THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Suppose we think of God not so much in terms of everything that we desire, which seems a little acquisitive, but in terms of everything that desires us, everything that draws us out of ourselves and calls upon us, calling from below being to what is beyond, that summons up what is best in us, that asks us to go out of our creaturely way of being and live generously, to live and love, to live and let live, to love and let love, to live by loving unconditionally? ... What then?"

- John D. Caputo, The Weakness of God: A Theology of the Event

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Leader:

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elizabeth McElveen

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE	Prelude and Fugue in F Major	J.S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Is not this the fast I choose:
- to loose the bonds of injustice; to share your bread with the hungry;
- People: to bring the homeless poor into your house;
- Leader: when you see the naked, to clothe them?
- People: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn. Leader:
- and your healing shall spring up quickly. People:
- All: Let us worship God!
- * HYMN OF PRAISE No. 385

OLD HUNDREDTH

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God: you created us and the world around us, yet you came to us as a servant, asking that we serve one another likewise. Like Peter, we protest your commandment, afraid of what it will mean for us. We prefer grand gestures to acts of service, public affirmation to vulnerable sacrifice. In our pursuit of glory, we have failed to fully love one another. We have pledged loyalty, but in our actions betrayed, deserted, and denied you. Forgive us and restore us. Challenge us to live in service to your creation, not the world's status quo. 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.

At 9:00 a.m., K5 & 1st Graders are invited to Children's Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:15 Grady Parrish Clayton Louise Elliott Young

Presentation Questions to the Parents Question to the Congregation Thanksgiving over the Water Baptism Prayer





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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR I	LLUMINATION		
FIRST SCRIPTU	JRE READING	Philippians 2:5-8	N.T., p. 954
	PTURE READING	,	N.T., p. 876
Leader:	The Word of the Lo	rd.	
People:	Thanks be to God.		
SERMON			Leigh Stuckey

"All You Need Is Love"

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.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Y	C <i>11:15</i> Your Kingdom Come ³	" Seebach
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIO	N AND THANKSGI	IVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Hymnal page 35, Traditional
OFFERING		
Offertory	Christus Paradox text hymn #274	arr. Fedak
* 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. 257		WOODLANDS
"The Risen Christ"		
* CHARGE & BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15		Tomer

"God Be with You" * POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Page

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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.

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."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are: Nancy Smith, organist

Judy McKenney, Mark Kemp <u>11:15 a.m.</u>

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.

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*All who are able may stand

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PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta

STREAMING

CHURCH NOTES

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>

Sanctuary Choir

NURSERY

RAY FOR:

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour *next* Saturday, November 2.

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 the paradox, our king and our servant.

BAPTISMS

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- Grady Parrish Clayton, son of Alex & Pace Clayton.

- Louise Elliott Young, daughter of Bill & Tavia Young.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Rand Wilson on the death of his father, David B. Wilson, on Saturday, October 12, 2019, in Greensboro, NC.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Ingrid Erwin on the death of her father, R. Frank Blackwelder, on Friday, October 18, 2019, in Easley.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Richard Young on the death of his mother, Jane P. Young, on Friday, October 18, 2019, in Williamsburg, VA.

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other nonperishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Come show your stewardship selfie skills! Sunday, 10/27 and 11/3 **Room 207** before and after the Sunday School hour. Donuts provided! #belong #photobooth

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 Library (except December and July). New people are always welcome. For November 5, the group will read and discuss How Not to Die Alone by Richard Roper. A darkly funny and life-affirming novel. It is a story about love, loneliness, and the importance of taking a chance when we feel we have the most to lose. Susan Robbins will be leading this discussion. Join us!

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 27 - November 2, 2019

SUNDAY IHN

IHN arrives	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m.	First Steps Music Class
5:00 p.m.	Middler Group Meeting
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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	
IHN	
Weekday School	Fall Break
6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	JustFaith Group
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
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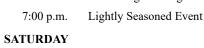
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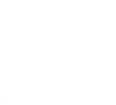
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Weekday School Fall Break		
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon	
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	

WEDNESDAY

IHN	
12:00 p.m.	Gifts & Gratitude Committee
	Meeting
3:00 p.m.	It's Elementary
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Chorister
	Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Trick or Treat at Westminster
	Retirement Center
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	
IHN	
10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
FRIDAY	
IHN	
9:00 a.m.	Women of Westminster
	Planning Meeting







When our family moved to South Carolina from Virginia in 2004 with our older daughter, Murray, I found it very difficult to assimilate into the Greenville community. We had no family close by and few friends in the area. For almost three years I wished we had moved to anywhere other than Greenville, SC.

Thankfully we joined Westminster Presbyterian Church just three weeks before our second daughter, Julia, was born. Becoming a member of the Westminster congregation enabled me to feel a part of something bigger than myself and to focus less on the loneliness I felt. Over the years our family has found a welcoming church home where our interfaith family has experienced God's abounding love and grace. We are watching Murray and Julia grow up surrounded by adults and friends who nurture our children and are allowing them to cultivate their own faith. WPC has opened our hearts and minds to a "thoughtful Christianity" by challenging us through Bible studies, mission trips, and Sunday School classes. We have found role models in the generations of WPC staff and members who give, share, and work together to make Westminster Presbyterian Church and our world a better place.

Belonging to the community of faith at Westminster means so much to my family and to me. As we reflect on all the blessings we have been given, we give back to our church with gratitude and thankfulness.

May you prayerfully consider your gift as you reflect on what being a part of Westminster means to you.

NOVEMBER NIGHTS November 3 and 10, 2019

Join your church family the first two Sunday evenings in November for worship, fellowship, and education. A Vespers Service begins in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner starting at 5:45 p.m. The rooms for ages K3-5th grade will be open at 6:20 p.m. but programs and classes for all will begin at 6:30 p.m. We are all finished by 7:30 p.m. A nursery is available for those K2 and younger.

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