

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 16, 2020

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls, so that we will overflow with your most excellent gift of love. Help us to work for justice, sacrifice for peace, and make every effort to restore harmony in our relationships, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: **And also with you.**

#### PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "The Servant Song" Purifoy

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 133*

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

All: **Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 81 AUSTRIAN HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, forgive us for remaining stubborn when your call to change is clear. We have resisted doing the right thing in our relationships. We have made feeble attempts to create your beloved community. Our motives have been mixed, and our hypocrisy has been plain. Forgive us, O God, and remove every self-righteous instinct from our souls. Remind us anew that the only ground on which we stand is your grace. Give us the courage to extend that grace to family, friend, enemy, stranger, and neighbor this day, with no exceptions. Through 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

*Charles Wheaton Knapp*

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

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## Welcome and Congregational Response

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the  
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 N.T., p. 940

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-26 N.T., p. 786

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

"If You are Angry"

### 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 Havergal

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

#### OFFERING

Solo 9:00 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Holstein

Anthem 11:15 "Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart" Nance

\* 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. 774 STUTTGART

"There Is Now a New Creation"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Harling

\* POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary Stanley

*\*All who are able may stand*

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<b>HEAD USHERS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Pete Sweeny
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Bryant Puntch
<b>SPONSORS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Mike Hall
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Philip Land
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Mike Hall, Pete Roe
		Talitha Allen
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Gaye Sprague, Coleman Kirven
		Catherine Pollock
<b>LITURGISTS:</b>		Mary Kathleen Duncan, Leigh Stuckey
<b>LAY READERS:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jeff Reynolds
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Katherine Mattice
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	JP Hartman, Budd Reynolds
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Sadie Mattice, Cam Warren

### 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](http://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.**

*Jim Wilkins, soloist*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Anneka Zuehlke-King, french horn*

### 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.

### BAPTISM

This morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship *Charles Wheaton Knapp*, son of Austin & Mary Frances Knapp.

### BIRTH

A daughter, *Elouise Rose Anderson*, was born to Scott & Allison Anderson on Friday, December 20, 2019, in Greenville.

### BIRTH

A son, *Frank Reece Wrenn, V*, was born to Frank & Jenny Wrenn on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, in Greenville.

### SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Kimberly DuBose* on the death of her father, Boardman H. Caraway, Jr., on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in Lancaster, SC.

### THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Walter Hinton* will lead the discussion of The Line Becomes a River by Francisco Cantu. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

### 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:

*The Family of Betty Rogers*

*The Family of Bert McEldowney*

*The Family of Roger Hotchkiss*

*Kimberly DuBose and Family*

**GRAB A NAMETAG  
THIS SUNDAY!**

We will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

**MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY**

The Men's Group will meet again on **Monday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We are studying the book, *The Bible Jesus Read*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER**

**Circle #7:** Will meet **Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr., 29605). *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

**YOUNGISH AT WPC**

Young...or youngish? We're generous with the term around here. If you're somewhere between 20-something and 40-something we hope you'll join us for study and fellowship this semester. We're continuing our series on miracles, and we're meeting at some of Greenville's hottest spots. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 19 at Brewery 85** (6 Whitlee Ct.). Drop by around **6:30 p.m.** There will be childcare at WPC beginning at **6:15 p.m.** For more information or to be added to our newsletter contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

**K5 - 5th GRADE TEAMS**

**BASKETBALL BANQUET**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Celebrate the 2019-2020 season of WPC Basketball for **K5-5th** grade teams. Teams will be recognized and trophies awarded. The nursery will be available for children under three. Dinner includes pizza (a gluten friendly option is available if indicated upon sign up), salad, and dessert for \$5/person. Coaches eat for free! Sign up today at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). **Register for dinner by Monday, February 17.** Serving lines will be open from **5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.** The banquet will conclude by **6:45 p.m.**

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

Who is your favorite former president? Help us celebrate President's Day by joining us for a senior adult luncheon at **noon on Thursday, February 20.** The cost is \$7 per person. Come prepared to share a story about your favorite former president. RSVP to the church office by **Tuesday, February 18.**

**ADULT GROUPS**

**Hiking Group:** Will leave **Friday, February 28,** and drive to Georgetown for lunch and exploring. Saturday will be an 8-mile kayak paddle to Bull Island, followed by a 6-mile hike on the island. Arrival back in Greenville should be Sunday by mid-afternoon. Leader: *Durden Collins* (durden.collins@gmail.com).

**Save the dates for  
Vacation Bible School  
this summer!**

**August 3 - August 7  
9 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Classes for ages in rising  
K5-5th grades and  
volunteer opportunities  
for all ages.**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

February 16 - 22, 2020

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Library Committee Meeting  
New Member Class  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. New Member Reception  
12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting  
4:30 p.m. First Steps Music Class  
5:00 p.m. APNC Meeting  
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  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

*Weekday School Closed*

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

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. Foothills Presbytery Meeting at Central Church/Anderson  
11:00 a.m. PW Life Membership Committee Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. It's Elementary!  
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers  
5:45 p.m. K5-5th Grades Basketball Banquet  
6:30 p.m. Youngish Adults Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

*Women of Westminster Annual Retreat*

**SATURDAY**

*Women of Westminster Annual Retreat*



I have a four-year-old who knows how to push my buttons. And unfortunately, patience is not one of my strongest virtues. I'm working on it. I'm not proud of it but sometimes I snap in irritation, and sometimes I even yell, and sometimes, as a consequence, there are tears.

What strikes me, as I contemplate Paul's and Matthew's interpretations of Jesus's command to reconcile, is how quickly my daughter forgives me. And she not only forgives, but she forgets. Five minutes later we will be driving down the road, with me silently berating myself for being impatient with her again, but she will pipe up with a question: "What kind of airplane is that in the sky, Mommy?" "When can we go to Donkey Donuts again?" "Did you know that I found a dragon's egg today, Mommy?" While I have been silently fretting about my sins in the front seat, she has moved on, accepted, and forgiven me with all of her heart. No anger, no grudges, just forgiveness and pure reconciliation.

This makes me contemplate whether there are grudges that I hold on to, or comments or actions that I have not forgiven. With any of my loved ones, neighbors, or colleagues, have I perhaps moved on in words or deeds, but not fully in my heart?

Be reconciled to one another, as Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount. Be reconciled to God, as Paul writes to the Corinthians. This extends not only to child-parent relationships but to romantic partners, neighbors, legal adversaries, and even those with views from the other side of the political aisle. I believe that it also applies to ourselves. Now, while I will still try to be more patient, or at the very least express my impatience aloud less frequently (because I will still worry that these minor altercations may add up to affect my daughter's psychological well-being), I do believe that Paul is allowing us the grace to be forgiving of ourselves. "Everything has become new!" he writes. Continuing, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them." We can begin again each day, and if we can let go of our grudges, forgive and forget with our whole hearts the way my four-year-old seems to do, there will be less room for hurt, pain, and anger. Our hearts will instead offer space for the light and love Jesus wants us to find, nurture, and extend out into the world.

*Caroline Clark*