

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

You are God, high, lifted up, majestic. As we say, ‘Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory... forever.’ You are high and lifted up; it dazzled us that you work your will through human agents — those whom you call and chose and empower, even the weak, the lowly, the nobodies. You are high and lifted up; it stuns us that you have worked your will through such human agents as David, the runt of his family, almost left behind and forgotten, and you called him to power and obedience and success. You are high and lifted up; it staggers us that you have worked your will through this Jesus of Nazareth, he of no pedigree, he of no form or comeliness... You are high and lifted up; it astonishes us that you work your will through human agents like us, people of little consequence and limited capacity. You call us beyond ourselves; you send us beyond our imagination; you empower us beyond our capacity, and we become your agents in the world, day by day doing justice and mercy and compassion.”

—Walter Brueggemann, *Prayers for a Privileged People*

#### 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 “On Eagle’s Wings” arr. Hayes

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 90:1-2, 126:3*

Leader: The Lord is our eternal dwelling;

People: **from age to age, the Lord is our God.**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us;

People: **therefore we will rejoice!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 331 NATIONAL HYMN  
“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, despite your grace, we often find discipleship cumbersome. You have called us to continue Christ’s mission to our broken world, yet we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, and obstinate than obedient. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us. Remove the obstacles which prevent us from full participation in your Kingdom, and awaken our hearts to the gift of your Spirit. We pray this in Christ’s name. 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 2:7-11 O.T., p. 425

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13 O.T., p. 226

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Leigh Stuckey

“Get Your Heart Right”

## 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. 473*

“Shepherd Me, O God”

**Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

### OFFERING

Offertory “And the Father Will Dance” Hayes

\* 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. 697 HENDON

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 582* Whalum

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

\* POSTLUDE

*\*All who are able may stand*

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER: Bryan Key  
SPONSOR: Ben Edwards  
GREETERS: Bob Dellert, Brandon Coker  
Mike Hall  
LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan  
LAY READER: Lauren Ghighi  
ACOLYTE: Clarissa Hart

### 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.

### SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Whit Walker* on the death of his mother, Jo Hamilton Holt, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, in Bessemer, AL.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**JULY 21, 11:00 A.M.**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, July 21**, immediately following our **10:00 a.m.** worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the APNC’s recommendation for our new Associate Pastor for Children. Per Presbytery policy, the name of the proposed candidate cannot be revealed until the congregational meeting takes place. If you are in town on July 21, please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our church!

### THANK YOU!!!!

I want to send my sincere thanks for the love and generous gifts everyone shared with me at my retirement dinner and at worship this past Sunday. My family and I have felt very supported and cared for in the past 31 years. It has been an honor to spend my ministry together with such a caring group of people. I am so excited to see where the Holy Spirit will lead this amazing Westminster congregation in the years to come, and I will keep you in my heart and prayers as I begin this new stage of my life.

*Barbara*

### BIRTH

A daughter, *Mary Alice Evans*, was born to Clay & Hayley Evans on Saturday, June 29, 2019 in Greenville.

### HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, July 7**. The screenings will take place in the **Friendship Court** following the **10:00 a.m.** service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Tim Miller* (627-0725).

### 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.

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**LET US PRAY FOR:**

*Whit Walker and family*

**YOUNGISH ADULTS**

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

**CONNECTIONS**

Connections will meet for brunch/lunch at **Larkin's on the River** (318 S. Main), **Sunday, July 14 at 11:45 a.m.** New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with *Gretta Lawson* by July 13 (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008).

**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.

**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.

**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, July 9, at 6:00 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.

**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).

**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*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 7 - 13, 2019

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Health Ministry  
11:30 a.m. Youngish Adults Group  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

9:00 a.m. Middler Mission Day  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**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.



*"You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

Psalm 2:9

If you look at the definition of vessel shapes and features in a pottery diagram, and more so the variety of forms, I believe mankind could be represented in this way. Pottery is the process of forming vessels using different materials that are shaped and fired into a hard, durable form. The beauty of a piece of pottery is that not one is exactly alike, like each of us. I imagine at times while the most perfect piece can be created, a potter may feel frustrated that one might not end up the way the potter had planned, resulting in shattering the mold to then start over.

What about God? How might He feel at times when we try to do "life" on our own and constantly need do overs? Even the rulers on this earth, when denying God's influence, will fall short. There is no truer love and consistent presence than God.

Our ever-changing world and inconsistent notions on this earth can make us feel uncertain at times. Even so, we can have peace and comfort knowing that we are all in the race together, striving to continuously be molded into a form that is pleasing to God and encouraging to one another...no matter the shape, size, color or number of cracks along the way.

Tonya Cochran