

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 3, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: **And also with you.**

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT

"Ubi Caritas"

Durufé

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71:5-6, 8

Leader: You, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

People: **Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

Leader: My praise is continually of you.
My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all day long.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 370

TERRA BEATA

"This Is My Father's World"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great compassion, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness. Give us new minds and new hearts, so that we would be eager to live like Christ, forgive like Christ, serve like Christ, and love like Christ. It is in His name that we pray. 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.

Children in K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 N.T., p. 934

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 O.T., p. 609

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ben Dorr

"Endings and Beginnings"

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 Thanksgiving, Intercession, & 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 "God Be in My Head" Hopson

* 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. 722

CANONBURY

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 "God Be with You" Vaughan Williams

* POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Marcello

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Pete Sweeny
	11:15 a.m.	Brandon Norris
SPONSOR:	11:15 a.m.	Becca Donohue
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Parks McLeod, Philip Land Walter Hinton
	11:15 a.m.	David Massey, Ben Alexander Phillip Cox
LITURGIST:		Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS:	9:00 a.m.	Sallie Beth Todd
	11:15 a.m.	Lauren Ghighi

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."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Mark Kemp, tenor

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 worship, children in rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

GRAB A NAMETAG THIS SUNDAY!

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!

LET US PRAY FOR:

The family of Buddy Puckett

Sonya O'Neal and family

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 Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, February 3**. 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* (627-0725).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Members of the Youth Group will collect donations before and after both worship services **Sunday, February 10**, for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Donations will benefit United Ministries as they strive to feed the hungry in our community.

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, February 24, at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office (michelle@wpc-online.org) if you are planning to attend.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

For those who are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact Amos Workman (423-0070).

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's time for Westminster to have a new Pictorial Directory. Directory pictures will take place primarily during a three week period in March. Sign ups will become available this month. Stay tuned for more details!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

All youth are invited to join in our service project through Rise Against Hunger this **Sunday, February 3**, in the **Fellowship Hall** from **12:30-2:30 p.m.** We will eat lunch and then have fun packing 10,000 dehydrated meals for people in need in our country and beyond. Parents of youth are welcome, too!

FLOCK FELLOWSHIP

The Flock, a fellowship and education group for people in their late 30's-50's, will meet for lunch this **Sunday, February 3**, following the 11:15 a.m. worship service at **Panera Bread** (Augusta St.). No need to sign up. Just come if you can. Contact *Laura Cox* (laurawcox@gmail.com) with any questions.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, February 4**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We will study the book, The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

**WESTMINSTER/
CAROLINA HIGH EVENT**

The next Westminster/Carolina High event will be **Tuesday, February 5**, from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Meet at Carolina High School (2725 Anderson Rd.). Contact Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org) with any questions.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster's Book Club will meet **Tuesday, February 5**, to discuss the book Swing Time by Zadie Smith. We meet from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church library. Newcomers are always welcome!

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Wednesday, February 6**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *David & Anna Hanor* (9 Pimlico Rd.) for fellowship and the next installment in our series on Jesus' parables.

CHERUB CHOIR IS BACK

Westminster's choir for 4 and 5 year-olds will start back **Wednesday, February 6**, from **3:30-4:00p.m.** in **Room 207** (with the red door on the outside). Each week, children will begin to explore musical concepts of rhythm and pitch through traditional songs of faith. If you would like to sign up your child you can still register your child under the Worship and Music tabs on www.wpc-online.org. Contact Children's Choir Coordinator, Katie Knauer (kknauer@wpc-online.org), if you have questions.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, a fellowship group for adults and singles, will meet for lunch at **The Lazy Goat** (170 River Pl.), **Sunday, February 10 at 12:45 p.m.** New participants are welcome. Make reservations with *Gretta Lawson* (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008) **by Saturday, February 9.**

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

A Valentines luncheon for our Senior Adults will be held **Thursday, February 14**, at **12:30 p.m.** in **Room 209**. The cost will be \$7 per person. Those who would like may share a romantic memory, love letter, or thought. RSVP to the church office **by Monday, February 11.**

**INTERESTED IN JOINING
WESTMINSTER?**

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from **8:30-10:30 a.m.** on **Sunday, February 17**. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on **Sunday, February 17**, during the **11:15 a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

*Save the date for
VBS this summer!
Monday, August 5 -
Friday, August 9*

*Classes for ages having
completed 4K-5th grades and
volunteer opportunities
for all ages.*

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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UNITED MINISTRIES

The United Ministries food pantry is in need of nonperishable food items and hotel-sized toiletries. Items may be left in the marked cabinets located in the Friendship Court outside the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 3-9, 2019

SUNDAY

IHN arrives

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 p.m. Elder Training Class (2 of 3)
The Flock Luncheon
Youth Lunch/Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Service Project
- 5:00 p.m. APNC Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

IHN

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

TUESDAY

IHN

- 9:00 a.m. Westminster/Carolina High Staff Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. Westminster Book Club

WEDNESDAY

IHN

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:15 p.m. Youngish Adults Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

IHN

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

IHN

SATURDAY

IHN

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Copies of the 2019 Church Directory are available to church members in the Friendship Court. The MyWPC option on Westminster's website homepage (www.wpc-online.org) offers an up-to-date version of this directory. Also, the church office will supply an online version to you upon request. This is available any time so that information is at its most up-to-date. To order an online version of a directory, email Wendy Bagley in the church office at wendy@wpc-online.org.



