

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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. Amen.

Maria Ware, 1798 C.E.

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. Wood

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 80:1-3*

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: **Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 65 CWM RHONDDA

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving and forgiving God, let your loving-kindness spread over our ways and our world. We know we have fallen short of your way, and done much to hurt others in this world. We have neglected justice, we have judged our neighbors, we have ignored our greed, and we have loved possessions more than people. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Remake our hearts and our hands so that they would resemble the hands and heart of Jesus. Help us to be stubborn about working for peace, to be resilient when loving our enemy, and to be faithful when carrying our neighbor's cross. We ask it all in the name of Christ our Savior. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Reagan Caye Hall
Hampton Reed Hawkins*

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

* Question to the Congregation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Congregational Response

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:29-34, 39-40 N.T., p. 978

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 2:1-12 O.T., p. 265

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ben Dorr

"The End of the Story"

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. 29

"O God, You Search Me"

*O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Anthem "All Shall Be Amen" arr. Keesecker

* 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. 463

FOUNDATION

"How Firm a Foundation"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn No. 740

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

* POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Berry

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER:

Ross Glidewell

SPONSOR:

Gaye Sprague

GREETERS:

Kristin Burrell, Bob Dellert

Christa Likes

LITURGIST:

Mary Kathleen Duncan

ACOLYTE:

Tesla Campbell

LAY READER:

Jordan Smith

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:

*Betty Bennett, guest 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!

LET US PRAY FOR:

Hank Sanders & family

Millie Thomasson & family

Emmy Holt & family

The Family of Margaret Sherwood

The Family of Elizabeth Lindsay

BAPTISMS

This morning we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- *Reagan Caye Hall*, daughter of Ryan & Kelsey Hall.
- *Hampton Reed Hawkins*, son of Daniel & Kaitlan Hawkins.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, June 22, 2019, *Georgia Haas* and *Graham Paylor* were united in marriage in Greenville.

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On Saturday, August 10, 2019, *Mary Kovarik* and *Andrew Paylor* were united in marriage in Greenville.

IHN

This week we welcome to Westminster families who are experiencing temporary homelessness. Thank you to the 30+ WPC members who are serving and helping empower families in our community who are on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. GAIHN + United Ministries, now joined together as one agency, are working more effectively to strategically engage congregations help with this endeavor. United Ministries helps provide educational opportunities, employment readiness services, emergency assistance and interim housing. Questions? Contact IHN Coordinators *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), *Julia Bellew* (jbellew@gmail.com), or *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com).

In Memoriam

Margaret Rains Sherwood

1/23/1922 - 8/5/2019

*"I am the resurrection
and the life."*

In Memoriam

Carol Elizabeth Lindsay

8/19/1943 - 8/10/2019

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and the life."*

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER
CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE
OPPORTUNITY**

In town this Labor Day weekend? Join us to pack 15,000 meals for communities worldwide. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. On **Sunday, September 1**, they will bring the elements necessary to pack food kits following the **10:00 a.m.** worship service. All ages and stages are invited. We'll have refreshments. The event should take 1.5 hours. Sign up at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/rise-against-hunger/>.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Interested in what Women of Westminister are doing? Contact the church office or *LeAnne White* (leannejw@charter.net) to be added to the email distribution list to keep up to date with monthly volunteer opportunities in our community and with special events throughout the year!

MOVIE GROUP

Westminster's Movie Group welcomes anyone who enjoys seeing good movies and having lively discussions. Members attend a movie and then enjoy dinner together to discuss the movie and have social time. Occasionally movies are shown at the church. Our first meeting will be **Sunday, August 25**. The movie has not been selected yet because the movie schedules are uncertain. If you are interested in joining us, please contact *Susan Robbins* (jamrobbins@aol.com) to be added to our email list.

PRIDE & PRESBYTERIANS

LGBTQ members of Westminister are invited to attend a fellowship gathering at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27**, at **Tipsy Taco** off of Augusta St. (15 Conestee Ave.). First round is on us! Questions? Contact *Ellis Bellew* (ellisbellew@gmail.com).

**THEOLOGY
READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, August 19**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Ellie Hammond* will lead the discussion of Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR
REGISTRATIONS**

The beginning of the school year brings the return of Westminister's Children's Choirs! The Junior Choristers (grades 1-2) and the Senior Choristers (grades 3-5) meet each Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:15 following the It's Elementary program. In addition to leading in worship with music several times during the year, these choirs present the annual Christmas musical in December, a spring musical, and the Senior Choristers take turns serving as acolytes at the beginning of worship services. To register your child, please visit the events registration page of www.wpc-online.org. Contact Mark Kemp (mkemp@wpc-online.org or Katie Knauer (kknauer@wpc-online.org) for more information.

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Music is an important way to communicate with young children, even before they are able to sing along. First Steps in Music is a new opportunity coming this fall to Westminister that provides important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child. Led by Westminister member *Diana Dailey*, the First Steps classes teach simple songs, games, and prayers for 2-3 year olds and adults to experience together, and that can also be used at home. Two weekly classes are offered for either **4:00 p.m.** or **5:00 p.m.** on Sunday afternoons, beginning **September 29** and ending **November 24**. Additional childcare may be arranged for the 5:00 p.m. class through the church office. For more information, email Mark Kemp, Music Director (mkemp@wpc-online.org). Additional classes will be offered in 2020. Sign up online, (Grand Parent and child together, at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/first-steps-in-music/>).

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-  instagram.com/wpcgreenville
-  youtube.com/wpcgreenville
-  gplus.to/wpc

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 18 - 24, 2019

SUNDAY

IHN arrives
9:00 a.m. Back to School Breakfast
(serving lines open at 8:45 a.m.)
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Stated Session Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

IHN
6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

IHN
First Day of Weekday School
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon

WEDNESDAY

IHN
2:30 p.m. It's Elementary Volunteer Orientation Meeting

THURSDAY

IHN
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

IHN

SATURDAY

IHN
Youth Fall Kick-Off Retreat

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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<i>Brandon Coker</i>	<i>Susan Jones</i>
<i>Bob Dellert</i>	<i>Becky Warth</i>



Faith is such a curious thing. We all like the feel-good reassurance of the phrase "let go and let God." And yeah, the word looks nice in arabesque letters on a powder room wall; but what does it really mean?

The faithfulness described in the Old Testament does not seem like something you would use as decorative wall art. In addition to the strict obedience, risky sacrifice and generations of uncertain anticipation, it often required bloodshed. Living by faith can be difficult and we don't always get it right.

I find that I tend to lose faith because I am afraid, selfish, distracted, tired, or prideful. Usually it is just a passing thought; however, there are big moments when I really struggle with the call to live in faith. This questioning often happens when I am on my drive home, listening to NPR, and hear of another mass shooting, global crisis, or squabble between our elected officials. Ultimately, these moments bring me closer to God – but not by my own doing – and the outcome is never what I expect. Our Messiah came from a lineage of faithful kings, and yet, even in their disobedience, and ours, God provided salvation.

The struggle of early biblical faith came in part from expectation, the promise of what was still to come: faith in a foretold ruler coming to end slavery and champion the everyman. Our struggle is supposed to be different. The Messiah was born and is still alive. And yet, here I am, waiting for what I think is supposed to happen. But what if faith is about something better, what if it brings freedom every day? Freedom to love, help, and make change in the world now. When I struggle with my belief I lean in, rest in the moment, listen and then respond. For me faith becomes a mantra, a constant meditation through Christ, and something to spur me on to action. God grants the strength and also the grace for the times when we fall short; all we have to do is rest in his promise and embrace our role in it.

Jordan O. Smith