

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 12, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Easter in the Ordinary

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Man’s maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, be nursed by his mother; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die. To endure these and similar indignities for us, to free us ... He who existed as the Son of God before all ages, without a beginning, deigned to become the Son of Man in these recent years.

Augustine of Hippo, Sermons 191.1

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might,
People: **God has become my salvation.**
Leader: This is my God, and I will praise him.
People: **My father’s God, and I will exalt him.**
Leader: The Lord is a Warrior.
People: **I Am is God’s name.**

from The Song of Moses, Exodus 15:2-3

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 13 KINGSFOLD
“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God. You called the world from chaos, assuring us of your providence over creation and providing a place for life to flourish. Yet we too often underestimate your power. We limit your work by our insistence on control. We demand explanations and refuse to live into mystery. Forgive us, O God, for our wayward attempts to master your world. Remind us that you are the same God who brought Israel from the house of slavery, who worked through the Kings and through the exile, and who continues to work among us today. Enable us to follow you until that time we are led to your shore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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 BALM IN GILEAD
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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 — Psalm 46 (Page 517) Susan Robbins
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 6:11-21 (Page 97)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON Leigh Stuckey
“our unfurnished eyes”

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 “When You Pass Through the Waters” Weber
* 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. 357 LLANGLOFFAN
“The Days Are Surely Coming”

* BENEDICTION
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!”
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

* POSTLUDE
***All who are able may stand**
HEAD USHER: Will Edwards
SPONSOR: Gaye Sprague
GREETERS: Kristin Burrell, Walter Hinton, Elizabeth Palmer
LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop
ACOLYTES: Davis Fairey, Mary Mac Fairey
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, August 12 are Ryan & Sarah Beasley.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR AUGUST 12

Crib Hunter & Caroline Blouin
Toddler Riley & Cappy Jackson
K3 John & Erin Hall
K4 Rance & Andrea Bryan

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Cliff Selby on the death of his wife, Florence Selby, on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, in Greenville.

GAIHN IS GEARING UP FOR AUGUST

Four times a year, WPC provides a safe space for up to three families who are experiencing homelessness. Operating under the umbrella of United Ministries, GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a family-friendly ministry with volunteers of all ages that seek to serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. The next hosting week is August 19-26, and we are looking for volunteers to act as hosts or provide dinner to our guests. You can sign-up this Sunday, August 12, in the Sanctuary Atrium or online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/gaihn/>. If you have any additional questions or want to learn more, please contact Julia Bellew (juliabellew@gmail.com), Beth Edwards (bethholladay73@gmail.com), or Holly Vanderwal (hollyv04@hotmail.com).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster’s Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, September 4, 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.

ADULT GROUPS

Luncheon Group: Will meet Wednesday, August 15, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 211. Group Leader: Mary Ann Cox (1maryanncox@gmail.com).

LET US PRAY FOR:

Cliff Selby and family

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** *John Smith* will lead the discussion of *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

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.

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.

"IT'S ELEMENTARY!" & TWEENS

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 29,** for the start of our weekly after school programs for those in grades 1-5. Children arrive right after school and stay until **4:30 p.m.** Arrival and departure occurs at the circular drive on Westminster Dr. This year's theme: *The Prophets* - will include a mixture of Bible learning, fun, and recreation. If you'd like to stay for **Children's Choir** (which begins the same day), plan to be picked up by **5:15 p.m.** Sign up now on the church website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/its-elementary-tweens-sign-up/>.

CONNECTIONS

Connections will be at **The Westin Poinsett Hotel** on **Sunday, August 19, at 11:30 a.m.** Parking is available in the city garage immediately behind the hotel (valet service if needed). Respond to *Edna Ruth Miller* (288-6645 or rgvduo@bellsouth.net) by Friday, August 17. Feel free to join us if you have not been before.

Grab a Nametag this Sunday!

On the recommendation of Session and the Pastoral Nominating Committee, we ask that you wear nametags during worship and the fellowship hour. This will help make the process of learning names and faces easier for our new Senior Pastor Ben Dorr and his wife Heather when they join us in worship. And you may finally learn the name of that one person you've been too embarrassed to ask!

You will find nametags in the following places:

- Sanctuary Atrium in several spots
- Friendship Court – outside the choir room
- Entrance Pavilion – near the Fellowship Hall entrance
- Starting September 9 in the Adult Sunday School classes

Write your name in large print and legibly!
Thanks for your help!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 12 - 18, 2018

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Witness & Service
Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship
Committee 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
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting

THURSDAY

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 Sweeny
Paul Grier	Rob Warren
Walter Hinton	Stephen Woods

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The Class of 2021

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Brad Lucas	Catherine Stoddard
David Massey	Freddie Williams



GOD'S POLITICS

I feel like this week's scripture needs to be posted on every internet platform and every wall of every building in America right now. Our country feels divided, isolated, and destructive. Everything around us is changing. The environment is getting hotter, the news is all 'fake', and people are starting to reconsider their futures. No one seems to agree on anything anymore and there are problems arising that did not even exist five years ago. Psalm 46 couldn't be more relevant right now in our society. This scripture is God's way of reminding the world that even though there can be changes, conflict and struggles, there should be no fear, because he is with you.

"The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Even though it seems like we are drowning in politics, that we have ruined the environment, or that we have lost the 'good old days' forever, Psalm 46 tells us that we shouldn't fear for our future. Change can be scary, but as Christians, we have the ability to see past the hardships because we can look to him. The earth is his city and he is with us.

"He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God!"

Anna Britton Madden