

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 7, 2018
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Good and gracious God, we pray for your Church, which you have called to be the body of Christ in this world. Fill it with all truth in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, unite it. We ask it through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kathleen Reynolds

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Wood

CHORAL INTROIT (11:15) "Siyahamba" South African traditional
"We are marching in the light of God"

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
People: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 385 OLD HUNDREDTH
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious and holy God, forgive us, for we have been far from gracious with our lives. We have made quick judgments about our neighbors. We have served strangers away when you asked us to welcome them. We have served ourselves before we served other people. In your mercy, mend our broken ways and shape our hearts anew. Help us to take chances with our faith, to work hard at hospitality, and to offer peace to those who live in fear. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* 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.
(K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the Gloria Patri.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON — Colossians 1:15-20 (Page 200)

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 9:33-37 (Page 45)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Hardest Word in the Bible"

Ben Dorr

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 34)
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving, and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

Anthem "Esto Les Digo" Lange

"Truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my father in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered in my name,

I am there among them." Matthew 18:19-20

* 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. 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (stanzas 1-3) SCHOLTES

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Scholtes

"We Are One in the Spirit" (stanza 4)

* POSTLUDE Psalm 65 Diemer

*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Jason Farmer
11:15 a.m. Bill Donohue
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Elizabeth McElveen
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Rob Warren, Ben Alexander
11:15 a.m. Joanne Sweeny, Elizabeth Palmer, Phillip Cox, Sarah-Ann Davis, Barbara Stoop
LITURGIST: David Hanor
READERS: 9:00 a.m. Gene Aiken
11:15 a.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 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:

Julie Florin, guest organist

9:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

GRAB A NAMETAG THIS SUNDAY!

Due to the overwhelming response in the last month, we will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

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.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be Sunday, October 7, from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

This Sunday, October 7, we will be taking our annual Peacemaking Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster for local peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Specific envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Church and mark for Congregational Care.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, October 7. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at 627-0725.

MEN'S GROUP FALL MISSION TRIP October 10-14

Clean up and maintenance of Camp Thornwell is our ongoing project for the third year. The camp is owned by the Thornwell Home in Clinton and is a youth camp and respite place for the Thornwell community. The camp is one hour away from Greenville (435 Sugar Likker Rd, Sunset, SC). There are facilities to stay overnight with good food and fellowship. Volunteers are encouraged to stay several days, but also may come for the day. Workers with all levels of skills and ability are needed. For more information contact Paul O'Neal (paulmoneal@aol.com).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Lucy Stewart will lead the discussion of The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

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 opened on Tuesday, September 4 and will end this Sunday, October 7. Registration and schedules may be accessed on the church's website at www.wpc-online.org (https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/youth-basketball/).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

Tuesday, October 9

- **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair (rischlacht@att.net), will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room**.
- **Circle #3:** *Dee Malone*, chair (dee05m@gmail.com), will meet at the home of *Kay Williams* (13 Quail Hill Dr.) at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 10

- **Circle #6:** *Liz Einstein* (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and *Sherry Tate* (sherrytate63@gmail.com), co-chairs will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Liz's home (223 Camille Ave.).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Get your day started right with the *"It's Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus"* study and discussion group, meeting again **Tuesday, October 23, at 6:00 a.m.** 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). Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

TRICK OR TREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Tuesday, October 30**, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. Arrive at the church at **5:30 p.m.** for a quick pizza dinner in the **Fellowship Hall**, then walk across the street at **6:15 p.m.** to begin our visit which will be finished before **7:00 p.m.** There is no cost, but we ask that you please sign up at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/trick-or-treating-at-westminster-retirement-home/> so that we know how much pizza to buy. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop (bstoop@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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, construction, 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).

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, October 8**, 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).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet on **Wednesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Group Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (ages 50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).
- **Hiking Group:** Will meet in the church parking lot on **Saturday, October 13, at 8:00 a.m.** for a hike in Panthertown Valley. **Hike Leader:** *Bill Thalheimer* (oconehiker@bellsouth.net).

FLU SHOTS AT WPC

The Pickwick Pharmacy will offer flu shots for ages 12+ (under 12 with a written prescription) at WPC on **Wednesday, October 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in the **Friendship Court** which is accessible from the church office entrance off W. Augusta Pl. Pickwick accepts insurance and will bill the remaining balance to individuals after filing. Cash price is \$25. Call the church office at 232-2424 to sign up.

WESTMINSTER TROTS!

This year Westminster has a team for the annual downtown **Turkey Trot** on **Thanksgiving morning**. If you will be racing (running or walking) don't forget to add "Westminster Presbyterian" as your team. We'll also have shirts! Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) if you have questions.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Senior Adults are invited to wear your school colors and join to together for Fan Appreciation Day. Join us **Thursday, October 11, at 12:00 p.m.** in **Room 209**. Lunch is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made by **Monday, October 8** with the church office.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

We will be printing a new church address directory soon. Please review your family information. If there are any changes, including business telephone numbers or e-mail addresses, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. You may also e-mail any changes you have to michelle@wpc-online.org or make changes online at "my wpc." If you have a child that has moved to or from school, please update their information. Also, if you would like to submit your e-mail address, but you do not wish to have it published in the directory, please indicate your wish on the form.

Name _____
 Address _____
 E-mail address _____
 Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Spouse's e-mail address _____
 Spouse's Work # _____ Spouse's Cell # _____
 Please publish my cell # in the directory: Yes _____ No _____
 Please publish my e-mail address in the directory: Yes _____ No _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 October 7 - 13, 2018

SUNDAY
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Health Ministry
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Health Ministry
 4:00 p.m. Basketball Coaches Meeting
 4:15 p.m. Youth/Parent Summer Trip Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Baptism Class
 5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off
 Middler Group Meeting
 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
 5:15 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
 Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
 8:00 a.m. Carolina High Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
 6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #5
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting
 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY
 9:00 a.m. PW Circle #6
 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Couples Bible Study Group Meeting (ages 50+)

THURSDAY
Men's Mission Trip (through Sunday, Oct. 14)
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 Senior Adult Luncheon
 Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY
Men's Mission Trip (through Sunday, Oct. 14)

SATURDAY
Men's Mission Trip (through Sunday, Oct. 14)
 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group



I'M IN

As the start of the Stewardship Season begins, so starts the onslaught of the fall holidays requiring additional commitments of time, family responsibilities, and finances as we ramp up for peak shopping season. Among the many traditions I grew up with - I can proudly say exorbitant shopping was NOT one of them and we gladly strive to carry on THAT tradition. That said...I do hope that our children see Becca and I happily setting a yearly tradition of annual giving and volunteering in WPC and beyond without pride and expectation of anything other than self-fulfillment and joy in others' happiness around us. I believe our talents are most certainly given to be shared and serve the greater good. I personally can think of no other greater gift than an accolade from a member on a recent Harbinger cover and hope the kids feel that same sense of pride in giving of their time and talent.

As my daughter Abby can attest, as she has heard it a thousand times, *"what you put in is what you get out"* has served me well over the years and is never truer than at Westminster. I am always inspired by the volume of volunteers of talent, time, and financial commitment made and even more so to the benefits and results of such efforts. I hope my kids will always remember *"the juice is worth the squeeze."*

Bill Donohue