THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things through the love and compassion of your Son, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under Christ's gentle and loving rule. We ask it through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. **People:**

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

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	INTROIT	Thanksgiving Trilogy	arr. Phillips			
*	CALL TO V	WORSHIP	Revelation 22:13, 4:8			
	Leader:	The Lord is a great God who says:				
	People: I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last,					
the beginning and the end.						
	Leader: Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:					
	People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.					
	All:	Let us worship God!				
*	HYMN OF	PRAISE No. 1	NICAEA			
		"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!	"			
*	PRAYER C	OF CONFESSION				
Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that						
	we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,					
	and trusting in his love at all times, in all places, with all people. Amen.					
*		CE OF PARDON				
	Leader:	, 8 81				
	People:	In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.				
*	GLORIA P.	ATRI (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. children in K5-first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:15 Mary Alice Evans

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 53:3-5

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'

"Built on the Rock"

"Upon This Rock"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures

here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

"Alleluia"

Matthew 16:13-23

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Ben Dorr

The Apostles' Creed

Vaughan Williams

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Hymnal page 35, Traditional

Welcome and Congregational Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Solo 9:00

* HYMN No. 274

* POSTLUDE

Anthem 11:15

* Prayer of Dedication

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER 11:15

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

GOSPEL LESSON

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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."

are:

Nancy Smith. organist Lynne Robinson, pianist 9:00 a.m. Emily Sweezey, soloist <u>11:15 a.m.</u>

Sanctuary Choir

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.

The 2019 Daily Advent Devotionals will be delivered by email beginning Sunday, December 1. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, contact the church office at 232-2424. We invite you to take a moment out of your day to read and meditate on this daily devotion that will lead us through the Advent season.

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LET US PRAY FOR:
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"Now Thank We All Our God"

*All who are able may stand

9:00 a.m.	Bo Mullins
11:15 a.m.	Trevor Ream
	Philip Land
9:00 a.m.	Becky Warth, Michael Dixon
	Pete Řoe
11:15 a.m.	Becca Donohue, Rita Barker
	Brian Blount
	Mary Kathleen Duncan
9:00 a.m.	Lauren Doar
11:15 a.m.	Walter Hinton
	Woody Bohman, Alex Hoffman
11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth Brasington, Louisa Palmer
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PARKING

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

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

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday

NURSERY

2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

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. Today is the final Sunday in the series, and the focus for today's sermon is Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God.

THORNWELL OFFERING

Thornwell, a residential home and foster program located in Clinton, SC, provides a place for children who need a stable home life, a solid education, and spiritual nurturing. As members of Westminster, we have an opportunity to share in meeting this need. Envelopes are provided in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. Please make checks payable to Westminster and designate for Thornwell.

BIRTH

A daughter, Maggie Nell Taylor, was born to Ben & Sarah Johnson Taylor on Sunday, October 6, 2019, in Annapolis, MD.

BAPTISM

This morning at the 11:15 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Mary Alice Evans, daughter of Clay & Hayley Evans.

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.

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of Tuesday, November 19, we have received \$2,015,557 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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 24: 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.

WEST*FEST*

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

· Chris & Michelle Ballard joined by transfer from Fairfax Presbyterian, Fairfax, VA.

• Scott & Chandler Branham. Scott joined by transfer from First Scots Presbyterian. Charleston. Chandler joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Anderson. They have a daughter, Violet (1).

• Michelle Cardell joined by transfer from Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville. She has a son, Albrecht (11) and a daughter, Vivienne (5).

• Keith & Katherine Gettys joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a daughter, Scarlett (5), and a son, Gantt (2).

• Chris & Caroline Simons joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have twin daughters, Evy and Lily (12).

• Clav & Brooke Williams joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville, SC. They have a daughter. Anderson (4), and a son, Conrad (1).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor

Office Manager

Director of Nurseries

Director of Hospitality

Building Supervisor

office.

Secretary

Get your day started right with the "It's Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus" study and discussion group, meeting again Tuesday, November 26, 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 (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com or 346-3155).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined) – will meet at the church on Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. to decorate a Chrismon tree. Watch your e-mail for more information, or - if you don't hear from us please contact Susan Grier (susan@) grierfamily.org). We hope to see you!

CONNECTIONS

The Connections group will meet for our annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 8 at 12:45 p.m. Join us at the Westin Poinsett Hotel's Spoonbread Restaurant. We will gather in the lobby at the round tables next to the Christmas tree. Reservations are needed by Friday, December 6. Please respond to Edna Ruth Miller (288-8645 or rgvduo@bellsouth.net). First time attendees are welcome.

