

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 22, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are curious, and have come to see  
If you are weary, and have come to rest  
If you are grateful, and have come to share  
If you are hurting, and have come for solace  
If you are listening, and have come to pray  
If you are seeking, and have come for answers  
WELCOME

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tim Reed, Gaye Sprague  
Catherine Stoddard, Stephen Woods

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Stuckey

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

People: For great is God's steadfast love toward us;  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 12

ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

\* 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

Jean Weaver

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

\* HYMN No. 307 CWM RHONDDA

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (Page 186)

Amos Workman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS — Luke 2:8-14 (Page 58) Mary Kathleen Duncan

Romans 1:8-17 (Page 152)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Last Words"

Ludwig Weaver

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed Barbara Stoop

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

"I Thank My God"

Schwoebel

\* 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. 719

"Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Ulrich

"Gaelic Benediction"

\* POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. Page

\*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Carl Nuttall

SPONSOR: Stephen Woods

GREETERS: Philip Land, Elizabeth Palmer, David Massey

LITURGISTS: Leigh Stuckey, Jean Weaver, Amos Workman,

Mary Kathleen Duncan, Barbara Stoop

ACOLYTES: Emily Craddock, Sterling Porterfield

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  
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 22 are Brad & Sarah Lucas.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR JULY 22

Crawler Manning & Courtney Garrett  
Toddler Wesley & Wendy Rentz  
K2 Andrew & Amanda Parker  
K4 Jacob & Rita Barker

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Large print hymnals and large print copies of *The Harbinger's* worship pages are available in the narthex. The hymnals contain only the words and not the music. An usher can provide you these items.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Jean Nations on the death of her mother, Christine Boland, on Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Ted Gentry on the death of his father, Marvin Dean Gentry, on Saturday, July 14, 2018, in Winston-Salem, NC.

ADULT GROUPS

Luncheon Group: Will meet Wednesday, July 25, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 211. Group Leader: Mary Ann Cox (1maryanncox@gmail.com).

MONTREAT YOUTH

CONFERENCE

July 22-28

Twenty-seven of our youth will depart this Sunday, July 22, in the afternoon for their annual pilgrimage to Montreat, NC. Throughout this week in "a place set apart" they will explore the theme of "Lift Every Voice" through worship, recreation, keynote, small groups, and back home group. Please keep them and their six adult advisors in your prayers.

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Ruthe Ballard  
The Family of Margaret Murphy  
Jean Nations and family  
Ted Gentry and family

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.

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SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Senior High Montreat  
Youth Conference

July 22-28  
(registration closed)

Middler Mission Days

August 1-2  
(overnight)

Taco Tuesdays

August 7 Tippy Taco  
(Pelham Rd.)

Youth Kick-Off Retreat  
at Look Up Lodge

August 25-26  
(overnight and open to all  
6th-12th graders)

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual youth kick-off retreat is scheduled for **August 25-26 at Look-Up Lodge**. This retreat is open to all **6th-12th graders**. Note that it is only one night, but don't worry, we'll be sure to pack in lots of fun, sun, fellowship, and worship! Start off your school year right by spending your first weekend with the WPC Youth Group! \*More information will be coming to your mailboxes soon.

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](http://www.greenvilleliteracy.org).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 22 - 28, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 2:30 p.m. Montreat Youth Conference (through Saturday, July 28)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Montreat Youth Conference
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Montreat Youth Conference
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting

THURSDAY

- Montreat Youth Conference
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

- Montreat Youth Conference

SATURDAY

- Montreat Youth Conference

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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

The Class of 2020

Ben Alexander	Michael Hoffman
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Lee Freeman	Jon McKnight
Mike Hall	Parks McLeod

The Class of 2021

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



In our scripture readings for today, we have an account of an ending as well as two beginnings. In Deuteronomy 31:1-8, Moses calls all Israel together to reveal that he will not be leading them into the Promised Land. After leading them for forty years, his time is ending, and Joshua has been chosen to take his place. Moses encourages the people in verse six to be strong and courageous, assuring them that God will never leave them nor forsake them.

Moses then calls Joshua forward before all the people and tells him the same thing. Moses knows that as the new leader, Joshua will face many challenges, but he reminds him that the Lord will go before him. Therefore, Joshua should not be discouraged or afraid.

In Luke 2:8-14, the angels appear to the shepherds to share the news of the birth of Jesus in the city of David. The shepherds are terrified at the sight, but they are told not to be afraid, because they are bringing news of great joy to all people. Jesus had come to save us from our sins. Like the Israelites who were trying to reach their "Promised Land," Jesus provided a way for us to enter the promised land of eternal life in heaven with him.

Today represents a major change in the life of our church family as well. We say goodbye to someone who has led us for many years, but we can rest assured that God has chosen someone to continue to lead us in the coming days.

Mickey Brown

Deuteronomy 8:8: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."