

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 14, 2018
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

So the power of God stands in violent contrast with the power of man. It is not external like man's power, but internal. By applying external pressure, I can make a person do what I want him to do. This is man's power. But as for making him be what I want him to be, without at the same time destroying his freedom, only love can make this happen...And because God's love is uncoercive...we are free to resist it, deny it, crucify it finally, which we do again and again. This is our terrible freedom, which love refuses to overpower so that, in this, the greatest of all powers, God's power, is itself powerless.

Frederick Buechner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Richard Young

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Evanovich

CHORAL INTROIT (11:15) "O Lord, You Are My God and King" Parry

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The head that once was crowned with thorns

People: is crowned with glory now.

Leader: Through a humble life and ignoble death;

People: he has shown us how to live.

Leader: So, come, let us bring God our glory and praise.

All: Let us worship the Crucified King!

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 268

DIADEMATA

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our shepherd and King: we call you our sovereign, but fail to give our whole selves to you. Where you sow love, we foster hatred; where you call for service, we seek after earthly power. We worship the idols of wealth and privilege, having lived in fear of loss. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, failing to be governed by your justice and love. Forgive our greed, our suspicion, our attempts to control your world. In your abundant mercy teach us to follow your way, even at the cost of our lives. 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 prayer.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Exodus 32:1-4 (Page 78)

GOSPEL LESSON — John 18:28-38a (Page 112)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Leigh Stuckey

"Aladdin, Ozymandias, and the Crucified King"

ANTHEM

"Christus Paradox"

Fedak

find the text at Hymn No. 274

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Philippians 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CALL TO PRAYER

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Schubert

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Anthem

"The Servant Song"

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. 369

O QUANTA QUALIA

"Blessing and Honor"

\* CHARGE & BENECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:15)

"He Is King of Kings"

Costen

\* POSTLUDE

arr. Mitchell

"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"

\*All who are able may stand

HEAD USHERS:

9:00 a.m.

Stuart Rowan

11:15 a.m.

Hunter Reid

SPONSOR:

11:15 a.m.

Becca Donohue

GREETERS:

9:00 a.m.

Susan McLeod, Jon McKnight

Paul Grier

11:15 a.m.

Freddie Williams, Kristin Burrell

Becca Donohue

LITURGIST:

Ben Dorr

LAY READERS:

9:00 a.m.

Ilene Schlacht

11:15 a.m.

Susan Jones

ACOLYTES:

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton Gary, Libby Graves

11:15 a.m.

McCrae Mattice, Sadie Mattice

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all.

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:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary 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.

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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 28, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The order of business will be to elect the 2018-19 Nominating Committee, which would be tasked with nominating elders and members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

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.

CONNECTIONS GROUP

Connections will meet Sunday, October 21, at 12:45 p.m. at Soby's (207 S. Main St). RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst@aol.com or 201-6117) by Friday, October 19. Newcomers are welcome!

IT'S ADVENT

DEVOTIONAL TIME

Volunteers are needed to write a short devotion for the annual Presbyterian Women's Advent Devotionals. Email Presbyterian Moderator, Katherine Mattice, (kmmarketingservices@gmail.com) if you are willing to help. All submissions are due Friday, November 2.

In Memoriam

June Loy White

7/9/1927 - 10/2/2018

"In my Father's House are many mansions."

In Memoriam

Jack Eugene Miller

12/14/1933 - 10/4/2018

"He that hears my word, and believes in him that sent me has eternal life."

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of June White

The Family of Jack Miller

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Circle #7:** Will meet **Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.) **Circle Leader:** *Talitha Allen* (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Ben & Alissa Edwards* (216 Meritta Trl.) for fellowship and the second installment in our series on Jesus' parables.

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 on the church website under the event registration tab 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).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, October 15, 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).

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.

LIGHTLY SEASONED GROUP

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet **Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Sherry & Ron Tate* (207 Camille Ave.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or – if you don't hear from us, please contact *Jean Atkins* (jean@indconinc.com) or *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see 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.** On **Tuesday, November 6**, our book will be a memoir, *Born A Crime*, by South African author and comedian Trevor Noah. We will not meet during the month of December, but will discuss the book *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith at our meeting in January. Newcomers are always welcomed.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14 - 20, 2018

SUNDAY

*Men's Mission Trip (through Sunday, Oct. 14)*  
8:45 a.m. Witness & Service Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Membership Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Middler Group Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:15 p.m. Kate Ott Event & Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:15 p.m. NAMI  
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting  
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
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. Youngish Adults Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

<i>Howard Boyd</i>	<i>Collin Mackie</i>
<i>Sarah-Ann Davis</i>	<i>Susan McLeod</i>
<i>Beri Draganic</i>	<i>Elizabeth Palmer</i>
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<i>Lee Freeman</i>	<i>Jon McKnight</i>
<i>Mike Hall</i>	<i>Parks McLeod</i>

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<i>Philip Land</i>	<i>Gaye Sprague</i>
<i>Brad Lucas</i>	<i>Catherine Stoddard</i>
<i>David Massey</i>	<i>Freddie Williams</i>



Now that our daughters are grown, Pat and I often have opportunities to reflect on the things we did and said while we were raising them. Some we are proud of and some we regret. One decision we have never regretted is joining Westminster and becoming a part of this church family. When they were baptized, the congregation stood and promised to support them and us in their faith journey, and that promise was kept. Mary and Jane were loved in the nursery, taught Bible stories in Sunday School, greeted after Sunday services, nurtured on youth retreats, and celebrated on their wedding days. They participated in worship, and served others during service projects and mission trips. Westminster was a wonderful place to raise children, and we are grateful.

We are glad that the tradition continues. Westminster's children still learn about God's love for us by attending Sunday School and "It's Elementary!", singing in the choir, participating in mission projects, and joining in worship. They also learn of God's love for all of his children, and to be kind and loving to everyone.

Each time children are baptized in our church, we as a congregation promise to teach, encourage, and love them, to guide them to become the people God wants them to be. Our children and young people need our prayers and our support. Sometimes that support requires our financial commitment. Many of the activities that strengthen our children's faith require personnel, materials, and travel expenses. By pledging and giving generously, we can continue to ensure that all children and families who are led to Westminster will receive the help they need to become thinking, caring, acting Christians.

Cathy Grills