

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 17, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

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

Brian Blount

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" J.S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 139*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

People: I try to count them - they are more than the sand;

I come to the end - I am still with you.

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 362 LLANGLOFFAN

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We have tried to hide those parts of our hearts that embarrass us, and those parts of our past of which we are ashamed. We have not trusted your grace to give us a clean slate. We have chosen to live unchanged lives, rather than being transformed by your good news. Forgive us, heal us, and claim us once again as your own. Grant us the courage we need to release our fears and resentments. Help us to move forward in faith and trust, so that Christ's love and grace would guide us through our days. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 11:15 a.m. children in K5-first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9:00 *Richard Coulter LaBoone*

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Question to the Congregation

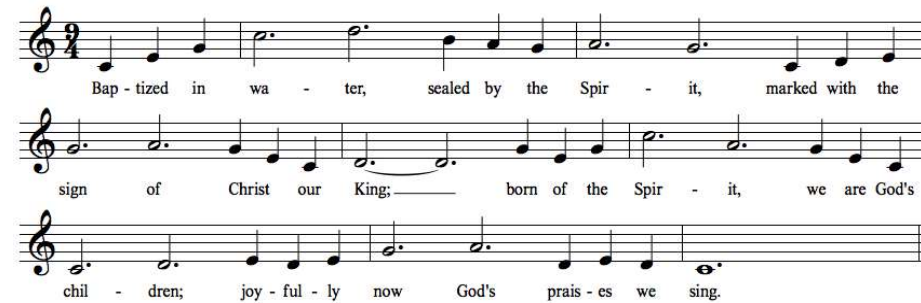
Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

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Welcome and Congregational Response



At 9:00 a.m. children in K5-first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43 N.T., p. 895

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-12 N.T., p. 806

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Foolish and the Wise" Ben Dorr

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 11:15 Ward

"For You, My God, I Wait"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Solo 9:00 "The Refiner's Fire" Mohr

Anthem 11:15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Christiansen

* 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

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS 11:15

* HYMN No. 366 HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 Vajda

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

* POSTLUDE Finale from Organ Concerto No. 5 Handel

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Alex Crigler
11:15 a.m. Brett Meredith
SPONSOR: 9:00 a.m. Catherine Pollock
11:15 a.m. Ashley Gettys
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Freddie Williams, Mike Hall
11:15 a.m. Catherine Pollock
Phillip Cox, Ben Alexander
Kristin Burrell
LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Mary Walter
11:15 a.m. Tricia Reid
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Addy Cizon, Eliot Cizon
11:15 a.m. Daniel Knauer, Emmie Paradise

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.

Derek Pitman, soloist

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:

*Eric Burrell and family
Ashley Richardson-Dill 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, the judge.

BAPTISM

This morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship *Richard Coulter LaBoone*, son of Coulter LaBoone and Carolina Raycroft.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new church directory is available to members who participated in the picture taking process. You may pick up your copy in the church office. The MyWPC option available at the bottom of Westminster's website (www.wpc-online.org) offers an up-to-date version of this directory. Also, the church office can supply an online version to you upon request. To request an online version of the directory, email Wendy Bagley in the church office at wendy@wpc-online.org.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Bucky Tarleton* will lead the discussion of [Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings](#), edited by Marcus Borg. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of Tuesday, November 12, we have received \$1,629,877 in pledges toward our 2020 budget goal of \$2,513,715. For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by email to the Church Financial Secretary, Sherri Owens, at sherri@wpc-online.org.

**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 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**.

YOUNGISH

Mark your calendars for Youngish Fellowship & Discussion series on **Wednesday, November 20** at the home of Brian & Catherine Blount (15 Victory Ave.). And don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas party at Leigh's house on Friday, December 13. Details TBA!

ADULT GROUPS

- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, November 20**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. Group Leader: *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, November 20**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. Group Leader: *Terry Gentry* (tgentry@charter.net).
- **Hiking Group:** Will meet **Friday, November 22**, at **8:30 a.m.** in the church parking lot for a hike at Table Rock State Park. **Hike Leader** *Durden Collins* (durden.collins@gmail.com).

