

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Seventh 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: Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes;

People: **In keeping them, we shall find our reward.**

Leader: Lead us in the way of your commandments;

People: **In obeying them, we take our delight.**

Leader: Confirm in your servants your promise;

People: **And by your righteousness give us new life.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 610 AZMON

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is easy to judge those who are unlike ourselves. We make them convenient targets for our own frustrations and guilt. Help us, O God, to judge ourselves aright and to show mercy to others, as we in turn look to you for mercy and forgiveness.

* 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

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Leviticus 9:1-2, 9-18 (Page 95) Ruth Collins

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Matthew 5:38-48 (Page 5)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”

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 “Keep God’s Light” Patterson

* 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. 839 ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Glory to God” Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

***All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Durden Collins

SPONSOR: Paul Grier

GREETERS: Elizabeth Palmer, Ben Alexander, Brad Lucas

LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey

ACOLYTES: Rebecca Nelson, Whit Palmer

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
Summer 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, July 8 are Gene & Liz Pate.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR JULY 8

Crawler Bryan & Sarah Kelley
Toddler George & Liz Howell
K2 Zach & Lee Freeman
K4 Brian & Lindsey Donlan

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Ruthe Ballard

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Beginning this Sunday, July 8, the Summer Choir will sing 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, now is a great time to give it a try! Contact Mark Kemp, Music Director, (mkemp@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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.

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.

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.

In Memoriam

Ruthe Williams Ballard

1/31/1922 - 6/27/2018

"In my Father's House are many mansions."

**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.

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)

MIDDLER MISSIONS

Middlers who are participating in our mission day on **Wednesday, July 11**, 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.

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 SUPPER SOIREE

It's a retirement dinner 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8 - 14, 2018

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship Meeting
9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
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 Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m. Middler Mission Day
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

6:30 p.m. Lightly Seasoned Group Event

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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| Howard Boyd | Collin Mackie |
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| Beri Draganic | Elizabeth Palmer |
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| Brad Lucas | Catherine Stoddard |
| David Massey | Freddie Williams |



If you had never seen a beach or glass or even a sandcastle, could you ever imagine the potential in a single grain of sand? Yet look what happens when something almost too small to see joins together with so many others.

Isn't that also how it goes for us?

Here we sit in a consumer-driven culture where we all chase after individual ideas of perfection. What toll is that taking on the power of community? When we dismiss any opinion that differs from our own; when we choose not to work through conflict; when we become defensive toward any criticism - I fear that we end up isolated both from each other and from our God-given potential.

When the book of Matthew says in Chapter 5, *"If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you,"* is it not saying that life is about something far greater than you alone?

Give. Love. Share. Forgive. Not just when it's easy, but more importantly, when it's hard. God needs us to come together regardless of race, religion, or politics. He needs us to humbly and compassionately focus on what we have in common. Our *I* must grow to a *we*. Our *us* must encompass *them* so that when a cry goes out for hunger, it is our cry. When an injustice occurs, the pain is ours. Isn't that what propels us to action? Through our inclusiveness, God feeds. He heals. He fights. He loves, and He renews our spirits so that we can go out and love some more. Show me a transformation more beautiful, more powerful than that.

Catherine Blount