

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

TRINITY SUNDAY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, and grant us one mind and one heart, so that we may show the unity of your church and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. Jones

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 1:8*

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
People: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.
Leader: I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord.
People: Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 1 NICEA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, choose easy and self-serving paths, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, so that we may serve you faithfully, work for justice, and spread your compassion to all. In Christ’s name 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.

Rising K5 & 1st Graders are invited to Children’s Church.

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 8 O.T., p. 427

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 5:1-5 N.T., p. 917

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Ben Dorr

“What Kind of God?”

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 *Hymn No. 288*

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

OFFERING

Offertory “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Rosewall

* 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. 69 “Here I Am, Lord” HERE I AM

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 582* Vasile

“Glory to God”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER: Joe Frasher
SPONSOR: Christa Likes
GREETERS: Phillip Cox, Ashley Gettys
Elizabeth McElveen
LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop
LAY READER: Jean Parker
ACOLYTES: Anna Puntch, Zach Warren

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

Derek Pitman, directing

SUMMER CHOIR

Anthems during the summer months are led by Westminster’s Summer Choir, which rehearses at **9:15 a.m.** every Sunday in the Choir Room. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Mark Kemp (mkemp@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room** on **Monday, June 17.** Amos Workman will lead the discussion of a Frederick Buechner novel, Brendan. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Thursday, June 20, at 5:15 p.m.** for Happy Hour at Farmhouse Pizza (1813 Laurens Rd.) and **Late Night**, starring Emma Thompson and Mindy Kaling, at Cherrydale Cinemas (3221 N. Pleasantburg). Email Leigh (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) to reserve your ticket.

ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE

A few spots remain for our Civil Rights Pilgrimage thru Atlanta, Birmingham, and Montgomery from **August 1-4.** Contact Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org) to sign up or with questions.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site again this year for “*The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale.*” Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. Deadline for drop off is **July 26.** For more information and **a listing of items that are and are not accepted,** visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

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, June 18, 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.

JUMPAHEAD

With the start of our summer worship schedule of one worship service at **10:00 a.m.**, the children at Westminster will *"jump ahead"* a grade for the summer months. Among other things, this means that those currently in 4K Sunday School will begin attending the first part of the worship service with their families, then will leave with one of the ministers for Children's Church. This also means that those finishing 1st grade will no longer attend Children's Church and will begin staying through the entire service. Look for backpacks for the rising 4K group available in the Sanctuary Atrium beginning Sunday, June 9, and children's worship packets for the older children to aid their worship experience.

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.

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

PARENTS, CHILDREN, and ALL WESTMINSTER MEMBERS SIGN UP TODAY!

Monday, June 24 at 5:45 PM is the retirement dinner for Barbara Stoop. We would like as many children to attend as possible to celebrate the wonderful children's ministry Barbara has provided at Westminster. The children in "It's Elementary!" have made things to share at the dinner, as well as practiced songs to sing. We will even have a mock Bible Bowl between children and parents. Dinner will be chicken fingers, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, rolls and brownies.

Sign up on the church website, www.wpc-online.org. A nursery is available for children ages 3 and under.

And children, bring your families with you. There will be fun for everyone.

Remember these dates:

Monday, June 24 Church dinner celebrating Barbara, 5:45 pm.
Sunday, June 30 Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster

Barbara's ministry at Westminster has touched all of our lives. Join us in celebrating her thirty-one years at Westminster Presbyterian.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16 - 22, 2019

SUNDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte (departs at 2:30 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:15 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte
 6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte

THURSDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte
 6:30 p.m. Youngish Adults Group
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Middler Mission Trip to Charlotte (returns at 5:00 p.m.)

THE SESSION

The Class of 2020

<i>Ben Alexander</i>	<i>Michael Hoffman</i>
<i>Rita Barker</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
<i>Roxanne Cromartie</i>	<i>Coleman Kirven</i>
<i>Becca Donohue</i>	<i>Christa Likes</i>
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The Class of 2022

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<i>Brian Blount</i>	<i>Ashley Gettys</i>
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<i>Brandon Coker</i>	<i>Susan Jones</i>
<i>Bob Dellert</i>	<i>Becky Warth</i>



PARI PASSU

Through the years, I held onto a considerable chunk of my childhood memorabilia. From station to station, I carried along a cardboard box of important things. The box was irregularly ordered with evidence of athletic achievements, report cards, random correspondence, photos of prom dates and soccer teams, newspaper clippings, a poem that was once published in a magazine, programs from graduations and ceremonies I had attended. All the good days, never the bad.

In the way people today catalogue, or at least curate, their lives through Instagram, Facebook, and the like, I had curated the early part of mine in a box that I kept in the attic.

Recently, I threw the box and its contents in the trash.

It was time. Past time. No time right or wrong, but just time. There was no vanity for me in these belongings, apart from their being a record of my existence. Existence, of course, being its own vanity. But as I unceremoniously dumped them into the trash bin, it occurred to me that I, alone, and no one other than me, was even capable of caring about the collective contents of that box. I had been the only one. And at that moment, I was no longer.

It is said that the universe, all of creation, is no small thing. It is said that it goes on forever. It is said that somehow through tricks with time and space, the universe not only goes on forever, but is also constantly expanding. It only took the vacuousness of a curbside trash bin to swallow up evidence of a considerable portion of my existence. I shudder to imagine what the whole of creation will do with the remainder of my earthly being. In the face of the monstrousness that is an infinite universe, what is the value of my time and toil here on earth?

In Psalm 8, the psalmist asks God, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them." The self-same psalmist answers by declaring that God has crowned us with glory and honor and given us dominion over all of creation. Dominion. Not just control, but we are also given responsibility and a considerable one at that. I look around and wonder if indeed we are up to the task. I don't mean just the planet and whether we are acting responsibly with it. Though I do wonder about that. I also mean the people who inhabit the planet. Are we acting responsibly with ourselves?

We are told in Genesis that God's desire for creation is that it be fruitful. Under our dominion, it is incumbent on us then to work toward making life on earth flourish for each of us, the strong and the weak, the young and the old, the haves and the have-nots – for all the children of God.

In that way, as I go along in my life now, I want to ask the value of the things that I collect in my box. Do they make life on earth flourish? Or are they collected for my benefit alone?

Scott Clark