

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12, 2019
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the morning light, O God, may I glimpse again your image deep within me and the threads of eternal glory woven into the fabric of every man and woman. Again may I catch sight of the mystery of the human soul - fashioned in your likeness, deeper than knowing, more enduring than time. And in glimpsing these threads of light amidst the weakness and distortions of my life, let me be recalled to the beauty deep in my soul. Let me be recalled to the strength and beauty of your image in every living soul.

-J. Philip Newell

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "Hymn of Promise" Sleeth

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 36:7-9

Leader: Among the poor, the proud, the persecuted, and privileged,
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
Leader: In the private hours, public place, wedding feast, and judgment hall,
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
Leader: With a gentle touch, an angry word, a clear conscience, and a burning love,
People: Christ is coming to make all things new.
Leader: That the kingdom might come, the world might believe, the powerful might stumble, and the hidden might be seen,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new. Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 409 "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who shepherds us, you are always true to us in love, but you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, and for our failure to cherish creation. Teach us the way of true discipleship, so that we may grow ever in the likeness of Christ our Lord. 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.

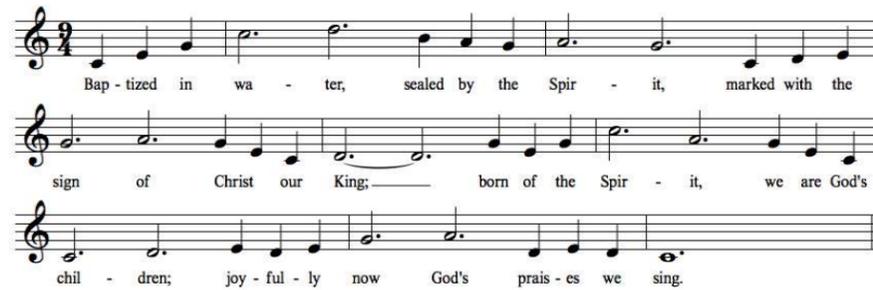
At 11:15 a.m. worship, children in K5-First grade leave for Children's Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:00 William Richardson Hipp, Jr. Keller Pressley Woodard

Presentation
Questions to the Parents
* Question to the Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Prayer

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Welcome and Congregational Response



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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Philippians 4:7-9 N.T., p. 955

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 9:36-43 N.T., p. 894

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Mary Kathleen Ducan

"Ordinary Disciples"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* 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; he descended into hell; 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER Fishel

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Offertory 9:00 Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

Anthem 11:15 "How Lovely are the Messengers" Mendelssohn

* 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

WELCOMING OF THE 2019 CLASS OF CONFIRMANDS 11:15

Catherine Douglas Alexander Mary Catherine Lantz
Luke Marshall Beasley Anna Jewel Major
Carleigh McKinnon Bultz Ava Catherine Major
William Sinton Cobb, V James Cain McCall
Wiley Miller Crittenden, IV Heather Elizabeth Meece
Murray Elizabeth Freedman William Chandler McMaster, IV
James Mitchener Gray Julia Mandell Price
Garrison Page Hill Emma Elizabeth Shurley
Tyler Joseph Hohmann Anna Foster Smith
Avery Hampton Howard

Constitutional Questions

Baptism Carleigh McKinnon Bultz

The Blessing

Anthem "Think on These Things" Patterson

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The Welcome

Elder: These young people, by publicly professing their faith have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the Church.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.

* HYMN No. 757 "Today We are Called to be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 "Gaelic Benediction" Ulrich

* POSTLUDE "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Pachelbel

*All who are able may stand

Table with 3 columns: Role, Time, Name. Includes HEAD USHERS, SPONSORS, GREETERS, LITURGIST, LAY READERS, and ACOLYTES.

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
11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir
Ellis McLarty, cellist

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Angie Falls and family
Janie Little and family
The Family of Pat Miller

All 2019 Confirmands and their mentors will gather at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, May 12, in the Entrance Pavilion for pictures and service instructions.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Celebrating Mother's Day with a gift to Presbyterian Communities of SC is a long standing tradition for SC Presbyterian churches. PCSC consists of five retirement facilities located throughout the state. The offering benefits residents who need financial assistance during their last years. Envelopes for this annual offering are located in the Ritual of Friendship folders. Make checks payable to WPC and designate them for PCSC. For information about PCSC, go to www.prescommunities.org.

BAPTISMS

This morning we welcome the following into our fellowship at 9:00 a.m. worship:
- William Richardson Hipp, Jr., son of Will & Candice Hipp.
- Keller Pressley Woodard, son of Chris & Kelly Woodard, brother of Sawyer, Compton, and August.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Janie Little on the death of her mother, Peg Ranson, on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Charlotte.

