

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

Ben Dorr

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE 9:00 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Jones
INTROIT 11:15 "Surely" Langston

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:1

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.
People: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 326

SINE NOMINE

"For All the Saints"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139:1-12 O.T., p. 503
GOSPEL LESSON John 11:17-37 N.T., p. 873

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ben Dorr

"Why Did Jesus Weep?"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed Hymnal, p. 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

A Ritual of Remembrance

We give thanks to God for the following Westminster members and pastors who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: Donna Lee Roy, Alan Elmore, Curtis Clark, Don Lester, Buddy Puckett, Sue Tisdale, Joyce Kemp, Edna Johnson, Zane Moore, Pat Miller, Carole Howell, Margaret Sherwood, Elizabeth Lindsay, Helen Pickelsimer, Tommy Miller.

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

Anthem 9:00 "Lord, You Have Searched Me and Known Me" Pote
Anthem 11:15 "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" Goeller

* 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. 516

KINGDOM

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE "Gaelic Benediction" Ulrich

* POSTLUDE Postlude on Old 100th arr. Bock

*All who are able may stand

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Tyler Fairey
11:15 a.m. Tyler Fairey
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Anna Hanor
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Ted Gentry, Scott Clark
Pete Roe
11:15 a.m. Phillip Cox, Steve Johnson
Becca Donohue
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Pete Roe
11:15 a.m. Erin Rigot

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.

Westminster Youth 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.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Talitha Allen and family
Rand Wilson and family
Ingrid Erwin and family
Richard Young and family
Eric Burrell and family

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this 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 human.

CONGREGATIONAL

CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Specific envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

For those who are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact Amos Workman (423-0070).

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Eric Burrell on the death of his mother, Sharon D. Burrell, on Sunday, October 27, 2019, in Franklin NC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will begin its work soon! If you have a name of someone whom you would like the Nominating Committee to consider as a ruling elder or as a member of the APNC, please contact Pete Roe, chair of the Nominating Committee, at proe@roecassidy.com.

Westminster Academy

**Who is Jesus and Why Do We Need Him?
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

“Westminster Academy,” our focused month-long exploration of theology and its practical implications is back! During the month of November we will be joined by The Reverend Dr. Peter Hobbie, Professor Emeritus of the Christian Religion at Presbyterian College for a comprehensive four-week adult education experience. While we value the ability to run multiple classes during our Sunday School year, Westminster Academy will provide a unique opportunity for WPC adults and visitors to learn and engage with theology together.

“Westminster Academy” will focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ. While classes will build on one another, each lecture can stand alone, so please do join us when you can!

- **November 3:** *Is there a cure for sin?*
- **November 10:** *Making sense of Jesus*
- **November 17:** *Was the cross really necessary?*
- **November 27:** *What do Christians mean by ‘Resurrection?’*

Teacher Bio: Peter Hobbie came to Presbyterian College in 1990 after serving as a chaplain and professor at Bethel College in Tennessee. He received an A.B. from Davidson College, an M.B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University, an M. A. from the University of North Carolina in American History, and a D. Min. and Ph. D. in Church History from Union Presbyterian Seminary. His focus is on American Religion, Christian Doctrine, and the African-American Religion Experience. He retired in 2014 and continues to reside in Clinton, SC. Westminster Academy will meet in **Room 209**.

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!

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Mark your calendars for the kick off of our Youngish Fellowship & Discussion series on **Wednesday, November 6** at the home of *Grady & Kate Patterson* (132 Corrine Dr., 29607) from 6:30-8:00ish. Please note that childcare will be available beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Westminster. Youngish Adults, which is open to folks 20ish-45ish, meets every first and third Wednesday.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, November 3**. The screenings will take place in the **Friendship Court** following the **9:00 a.m.** and **11:15 a.m.** services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Tim Miller* (627-0725).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Hiking Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, November 6**, at **8:30 a.m.** in the church parking lot for a hike at Table Rock State Park. **Hike Leader** *Anne Holleman* (holl2759@att.net).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, November 6**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Group Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 3 - 9, 2019