CHURCH

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN **VOL. LXXI** No. 29 Sunday, November 24, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS THE HARBINGER November 24 - 30, 2019 WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY 2310 Augusta Road 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Greenville, South Carolina 29605 Education Committee Meeting (864) 232-2424 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School www.wpc-online.org 11:15 a.m. Worship Service THE HARBINGER: (USPS No. 764160) First Steps Music Class 4:00 p.m. Published weekly by the Westminster First Steps Music Class Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta Road, 5:00 p.m. Middler Group Meeting Greenville SC 29605. Periodical postage paid at Greenville SC 29605. 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal Youth Dinner 6:00 p.m. CHURCH STAFF Middler Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Church 232-2424 Weekday School 232-5766 Senior High Group Meeting Ben Dorr 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous bdorr@wpc-online.org MONDAY Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey JustFaith Group lstuckey@wpc-online.org 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. NAMI Associate Pastor Mary Kathleen Duncan 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous mkduncan@wpc-online.org Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland TUESDAY lslingerland@wpc-online.org Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Parish Associate for Older Adults Amos Workman 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting aworkman@wpc-online.org 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Music Director Mark Kemp Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. mkemp@wpc-online.org WEDNESDAY Children's Choir Coordinator Kathryn Knauer Weekday School closed kknauer@wpc-online.org Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Dillard THURSDAY jdillard@wpc-online.org Weekday School closed Youth Intern Lauren Ghighi Church Office closed lghighi@wpc-online.org 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Organist Nancy Smith FRIDAY nls1949@aol.com Weekday School closed Weekday School Director Cara Puntch Church Office closed cpuntch@wpc-online.org **Financial Secretary** Sherri Owens

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SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Senior Adults are invited to share your

favorite Christmas traditions. Join us

Thursday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m.

in Room 209. Lunch is \$7 per person.

The menu is soup, salad, cornbread and

dessert. Reservations must be made by

Monday, December 9 with the church

lisa@wpc-online.org

Michelle Little

Wendy Bagley

Janell Pitman

Steve Phillips

Lisa Ridge

Ben Alexander	Michael Hoffman		
Rita Barker	Steve Johnson		
Roxanne Cromartie	Coleman Kirven		
Becca Donohue	Christa Likes		
Lee Freeman	Jon McKnight		
Mike Hall	Parks McLeod		
The Class of 2021			
Kristin Burrell	Elizabeth McElveen		
Phillip Cox	Grier Mullins		
Ted Gentry	Pete Roe		
Philip Land	Gaye Sprague		
Brad Lucas	Catherine Pollock		
David Massey	Freddie Williams		
The Class of 2022			
Talitha Allen	Michael Dixon		
Sarah Beasley	Ben Edwards		
Brian Blount	Ashley Gettys		
Scott Clark	Anna Hanor		
Brandon Coker	Susan Jones		
Bob Dellert	Becky Warth		



Jesus and his disciples are traveling in the district of Caesarea Philippi, an area outside of where they normally visit. Jesus has been teaching the word of the Lord and healing others in this area. This has resulted in crowds being drawn to him. He takes this time to ask his disciples how the general public they have encountered views him. He begins by asking a more general question of who do they believe is the Son of Man. Jesus then asks a more direct question of who does the public think he is. A question such as this puts everyone on point. Who is Jesus? How have the disciples described him to the crowds? Does everyone know he is in fact the Son of God? Simon Peter answers him by stating that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Jesus is overjoyed with this response. He says to Simon that no ordinary man could surmise this truth, that only his Father in heaven would have revealed this to him. Knowing this truth brings the disciples the blessing of being closer to Jesus and God. It reveals the bond they have with Jesus and establishes the relationship of being true disciples of the Messiah. As a result of Simon Peter's affirmation, Jesus states he will build his church on this belief, and that it will be so strong that no evil will ever destroy it. Then Jesus orders his disciples never to reveal to anyone that he is the Messiah.

THE SESSION The Class of 2020

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man Is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" Matthew 16:13-15

From there, Jesus foretells his death and resurrection for the first time to his disciples. He explains that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of authorities, die, and then on the third day be raised. Peter then pulls him aside to say this must never happen. This response shows that Peter is focused only on the unspeakable horrors and not on the miracle of the resurrection. Peter's focus on this is due to Satan infiltrating his thoughts. Jesus responds by speaking directly to Satan through the body of Peter telling Satan that he is merely a stumbling block to the human form and will not stop God's will.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ANNUAL ADVENT LUNCHEON Tuesday, December 3 in the Fellowship Hall

Women of Westminster (WoW) 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.

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER Sunday, December 15 6:30 p.m. \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 3-11

Join us at our annual Christmas dinner, on Sunday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potato casserole, salad, and dessert. To keep the check-in lines moving on December 15, we ask that you sign up and pay online by going to https:// wpc-online.org/events-registration/. Sign ups end on Monday, December 9.

At 7:30 p.m. the Sanctuary Choir, joined by orchestra, will present John Rutter's Magnificat, the canticle of Mary, mother of Jesus. The Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55, has been set to music more often than any other biblical text. In his typical writing style, Rutter couples exciting rhythmic elements and beautiful melodies in a forty-five minute setting of the traditional text with the addition of the 15th century poem Of a Rose. Join your church family for this modern expression of timeless faith.

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