WESTFEST

Join us in the **Green Lot** on **Sunday, December 1**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** for this year's *WestFest*, our annual Advent Celebration. We'll have live music from the West End String Band and food from Thoroughfare, The Chuck Truck, and (new this year) We've Got the Beets (vegan). Per usual, there will be s'mores, a bonfire, and koozies galore.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be this **Sunday, November 17**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend. Save the date!

2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of Westminster are encouraged to join us at the Drop In & Happy Hour on **Thursday, November 21**, from **5-7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Lucy Surka* (212 Camille Ave.) to learn more about our 2020 Women's Retreat, **February 21-23**, at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. All are welcome and encouraged to join both events!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, November 19

- **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net), will meet at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.).

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 17 - 23, 2019**

SUNDAY
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Library Committee Meeting
 New Member Class
 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. New Member Reception
 12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
 4:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
 Baptism Class
 5:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
 Middler Group Meeting
 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
 Senior High Group Meeting
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 8:00 p.m.
MONDAY
 6:00 p.m. JustFaith Group
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7
WEDNESDAY
 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
 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 Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Women of Westminster Drop In & Happy Hour
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER
ANNUAL ADVENT LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, December 3 in the Fellowship Hall

Women of Westminster will hold their annual Advent Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 3**, in the **Fellowship Hall**. We are excited to have Lauren Slingerland and the Weekday School K5 class join as part of this year's program. The social will begin at **11:30 a.m.**, followed by lunch and the program beginning at **noon**. The cost is \$10. Childcare will be provided. Menu: Chicken salad on a bed of baby spinach, pasta salad, croissant, and red velvet cake. RSVP on the website or call the church office. **Sign up deadline is Wednesday, November 27.**

WoW is partnering with the Greenville office of Thornwell Children's Home this year as our mission focus. We will continue our support of this program by accepting donations of therapy games, books, and miscellaneous items that Thornwell's Building Families programs use for activities in their sessions. Visit <https://thornwell.org/building-families-program/> for information AND <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0c4caea922a2fc1-thornwell> to sign up for donations. All donations should be brought (unwrapped) to the Advent Luncheon or dropped off in the church office prior to the event. As always, we are grateful for your support of this incredible program.



BELONGING

Our family joined Westminster in late 2012 after we moved to Greenville from San Diego. I had grown up in the Presbyterian Church but we spent time after we moved attending various churches, searching for the right “fit.” We landed at Westminster Presbyterian Church, drawn to its various programs, inclusiveness, and dedication to giving.

This past summer my son and I participated in the civil rights pilgrimage led by our associate pastor, Leigh Stuckey. It was an amazing and enlightening experience for both of us. My son Will was quoted as saying “I’ll go on ANY trip Leigh plans.” He had such a good time despite some really heavy material. He had the opportunity to meet new friends, learn so much, and enjoy a 3-hour service at MLK’s home church in Montgomery without any air conditioning! It was on this trip I was introduced to the “JustFaith” program and had the pleasure of learning about this opportunity from one of its leaders.

“JustFaith” is a group that meets for a few hours weekly over a two-month period. This fall the series is entitled “Living Compassionately - Caring for the Poor.” The topics we discuss include poverty, inequality, giving, and compassion. I have truly enjoyed every session I’ve attended and hearing thoughts from like-minded individuals, praying together, and learning as a group through books, scripture, and experiences. It is JustFaith that exemplifies what belonging at WPC means for me in this season of my life. I look forward to growing as an individual and together with this group as we continue this fall. There is a group and a place for everyone at WPC and my family and I look forward to pledging this fall to help continue programs like JustFaith, trips like the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, and all that Westminster Presbyterian Church has to offer.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, as a community of believers rooted in Christ, may we always celebrate your presence with us and appreciate both the gifts and responsibilities of belonging to this community of faith.*

Carrie Marguet