

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, 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.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Roxanne Cromartie

PREPARING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Smith

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: **For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

People: **And let your glory be over all the earth.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE No. 63**

AZMON

“The Lord Is God”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good and gracious God, we pray for your grace to surround us and your strength to uphold us. We do not like to admit how broken and needy we really are. We put on false faces, we hide our mistakes, and we are reluctant to be honest about our self-deceptive ways. We have let our fears grow stronger than our faith. Forgive us, O Lord, and send your Holy Spirit to renew us once again. Help us to be generous in how we treat our neighbors. Let our love take the shape of Christ’s love, so that when others see our lives, they would notice your grace at work. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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.

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

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:32-37 N.T., p. 888

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:1-11 N.T., p. 954

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“Of One Mind”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

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.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *11:15* Berthier

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Offertory “O Christ Surround Me” arr. McNair

* 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. 263 CORONATION

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *11:15* Stanford

“Glory Be to the Father”

* POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major Buxtehude

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Carl Nuttall
11:15 a.m. Tim Reed
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Becca Donohue
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Grier Mullins, Gaye Sprague
Jon McKnight
11:15 a.m. Ashley Gettys, Susan Jones
Elizabeth McElveen
LITURGIST: Amos Workman
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Charlie Moseley
11:15 a.m. Judy McKenney
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Braden Cox, JP Hartman
11:15 a.m. Anna Puntch, Claire Puntch

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 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 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

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary 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 K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church in Room 206.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Talitha Allen and family

FALL SERMON SERIES

The title of our fall sermon series is “Who Do You Say That I Am?” Each Sunday until the end of November, we will explore a different name, description, or identity given to Jesus in the New Testament. The focus for today’s sermon is Jesus, our Lord.

BIRTHS

Peter & Kendall Bemisderfer welcomed twins, a daughter, *Katie Nell Bemisderfer* and a son, *Theo Robert Bemisderfer* on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Talitha Allen* on the death of her father, Jimmy L. Rogers, on Friday, October 11, 2019, in Greenville.

HALLOWEEN WEEK WITH IHN

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families in housing transition during the week of Halloween. Since it’s a holiday, we hope to provide some fall fun for the children, and we are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2nteqP2>. For more information, contact *Holly, Beth* or *Julia* at hollyv04@hotmail.com, bethholladay73@gmail.com, or juliabellw@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

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.

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THEOLOGY READING

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, October 21**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Kathryn Algary* will lead the discussion of This I Know: A Simple Biblical Defense for LGBTQ Christians by Jim Dant, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church, Greenville. Read the book and join us. All are invited.

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, October 22**, at **6:00 a.m.** in the **Women's Lounge**. This semester we are studying Tish Harrison Warren's book, The Liturgy of the Ordinary. Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenreynolds@yahoo.com or 346-3155).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 23**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. Group Leader: *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 23**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. Group Leader: *Terry Gentry* (tgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 23**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Group Leaders: *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **Monday, October 28**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209**. The speaker that evening will be WPC member, *Hal Phillips*. Hal will share his experiences while stationed on the D.E.W. Line (Distant Early Warning Line) in Alaska. ALL are welcome to attend. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined), will meet **Friday, November 1**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Mary Kate & Tom Wilson* (308 W. Faris Rd.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or, if you don't hear from us, contact *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org) for more information. We hope to see you there!

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets on the first Tuesday night of the month, at **7:00 p.m.**, in the church library (except December and July). New people are always welcome. For **November 5**, the group will read and discuss the book How Not to Die Alone by Richard Roper. *Susan Robbins* will be leading this month's discussion. Join us!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 20 - 26, 2019

SUNDAY

- Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell*
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Library Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
- Baptism Class
- 5:00 p.m. Middler Group Meeting
- First Steps Music Class
- 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
- Middler Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- JustFaith Group
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group
- 3:00 p.m. It's Elementary
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



THE SCIENCE OF BELONGING

The key word and central theme of this year's stewardship campaign is "Belong." Beginning with our Creator's pronouncement in Genesis that it "is not good for man (or woman) to be alone" to the many references Jesus made to the interconnectedness and interdependence of the Body of Christ, the importance of belonging runs deep in our Christian faith.

Social science is in agreement with our faith tradition on the importance of belonging. In the mid 1950's, American psychologist, Abraham Maslow, published his Hierarchy of Needs and identified the need to belong as one of our five basic needs of self-actualization – right up there with our need for food and water and our need for safety and security. Belonging is not merely desirable, says social science, it is essential to our very survival.

Many decades later, medical science has now weighed in on the importance of belonging. Through the use of functional MRI's, neuroscientists are now able to observe the human brain's reaction to social rejection and isolation. We now know that when a person experiences social rejection or loses their sense of belonging, pain centers in the brain activate and are illuminated on MRI images. These are the same pain centers that activate when we stub our toe or burn ourselves with hot coffee. So when we say "he hurt my feelings" or "she broke my heart" or "it is so painful to be alone" we are not simply speaking metaphorically but rather we are describing actual symptoms of our painful condition.

There is no doubt that we are wired for connection. We really do need to belong. At Westminster, as we begin our stewardship campaign, we continue seeking to be that place where all can belong – where we can all plug in, make meaningful contributions, be ourselves, speak our minds, worship our loving God together, all while feeling valued and loved. We aim to be that place where each and every one of us truly belongs.

Ben Alexander

TRICK OR TREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Wednesday, October 30**, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. **Arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. for a quick pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall, then walk across the street at 6:30 p.m. to begin our visit which will be finished before 7:00 p.m.** There is no cost, but we ask that you please sign up on the church website under the events registration so that we know how much pizza to buy. Contact Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.