SUNDAY

IHN departs

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	One Adult Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m.	First Steps Music Class
4:45 p.m.	Senior High Puerto Rico Interest Meeting
5:00 p.m.	First Steps Music Class
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Service
5:45 p.m.	November Nights Dinner
6:30 p.m.	November Nights Classes
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	AI-Anon
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Westminster Book Club

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
3:00 p.m.	It's Elementary
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Chorister Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.	Youngish Adults Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Needle Arts Group
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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



BELONGING

The older I get the more I struggle with my faith. When I think of how insignificant I am in the world, how small our world is in the solar system, and how insignificant our solar system is to the universe, I end up questioning everything. How could God have created our infinite universe? Who made God? If the answer is that God has always been there, my struggle with faith goes even deeper. These concepts are so much bigger than I can comprehend . . . probably bigger than anyone can comprehend. I guess that's where faith comes in.

When contemplating the cosmos, I find myself asking if I can be a good Christian and still question my faith. While I can't say for sure, I do know that I belong to a church that allows me to have questions. Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina welcomes everyone, even those like me who struggle with their faith!

As one who has been a member of WPC for more than 30 years, I truly feel a sense of belonging with our wonderful church family. I know that I can depend on the pastors, as well as the many friends I have made at WPC, to be there for my family when needed. I know that the Weekday School helped us raise two wonderful, smart, caring children and is currently doing the same for my granddaughter. I know that It's Elementary has benefited so many youngsters, many of whom are not even members of our church. I know that WPC dedicates a significant portion of its annual budget to mission work in Greenville and around the world. I could go on, but I think you get the point.

Scripture states that faith without works is dead. While my faith is not as strong as I would like it to be, I choose to continue pledging to WPC every year so that I can be a small part of the good works done by our church. For me, pledging is an act of commitment and discipline to a church that has given me immeasurably more than I can ever give back.

Joe Frasher

Come show your stewardship selfie skills!

Sunday, 11/3
Room 207

before and after the Sunday School hour.

Donuts provided!

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Presbyterians do not understand saints as people who are holier than others, nor as people who have lived a greater moral life than others. In our tradition, each of us is a saint. To call someone a saint in the Presbyterian Church is to say that they have been claimed by God, called by God, and can never be separated from God's grace. Through each of us, God shines God's light and shares God's love, and that makes every one of us a saint.

Whenever we receive communion, our tradition teaches us that we celebrate this sacrament not only with all those gathered for worship on that particular Sunday, but with all the saints who have gone before us, and who are now members of the Church Triumphant. This is part of what is meant by "the communion of the saints" in the Apostles' Creed. Our tradition teaches us that we are bound to one another through Christ's love not only in this life, but even after death. Death changes our relationships with our loved ones, but it does not end those relationships.

We celebrate this reality every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper as a congregation. While some of our loved ones are no longer with us as they once were, they are still with us in the mysterious communion of the eternal Church that is formed by God's redemptive love. On All Saints' Sunday, we rejoice in this community of saints from every time and place.

You are invited today to remember the saints in your own life, those children of God who have shared God's grace with you and through whom you have known the love of Jesus Christ.

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Presbyterians do not understand saints as people who are holier than others, nor as people who have lived a greater moral life than others. In our tradition, each of us is a saint. To call someone a saint in the Presbyterian Church is to say that they have been claimed by God, called by God, and can never be separated from God's grace. Through each of us, God shines God's light and shares God's love, and that makes every one of us a saint.

Whenever we receive communion, our tradition teaches us that we celebrate this sacrament not only with all those gathered for worship on that particular Sunday, but with all the saints who have gone before us, and who are now members of the Church Triumphant. This is part of what is meant by "the communion of the saints" in the Apostles' Creed. Our tradition teaches us that we are bound to one another through Christ's love not only in this life, but even after death. Death changes our relationships with our loved ones, but it does not end those relationships.

We celebrate this reality every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper as a congregation. While some of our loved ones are no longer with us as they once were, they are still with us in the mysterious communion of the eternal Church that is formed by God's redemptive love. On All Saints' Sunday, we rejoice in this community of saints from every time and place.

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