

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Easter in the Ordinary

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Hope is not hope if you can see what you
are hoping for on the horizon.
We need hope when we cannot see the way out.”
– John Caputo, The Weakness of God

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

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

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.
People: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 415 RESTORATION
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God in whom we live and have our being, have mercy upon us.
Though we believe your promises for the future, we fail to understand your
presence in our lives today. We give into hopelessness and attempt to control
our own fate. Remind us that you are at work among us. Give us the courage
to hear your call: to serve our community, to heal the wounds we have inflicted,
and to everywhere proclaim and work for your kingdom.

\* 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.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 30 (Page 505) Mae Todd Mullins
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 11:17-30, 32-44 (Page 105)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON Leigh Stuckey
“Now.”

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 “I Am the Resurrection” Goeller
\* 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. 852 I’LL FLY AWAY
“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

\* 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: Brandt Givens
SPONSOR: Grier Mullins
GREETERS: David Massey, Parks McLeod, Paul Grier
LITURGIST: Amos Workman
ACOLYTES: Anna Puntch, Zach Warren

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
Lynne Robinson, director

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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

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 26 are Parker
& Brandi Ariail.

NURSERY
PARENT SCHEDULE
FOR AUGUST 26

Crib Bo & Mae Todd Mullins
Crawler Michael & Lynne Willis
Toddler Ryan & Grace Loveless
K2 Jim & Kate Gilreath
K3 Tyler & Brady Godfrey
K4 Harvey & Greta Cleveland

2018–2019 CHURCH BASKETBALL

Youth ages 5K–12 grade and WPC men are invited to participate in Christian
fellowship and recreational basketball for the upcoming season, which will begin
the week of November 10. WPC members interested in being a coach or assistant
coach may contact Bryant Puntch (bryant\_puntch@ucbi.com or 915-5686). Online
player registration will open on Tuesday, September 4. Registration and schedules
may be accessed on the church’s website at www.wpc-online.org (click Connect
then Basketball).

FALL
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer schedule of one worship
service at 10:00 a.m. (with no Sunday
School) will conclude Sunday,
September 2. On Sunday, September
9, we will kick off our new Sunday
School year with a breakfast at 9:00
a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and
worship at 11:15 a.m. The following
Sunday, September 16, we will resume
our regular schedule of 9:00 a.m.
worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School,
and 11:15 a.m. worship.

GAIHN THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing genuine hospitality
and nourishing meals with families
experiencing homelessness who resided
at WPC from August 19-26. Often WPC
members ask how we can support families
past their time at our church. Donations
of clothes, household items, bedding, and
furniture may benefit families at the SOS
Thrift Store and Habitat for Humanity
ReStore. Please note at time of drop
off that your donations are for United
Ministries/GAIHN. Families “shop”
through a voucher system, which helps
provide for the things they need in an
effective and timely manner.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us this **Sunday, August 26**, at **11:00 a.m.** for brunch at **Tipsy Taco (15 Conestee Ave.)** Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

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.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will begin their new book study on **Monday, September 10**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We will study the book, Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

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 medical and community evangelism components. 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/>.

IT'S TIME FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

Next week our Children's Choirs will begin their regular rehearsal schedule. 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](http://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 26 - September 1, 2018

SUNDAY

*GAIHN departs*

*Youth Retreat at Look Up Lodge*

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship  
Youngish Adults Brunch
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens begins
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FIND WPC ONLINE

Visit us online to find up-to-date photos, videos and information about our programming:

- <http://www.wpc-online.org>
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- [youtube.com/wpcgreenville](https://www.youtube.com/wpcgreenville)
- [gplus.to/wpc](https://plus.google.com/wpc)

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!



PSALM 30 – THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Have you ever heard someone talk about their family being a mess, that they are broke, hate their job, so what do they have to be thankful for? When I hear this I think about the saying 'wallowing in self-pity' – I can still hear my parents telling me that if I was complaining about something growing up.

Today's lesson teaches us that even if we have troubles, we can give thanks to God for who he is. It isn't God's fault that our family is mess, that we are broke, hate our job, etc. We should take David's advice and give thanks with a hopeful heart!

*Each day is a special gift from God,  
 and while life may not always be fair,  
 you must never allow the pains, hurdles,  
 and handicaps of the moment to poison your attitude  
 and plans for yourself and your future.  
 You can never win when you wear the ugly cloak of self-pity,  
 and the sour sound of whining will certainly  
 frighten away any opportunity for success.*

– Og Mandino

The Psalm tells us to have a thankful attitude because no matter how bad it is, a new day is coming. We may weep in the night, but there will be joy in the morning!

Like David, we should be thankful to God for what he has done for us. "Oh Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever."

Tricia Pendergrass