elizabeth McElveen</i>
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<i>Philip Land</i>	<i>Gaye Sprague</i>
<i>Brad Lucas</i>	<i>Catherine Stoddard</i>
<i>David Massey</i>	<i>Freddie Williams</i>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1 - 7, 2018

SUNDAY

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
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

Church Office Closed
Weekday School Closed

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

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.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster’s Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at **7:00 p.m.** We will not meet in July. On **August 7**, we will discuss the novel, *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.



GENUINE LOVE AND KINDNESS

In Acts 5:1-11 we read of a married couple, Ananias and Sapphira, selling a piece of property and publicly announcing their donation of the proceeds to the community. However, they secretly hold back a portion of the money for themselves. When Peter detects the deception he confronts the two separately. Simply hearing the accusations from Peter causes each one of them to fall dead on the spot. While Peter acknowledges that they were under no obligation to donate the money, Peter takes issue with the couple’s deceit for personal gain. They look generous, but they are giving for the sake of status, not of genuine love. Their lie is seen by Peter as a lie to the Holy Spirit and to God.

While I do not believe God intentionally brings death to those who deceive, and the couple’s fate appears to be out of proportion for their sin, I see Ananias and Sapphira as important symbols of the dangers that false generosity can have on the identity of the Christian love-of-neighbor community. Their story is a serious reminder of the stakes we face every day when we make a commitment to serve Christ. Ananias and Sapphira’s deceit occurred in the realm of money, but deceit can occur in other forms as it relates to our lives as Christians. In Jesus’ teachings, our relationships with people are inseparable from our relationship with God. It is our Christian obligation to ensure that our actions towards others are motivated by genuine love.

Genuinely belonging to the Christian community carries with it a huge responsibility and is something that cannot be taken lightly. When we make a commitment to Christ we make a commitment to love our neighbors and serve others with genuine kindness and compassion without regard for our own personal economic or social gain.

Jacob Barker