

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 “Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above” arr. Page

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 71*

Leader: O Lord, you are my hope.  
I have trusted in you from my youth.

People: **Upon you I have leaned from my birth.  
My praise is continually of you.**

Leader: My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all day long.

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 610 AZMON  
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Good and gracious God, we confess that we have forgotten who and whose we are. We strive for perfection when you ask us for faithfulness. We pretend to have control when you ask us to let go. We hedge our bets every day, holding back hope when you ask us to trust in your abundant and steadfast love. Forgive our tired ways, O Lord. Fill our flimsy imaginations with your Spirit of truth, beauty, and grace. Give us the courage to be your new creation. Make us eager with our generosity and radical with our hospitality so that your good news would be spread throughout the world. 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 1 Kings 17:1-6 O.T., p. 282

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:22-25 N.T., p. 847

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“Consider the Ravens”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER *Hymn No. 29*

“O God, You Search Me and You Know 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 Offertory “Hallelujah” arr. Potter

\* 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. 837 SHOWALTER  
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* 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

*\*All who are able may stand*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HEAD USHER:** Ross Glidewell  
**SPONSOR:** Ben Edwards  
**GREETERS:** Ashley Gettys, Ben Edwards  
Catherine Pollock  
**LITURGIST:** Lauren Slingerland  
**ACOLYTE:** Charlie Rowan  
**LAY READER:** McLean Hicklin

**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*

*Shelden Timmerman, directing*

**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*

**FALL**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. (with no Sunday School) will conclude Sunday, September 1. **On Sunday, September 8, we will kick off our new Sunday School year with worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 11:15 a.m.**

**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’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, August 27, 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* ([kathleenreynolds@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenreynolds@yahoo.com), 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER**

Interested in what Women of Westminster are doing? Contact the church office or *LeAnne White* ([leannejw@charter.net](mailto: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 this **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 Westminster 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.). Questions? Contact *Ellis Bellew* (ellisbellew@gmail.com).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, August 28**, at **noon** in **Room 211**. Group Leader: *Mary Ann Cox* (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will resume **Wednesday, September 11**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. This is a small group that enjoys working on any needle art such as sewing, knitting, smocking, crochet, needlepoint and other projects. We would love to have you join us while you work on your project or just join us for the companionship of this small group. For any questions contact *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Senior Adults are invited to wear your school colors and join together for the 2nd Annual Fan Appreciation Day. Join us **Tuesday, September 17**, at **12:30 p.m.** in **Room 209**. Lunch is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made by **Thursday, September 12**, with the church office.

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.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library**. For **September 3**, the book will be the very popular *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. For the **October 1** meeting, the group will read *Haunting Bombay*, a novel by Shilpa Agarwal. Join us!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
REGISTRATIONS

The beginning of the school year brings the return of Westminster'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](http://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 Westminster that provides important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child. Led by Westminster 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 25 - 31, 2019

SUNDAY

IHN departs

Youth Fall Kick-Off Retreat

9:00 a.m. Education Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting

3:00 p.m. It's Elementary

4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Chorister  
Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

THE SESSION

The Class of 2020

*Ben Alexander*

*Rita Barker*

*Roxanne Cromartie*

*Becca Donohue*

*Lee Freeman*

*Mike Hall*

*Michael Hoffman*

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*Coleman Kirven*

*Christa Likes*

*Jon McKnight*

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*Pete Roe*

*Gaye Sprague*

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*Scott Clark*

*Brandon Coker*

*Bob Dellert*

*Michael Dixon*

*Ben Edwards*

*Ashley Gettys*

*Anna Hanor*

*Susan Jones*

*Becky Warth*



I felt an Abrahamic chuckle emanating from within me upon looking up the selected passage from Luke this week: "God, you want *me* to share a few words on the topic of worry?"

The past decade plus change has seen me plunge from the comparatively worry-free days of college life into an adulthood filled with worries and anxiety-producing moments. And, that is *before* adding two young children to the mix!

From this backdrop, I approached this passage from Luke 12 as one speaking of "worry" in a broad sense and from the mindset of what it says about how I personally should respond to worrisome thoughts. With the help of some great resources from our church library, I've discovered commentary from others that greatly changes how I approach this passage.

Coming as it does on the heels of the parable of the rich fool, the "worry" of our passage relates to that which accompanies a desire for future security. This is, as Sharon Ringe points out in her Westminster Bible Companion for Luke, a concern of the "well-to-do" whereas those less fortunate are mainly concerned with their immediate survival needs.

When I consider my own list of worries, I immediately realize that procuring food and other necessities of life is not anxiety-producing for me as it is for so many others. Now, when I read this passage, I am less inclined to think about worrisome thoughts related to accumulation of even greater levels of security, and more inclined to think about how I can respond to the fact that my need for basic necessities has already been met.

I love how Justo Gonzalez suggests we should respond:

"Since it is God's will that even the ravens be fed...to strive for the kingdom is among other things to make certain that all are fed and all are clothed. We are not to worry about securing such things, for they are important to God; but precisely because they are important to God we must oppose everything that precludes all from having them." (*Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*)

Jesus compels us to channel our energy spent worrying into energy spent into building a kingdom where the basic needs of all are met without fear or worry. How will we respond to this challenge?

*David Duncan*