In Memoriam

Patricia R. Miller
2/7/1951 - 5/1/2019

"I am the resurrection and the life."

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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, May 14, at 6:30 a.m. in the Women's Lounge. This semester we are studying Lee Hull Moses's book, More Than Enough: Living Abundantly In a Culture of Excess. Questions? Contact Kathleen Reynolds (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Senior Adults are invited to celebrate Victoria Day with a luncheon on Tuesday, May 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 209. Lunch is \$7 per person. Bring or wear something Victorian! Reservations must be made by Friday, May 17 with the church office.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Save the date for our year-end celebration on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blount Home (15 Victory Ave.). We'll discuss one last parable and celebrate the Spring. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Low Country Boil at Brewery 85 on June 2!

NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: Adult Sunday School April 28-May 19

We at Westminster believe that education is essential for discipleship, and hope that what you learn in this place will transform your living beyond our doors.

This year we will end our program year together with a unified class co-taught by Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey. We hope you will come explore "the life everlasting" with us!

The Life Everlasting: Exploring Heaven, Hell, and Everything in Between Room 209 Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey

Join Ben and Leigh for a trip through the afterlife. We'll consider biblical texts, cultural inventions, and our enduring fascination with what lies beyond. "The Life Everlasting" began April 28 and will run through May 19. Topics include:

- Resurrection and Easter
Hell, Hades, and Sheol
The Second Coming and Judgment Day
Paradise and the Kingdom of God

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, May 14

- Circle #5: will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Entrance Pavilion for their Spring luncheon. Circle Leader: Ilene Schlacht, rischlacht@att.net.
Circle #3: will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Diane Hughs (118 Melbourne Ln.) Circle Leader: Dee Malone, dee05m@gmail.com.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, a fellowship group for adults and singles, will meet for lunch at PF Chang's (1127 Woodruff Rd.), on Sunday, May 19, at 1:00 p.m. New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with Gretta Lawson by May 17 (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008).

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Women of Westminster offer scholarships to provide financial aid among our college and graduate student membership. Any Westminster member who will be furthering their education in the fall is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the church office or online at www.wpc-online.org. Applicants may contact LeAnne White (leannejw@charter.net) with any questions. The deadline is Friday, June 28, 2019. Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

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CHURCH STAFF

Table listing church staff members including Pastor Ben Dorr, Associate Pastors Barbara Stoop and Leigh Stuckey, Parish Associate for Older Adults Amos Workman, Music Director Mark Kemp, Children's Choir Coordinator Kathryn Knauer, Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Dillard, Organist Nancy Smith, Weekday School Director Cara Puntch, Financial Secretary Sherri Owens, Office Manager Michelle Little, Secretary Wendy Bagley, Director of Nurseries Janell Pitman, Director of Hospitality Lisa Ridge, and Building Supervisor Steve Phillips.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12 - 18, 2019

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class Reception
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. PW Circle #5 Spring Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3

WEDNESDAY

- Men's Retreat at Camp Thornwell
9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
6:00 p.m. Divorce Support Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- Men's Retreat at Camp Thornwell
10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

- Men's Retreat at Camp Thornwell

SATURDAY

- Men's Retreat at Camp Thornwell
Foothills Presbytery Meeting at WPC
10:00 a.m. Hiking Group

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the June 2 Harbinger.

Name: _____
School: _____



In church as in life, some things make more sense than others. I always appreciated the straightforward words of the Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." That's a good line. It's easy to understand, and it rhymes just right when you sing the whole thing out. The benediction on the other hand always confused me. When I was a kid, our pastor read it to include the phrase "...may the Lord make his countenance to shine upon you...." Many years passed before I knew what a "countenance" was. And even then it was confusing. I mean, if I can't see God's face, how would I know if it was shining upon me?

It's May now and the weather is wonderful. The birds and bees are in the air, and the deluge of pollen is over. We can walk outside and see nature in full bloom, quite literally. The other day I was early with my morning routine, so I sat on the back porch for a few spare minutes before work. As my neighbors can tell you, our back yard is not the best manicured yard on the street. The grass is always a mess, ever since we've had two dogs to tear it up. (Some say the problem goes back further than that.) I noticed weeds that need pulling, hedges that need trimming and paint on the garage that needs refreshing. And yet somehow it was all perfect. The air was cool, the early sunlight was streaming down and nature was all around, perfect in its imperfection, weeds and all. It was a scene and a moment that reminded me how beautiful the world can be, and how thankful we should be for it. It seemed, at that moment, the countenance of the Lord was shining upon me.

And if I still don't know precisely what that means, that's also perfect. Some things are true and real and right, even if we don't fully understand them. I think maybe the Lord wants it to be that way.

Bill Taylor

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