In the words of the priest in The Princess Bride: "Marriage. Marriage is what brings us together today. Marriage, that blessed arrangement that dream within a dream. And love, true love, will follow you forever, so treasure your love."

We are supposed to love our spouse, and 1 Corinthians 13 is the chapter of love that has been recited at nearly every wedding my wife and I have been to since college. The passage describes characteristics of love that are clearly important in marriage and that should not be ignored. What I forget is that I'm supposed to love a lot more than just my spouse.

I know I don't love when my neighbor's dog barks incessantly all night. I know I don't love when the kitchen messes up my order and then makes me wait longer. I know I don't love when I don't make the sale or miss out on a great opportunity. I know I don't love when someone shares something ridiculously untrue on social media. I do know that I should love when I don't.

The late Eugene Peterson paraphrases Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist...Until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us. Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

I am reminded to love my neighbors, love strangers, and everyone in between. Muhammad Ali gave us the reminder that "he who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." Perhaps the greatest risk we might face is to love the other.

This week I remind myself to love when I'm brought to frustration, love the people who disagree with me, and love those that look, think, and act differently than me.

David Hanor

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY THEOLOGY BASICS Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

During the month of February we will be joined by The Reverend Dr. Peter Hobbie, Professor Emeritus of the Christian Religion at Presbyterian College for a comprehensive four-week adult education experience. While we value the ability to run multiple classes during our Sunday School year, Westminster Academy will provide a unique opportunity for WPC adults and visitors to learn and engage with theology together.

“Westminster Academy” will focus on basic and complex questions in Christian theology:

- February 3: The Value of Theology & a Test Case: The Doctrine of the Trinity
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- February 17: Is Humanity all that Special?
- February 24: What is the Human Problem that Demanded a Savior?

We hope you will join us as we seek to understand the world God has created and our place in it.

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Westminster Academy will meet in Room 209.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGES: GEORGIA & ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

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As such, we are proud to introduce “Westminster Pilgrimages,” an opportunity for individuals and families to embrace Christian education opportunities in the world. In 2019 the youth will kick off our pilgrimage series with a trip to the Matanzas Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. While in Cuba they will study liberation theology with theologian and pastor Ary Fernandez. We are also pleased to invite Westminster members to join us for a **Civil Rights Heritage Pilgrimage from August 1-4, 2019**. The Civil Rights Pilgrimage will tour and teach through Birmingham, Montgomery, and Atlanta and will include opportunities for theological and practical engagement. Because of the sensitive nature of the tour, we ask all interested to be at least rising third graders and above.

Our ten year pilgrimage plan includes national and international sites: Germany, Scotland, Taizé (France), Israel, Washington D.C., Greensboro, and the low country of the Carolinas. We know that as we seek to understand God’s action in our world, our hearts will soften to the needs of God’s people, and that interacting with our history and culture will lead to greater understanding of God’s plan for the Kingdom of peace.

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**A Service of Installation for Ben Dorr will be held on
Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3pm.**

All Westminster members are invited! Childcare will be provided.

What is an installation service? It is a time in the life of our congregation when we gather to recognize and affirm the call that God has placed on a particular person or persons for service to the church. When a pastor is called to serve a congregation in our denomination, the service of installation can take place as part of the church's regular morning worship, or as a separate worship service.

Foundational to our theology is the belief that all in the church have been given gifts by God to serve and follow Christ. As Paul states in 1 Corinthians 12, "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord...". The Book of Order of the PC(USA) describes it this way:

"In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish...In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as...ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry."

Installation is not a coronation. It is not a way of saying that ministers are ordained to a higher office. Indeed, when new elders begin their service on the Session at Westminster, those elders are ordained and installed as a way of recognizing and rejoicing in their call to serve Christ's church. When a minister is installed, she or he answers the same constitutional questions that our elders answer at their service of ordination/installation.

You may notice a few distinct features in the installation service on February 10th. One is that a guest minister, the Rev. Mark Ramsey, will preach. Mark and I have known each other for over 30 years. We met when I served as a youth representative on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Mark to my home church in Okemos, Michigan, in 1987. Mark then served as a mentor to me when I worked as a seminary intern at his church in Denver, Colorado in 1995.

The Rev. Steve Doughty will offer a charge to me. Steve served as the Executive Presbyter of Lake Michigan Presbytery when I was ordained in 1998. I have asked the Rev. Gordon Raynal to offer the charge to Westminster. Gordon currently serves as the Stated Clerk of our Presbytery and has known Westminster for years.

As I've told many of you, I am extraordinarily grateful to be called as the Pastor of Westminster. Our family has been overwhelmed with the welcome and hospitality you have extended to us. It is a joy to serve among you, and I hope that you will be able to attend this special worship service in our life together.

In Christ,

Ben

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In Christ,

Ben

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Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3pm.**

All Westminster members are invited! Childcare will be provided.

What is an installation service? It is a time in the life of our congregation when we gather to recognize and affirm the call that God has placed on a particular person or persons for service to the church. When a pastor is called to serve a congregation in our denomination, the service of installation can take place as part of the church's regular morning worship, or as a separate worship service.

Foundational to our theology is the belief that all in the church have been given gifts by God to serve and follow Christ. As Paul states in 1 Corinthians 12, "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord...". The Book of Order of the PC(USA) describes it this way:

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