

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PREPARATION FOR THE DAY**

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;*

*God be in my eyes, and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart, and in my thinking;*

*God be at my end, and at my departing.*

*Sarum Primer, c. 1514.*

**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 "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 92*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

People: **At the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess the times we have done nothing to advance your kingdom, the times we have hoped or assumed that the kingdom of God happens without us sowing seeds. We are sorry for thinking we are too busy or too insignificant to do your work in the world. Sometimes we work hard to make your kingdom come on earth, yet we see few results. We confess we get discouraged when the world does not respond as we think it should. Forgive our impatience, as well as our laziness, and the busy lives we use as an excuse not to serve you. Give us courage to work for the coming of your kingdom and patience to wait for your time. In Jesus' 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.*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:6-13 O.T., p. 598

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 8:4-15 N.T., p. 840

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Barbara Stoop

"The Ranks of Haphazard Gardeners"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF BARBARA STOOP

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 "I Thank My God" 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. 826 CRUCIFER

"Lift High the Cross"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

\* 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: Pete Sweeny

SPONSOR: Jon McKnight

GREETERS: Anna Hanor, Pete Roe

Phillip Cox

LITURGIST: Ben Dorr

LAY READER: Cris Crain

ACOLYTES: Laney Palmer, Louisa Palmer

**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](http://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*

**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!

**HONORING BARBARA STOOP**

Sunday, June 30, 2019 will be Barbara Stoop's last Sunday at Westminster. Her ministry has touched all of our lives. Join us in celebrating her thirty-one years at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**SENIOR HIGH CUBA MISSION**

Please keep our Senior High Youth in your prayers this week as they continue their Service + Learning Pilgrimage in Cuba. Today they are worshipping with our sister congregation in the community of Unión de Reyes. They have already spent some time with First Presbyterian Church of Havana and at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas. Those traveling in Cuba from June 26-July 3 are: *Grace Beasley, Abby Cavallo, Hughes Clark, Mary Kathleen Duncan, Kate Edmondson, Addison Godwin, Eli Gosnell, Morgan Key, Camille Kirven, Mike Rayneri, Anna Sanders, Emma Skelton, Davis Usher, and Laura Williams.*

**MARRIAGE**

On Saturday, June 22, 2019, *Liza Quinn* and *Thomas Christy* were united in marriage at Westminster.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS**

Pick up a new Children's Worship Packet each week to find puzzles and activities that go along with the sermon for that week. There are activities for children of all ages, plus a little surprise in each packet. Get them before worship and return the bag to the large basket following worship.

**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](http://www.greenvilleliteracy.org).

**YOUNGISH ADULTS**

Join us **Monday, July 8**, at **11:30 a.m.** for **Top Golf** (201 Clifton Acres). Space is limited so reserve your spot today by contacting Leigh (lstuckey@wpc-online.org). And mark your calendars to see the Drive take on the Columbia Fireflies on **Sunday, July 21**, at **3:05 p.m.**

**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, July 15**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Julia Bellew* will lead the discussion of White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism, by Robin DiAngelo. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

**MEN OF WESTMINSTER**

The Men of the Church are planning an outing to the Greenville Drive game on **Tuesday, July 16**, at **7:00 p.m.** Sign up through the church office by **Wednesday, July 10**, so tickets can be purchased. The cost is \$16 (payable to Amos Workman).

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. Our next meeting will be **August 6** and we will discuss the book, The Overstory, by Richard Powers. This is a bestselling, impassioned novel about trees and the way they impact the lives of nine strangers.

**SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS**

**Waffle Cone Wednesdays**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m. (Middlers)**  
**7:30-8:30 p.m. (Senior Highs)**

*July 10*  
*July 17*  
*July 31*  
*August 7*

**Senior High Service & Lunch**

*July 9 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)*

**Middler Mission Day**

*July 11 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)*

**Senior High Youth Conference @Montreat (registration closed)**

*July 21-27*

**Drive Game for ALL Youth**

*August 2*

**Middler Bowling**

*August 8*

**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.

**THE HARBINGER WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 30 - July 7, 2019

**SUNDAY**

*Senior High Cuba Mission trip*  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:15 a.m. After Worship Reception for Barbara Stoop  
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

*Senior High Cuba Mission trip*  
 6:15 p.m. NAMI  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

*Senior High Cuba Mission trip*  
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting  
 Al-Anon  
 1:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

*Senior High return from Cuba Mission trip*

**THURSDAY**

*Weekday School closed*  
*Church Office closed*  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

*Weekday School closed*

**THE SESSION**

**The Class of 2020**

<i>Ben Alexander</i>	<i>Michael Hoffman</i>
<i>Rita Barker</i>	<i>Steve Johnson</i>
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<i>Scott Clark</i>	<i>Anna Hanor</i>
<i>Brandon Coker</i>	<i>Susan Jones</i>
<i>Bob Dellert</i>	<i>Becky Warth</i>



**THANKS WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH, SO PAY IT FORWARD**

*"10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."*  
 Isaiah 55:10-13

First responders are vital in our lives. They help us in times of extreme need, a reassuring presence when our world is turned upside down. They save lives every day in ways big and small, and we are grateful.

For me, the "first responder" who saved my life starting 23 years ago was the Rev. Barbara Stoop. Many at Westminster know that my wife Elaine died in the autumn of 1996. But few know the role Barb played in saving my life, my daughter's life and – by extension – the life I now cherish with Kathy and our son Robby.

It was Barb who counseled our seven-year-old daughter Rachel in the days leading up to Elaine's passing at Duke University Medical Center.

After learning of Elaine's death on the morning of Oct. 30, 1996, Barb – who was good friends with my wife – somehow found the strength to soldier through It's Elementary that afternoon ... with Rachel in attendance. Barb never let the children sense what terrible news she carried.

It was Barb who stayed with Rachel at church as I drove back from Durham. With Barb at my side, I told our little girl that Mommy had gone to heaven and wasn't coming back.

From that point, Barb was a constant and soothing presence in our lives. A few weeks after Elaine's death, Barb and her sons Matt and Charlie helped us decorate our Christmas tree, a task that was more heart-wrenching than it sounds.

Barb helped Rachel and me cope with the loss, shining a light where none seemed possible. Throughout 1997 and much of 1998, our families bonded over meals, movies and fellowship.

All the while, Barb was spreading the Gospel of God's love with humility, grace and devotion. She – along with Lud, Jean and the late Dan Hughs – helped me grow closer to Christ and opened my heart to God's wondrous gifts. I became a Sunday school teacher, a middle school youth group counselor and a session member.

As surely as if she had dashed into a burning building, Barb Stoop saved me. To this day, she is a spiritual advisor, confidante and close friend.

How does anyone repay such a debt? Well, no one can. But in Isaiah 55:10-13, the author tells us that the spiritual seeds we spread are a memorial to God's grace and love.

Barb Stoop has been a joyful sower throughout her ministry, and we at Westminster have reaped mightily from her love and devotion. As Barb steps away, let us show our gratitude by paying it forward thereby sowing more seeds so that God's kingdom will flourish.

*Mark Matlock*

**VBS 2019**

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!**

This summer's Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!

**Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9**  
**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Sign up soon so we will know who is coming!  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/wpcvbs19>

Registration Deadline: **Monday, July 15.**

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