

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 19, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Easter in the Ordinary

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On Easter we glimpse a new landscape — the age to come —
and experience a sense of holy awe at the significance
of the resurrection for human life.

The shape of the age to come reveals a new people of God,
a new humanity.

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*
(Geneva Press, 2003)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

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

Leader: God does not see as mortals see.
We look on the outward appearance.
God looks on the heart.

People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now - as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.

People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 475 NETTLETON
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgement on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

* 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 42 (Page 515) *Carl Rohleder*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 9:1-12 (Page 102)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan

“Modern-Day Miracle”

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 “Rivers of Living Water” Marrolli

* 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. 451 OPEN MY EYES
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

* 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: Brandon Coker

SPONSOR: Grier Mullins

GREETERS: Jon McKnight, Becca Donohue, Catherine Pollock

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

ACOLYTES: Parker Godwin, Peyton Godwin

*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
Hunter Ditsch, flutist
Ellis McLarty, cellist
Marcella Frese, percussion*

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 19** are
Charlie & Heather Reynolds.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE
FOR AUGUST 19

Crawler *Andy & Julia Mowlajko*
Toddler *Alan & Melissa Witherspoon*
K2 *Thad & Dixie Dulin*
K4 *Jay & Grace McKnight*

BIRTH

A daughter, *Elizabeth Harper Newton*,
was born to Matthew & Lauren Newton
on Saturday, July 21, 2018, in Greenville.

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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Get your day started right with the **“It’s
Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus”**
study and discussion group, launching
Tuesday, August 28 at **6:00 a.m.** (you
read that right!) in the **Women’s Lounge**.
This semester we will study Rachel Held
Evans’s New York Times bestseller, [A
Year of Biblical Womanhood](#) (available
in the WPC library). Don’t have time
for another book? Don’t worry, there
will be plenty to discuss even if you
haven’t been able to dig into the text.
Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds*
(kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com,
346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh
Stuckey.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Cliff Selby and family

GAIHN

This week we welcome three families who are experiencing homelessness to Westminster. Thank you to the 90+ WPC members who are serving and helping empower families in our community who are on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. GAIHN + United Ministries, now joined together as one agency, are working more effectively to strategically engage congregations in the provision of education, employment readiness services, emergency assistance and interim housing. Questions? Contact GAIHN Coordinators *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), *Julia Bellew* (jbellew@gmail.com), or *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com).

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!

SIGN UP FOR THE DOMINICAN MISSION TRIP!

Each January adults from Westminster travel to the Dominican Republic for one of our annual mission trips. The trip includes a medical, community, and construction component. The 2019 trip will take place from **Sunday, January 27-Friday, February 1**. To sign up contact the church office. Interested in learning more? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

Grab a Nametag this Sunday!

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. You will find nametags in the following places:

- Sanctuary Atrium in several spots
- Friendship Court
- Entrance Pavilion
- Starting September 9 in the Adult Sunday School classes

"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/>.

COMING SOON: CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

With the beginning of the school year just around the corner, it won't be long before Westminster's Children's Choirs are making music on Wednesday afternoons. The **Junior Choristers (1st-2nd grade)** and **Senior Choristers (3rd-5th grade)** meet each **Wednesday** beginning **August 29**, from **4:30-5:15 p.m.** following the "It's Elementary!" and Tweens programs. Register your child online by visiting wpc-online.org under the worship and music tabs. For more information, please contact Katie Knauer, Children's Choir Coordinator (kknauer@wpc-online.org) or Mark Kemp, Music Director (mkemp@wpc-online.org).

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Interested in what Women of Westminster are doing? Contact the church office or *Katherine Mattice* (kmmarketingservices@gmail.com) to be added to the email distribution list to keep up to date with monthly volunteer opportunities in our community and with special events throughout the year!

WESTMINSTER MEN'S GROUP FALL MISSION TRIP
October 10-14 at Camp Thornwell
435 Sugar Likker Rd.
Sunset, SC 29685

(Google Maps works with this address!) For more information, email *Paul O'Neal* (paulmoneal@aol.com) or *Jeff Reynolds* (rjreynocu@yahoo.com). The mission this year is extremely important. A large turnout of volunteers will enable success in reaching our goals.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19 - 25, 2018

SUNDAY

GAIHN arrives

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Connections Group Lunch
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

GAIHN

- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

GAIHN

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

GAIHN

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens Volunteer Meeting

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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- 8:30 a.m. Youth Retreat to Look-Up Lodge

ADULT GROUPS

Luncheon Group: Will meet **Wednesday, August 22, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 211. Group Leader: Mary Ann Cox** (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

CHURCHWIDE BREAKFAST

September 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Adults \$7.00 Children (3-11) \$3.00 Children (2 and under) Free

Join us for a great meal at **9:00 a.m.** to meet the Dorr family. Our first Sunday School classes of the church calendar year begin at **10:00 a.m.** The menu will be biscuits and gravy, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, and fruit. Nursery will be available for children under three. To keep the check-in lines moving on September 9 we ask that you sign up online and pay online by going to <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/september-9-breakfast-sign-up/>. Sign-ups for breakfast end on **Monday, September 3**. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sometimes, being a modern day Christian can feel like the exiled psalmist in Psalm 42 seems to feel, downright depressing! The psalmist is in deep despair, likely for many reasons, and has a deep need for God. His need is so desperate that he "thirsts" for Him. He mourns the prolonged distance from his temple, the unbelievers taunting him, the happier days in his life, his life's overwhelming trials and tribulations, and God's seemingly slow response to his calls. I think we can also identify with many of these worries. Sometimes, the greatest struggle can be feeling the weight of negativity and evil around us and wondering if we can truly make any difference for God or if there is any hope to be found.

The psalmist here can be admired because, despite all that he has been through, he is able to turn inward, cast out negative thinking, and put his hope in God. He decides to challenge his gloom and look for God's face, which he knows is worthy of hope and praise, even though he isn't really feeling up to it. In *The Message* translation the psalmist speaks to himself and it reads, "Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God, soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God."

I plan to work harder to make a choice to cast out the overwhelming gloom, fear, and anxieties and look for God each day. With my faith in Him, my thirst will be quenched and my hope renewed. He will be my guide through life's many trials, I just have to remember to never stop searching for His face.

Mandy Pruitt

"God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, nor sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way."

-Unknown