Sunday, March 8, 2020 | 9:00 & 11:15a | The Second Sunday in Lent



Prayer of **Preparation**

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Pethel

* Call to Worship from Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 8

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your

coming in from this time on and forevermore.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise No. 624

TOULON

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,

forgive our half-hearted commitment

to walk in your Son's way.

We have let our fears get the best of us,

always hedging our bets,

making comfort and safety our primary concerns.

We think we know more than we do.

Our need for control always conquers your command

to trust in your love.

Remove our sin, O Lord,

and by the power of your Spirit, make us new people.

Help us to see our neighbor with the eyes of Christ, to love the stranger with the heart of Christ,

and to follow your path with the courage of Christ.

We ask it in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Following the corporate prayer, you are invited to a time of silent confession. When directed join in singing the "Kyrie" ("Lord, have mercy") as printed.



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* 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 9a, children in K5-1st grade are invited to join a Westminster pastor in Children's Church (200 Hall).

The Sacrament of Baptism 11:15

Elizabeth Palmer Mowlajko

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Presentation

Questions to the Parents

* Question to the Congregation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

Welcome and Congregational Response



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Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, Genesis 12:1-4a

Gospel Lesson, John 3:1-10

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

Sermon "Ordinary People"

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

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 God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

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.

Call to Prayer 11:15

Scottish Psalter

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Offering

Offertory

"Witness"

Halloran

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn No.65

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J.S. Bach

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response 11:15* Postlude

"Amen" Postlude in C Major

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in a single

*All who are able may stand

Leading in Worship this morning:

Ben Dorr, *preaching*; Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist* Nancy Smith, *organist*; Emily Sweezey, *soloist* (9a);

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a) conducted by Shelden Timmerman

Paul Grier (9a), Derek Pitman (11:15a), lay readers

Ben Gary (9a), Brett Meredith (11:15a), head ushers

Mike Hall, sponsor

Mike Hall, Steve Johnson, Grier Mullins (9a), greeters

Brandon Coker, David Massey, Catherine Pollock (11:15a), greeters

Addy Cizon, Eliot Cizon (9a), Cooper Dorr, Louisa Palmer, (11:15a), acolytes

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gathering Notes

NURSERY CARE THIS MORNING

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.

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!

PARKING ON SUNDAY & CROSSING AUGUSTA

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop (next to the Fellowship Hall), Augusta Commons, and the TD Bank. A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45a-12:45p to help those who have parked at TD. Please be mindful of the officer and pedestrians when leaving the parking lot.

For the safety of all, please do not park alongside curbs.

STREAMING & VIDEO RECORDING

All Westminster services are streamed. Visit wpc-online.org and navigate to the "Live Stream" button.

Baptisms, anthems, and other elements of the service are recorded. Anthems are posted on our Facebook page, or you may subscribe to our YouTube channel (wpcgreenville).

Please be mindful that this is a service of worship and refrain from recording or photographing elements of the service.

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School this summer!

August 3 - August 7 9a - 12 noon

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

Join Us in Welcoming

BIRTHS

A daughter, Grace Adelaide Fackler, was born to Leo & Adelaide Fackler on Thursday, February 27, 2020, in Greenville.

A son, *Michael Quinn Doar*, was born to Chris & Lauren Doar on Saturday, February 29, 2020, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship *Elizabeth Palmer Mowlajko*, daughter of Andy & Julia Mowlajko.

Westminster Youth

YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL BY THE SEA

This weekend, members of Westminster's Youth Choir are joining 260 Middle and High Schoolers at the Festival by the Sea in Myrtle Beach. The weekend of singing, worship, and fellowship brings together eighteen churches from across NC, SC, and GA.

YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Youth will meet at Camelot Cinemas (48 E. Antrim Dr.) at 5p for a showing of "Call of the Wild." Sign up and pay online.

Upcoming

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, March 16, at 7p in the Charter Room. Ann Hicks has designed and will present a program entitled <u>Sacred Manifestations of Art Through Its Varied Branches: Literature, Music, Dance, Painting, Sculpture, Film, and Architecture.</u> Join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

CALLING ALL CHEFS!

The Weekday School is having their annual carnival on Saturday, March 28, from 10a-12p. If you are interested in donating a casserole or baked good, please contact Cara Puntch at 232-5766 or cpuntch@wpc-online.org for more information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 8-14, 2020

SUNDAY

Youth Choir Festival by the Sea

8:45 a.m. Witness & Service
Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Membership Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

12:45 p.m. Connections Group Meeting 1:30 p.m. ADYM Search Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. Baptism Class
4:30 p.m. First Steps Music Class
5:00 p.m. APNC Meeting
Youth to Camelot Cinemas

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

200 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
JustFaith Group Meeting

6:15 p.m. NAMI

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

 10:00 a.m.
 Circle 5

 11:00 a.m.
 Staff Meeting

 12:00 p.m.
 Al-Anon

 4:00 p.m.
 Circle 3

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Circle 6 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel It's Elementary! 3:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Needle Arts Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

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I Don't Do Purple

"I don't do purple." The quote jumped off the page of an article written by Jill Duffield, the editor of The Presbyterian Outlook, this year celebrating its bicentennial as the longest continuously published religious magazine in the country.

She was reporting on a recent gathering of pastors, one of whom said late in the conversation, "I don't do purple." I asked myself, "What was the pastor saying? Had she given up the use of purple paraments and clergy stoles during Lent? If so, why? What was her point?"

So, I decided to read the whole article. I discovered that the meeting was called to discuss how best for pastors in our fractious tribal culture to survive or, perhaps, thrive in congregations that are composed of folks of all different opinions, ideologies, and political and social commitments. They were asking themselves, "How do we preach, teach and serve in purple congregations? How do we find a purple middle road in our ministries where no one goes away unhappy?" That discussion of how to make it in a purple church was the context of the pastor's jarring interjection, "I don't do purple."

Today's Scriptures mention two people, one of whom said, "I don't do purple." At the age of 75, Abram without question responded to the call of God, left the comfort of his homeland and people, and set off for the land of Egypt. He showed no hesitation, didn't worry about the attitudes of the peoples whose lands they would travel through, didn't ask whether the trip would pay off in the long run. In his own way, he said, "When it comes to obeying God, 'I don't do purple."

Then there is Nicodemus, who only came to Jesus under the cover of night, a representative of all that is purple, conscious of his reputation among his peers, and not wanting to be seen as taking sides in the glaring light of the very public discussions surrounding the ministry of Jesus.

And finally there is Jesus, the model of one who says, "I don't do purple and try to make everybody happy." In his journey from Judea to Jerusalem, he cared little about the responses of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Roman occupiers, or the members and rituals of the religious hierarchy. During his ministry, he had single-mindedly taken a stand for the least, the last, the abused and ostracized, those begging for mercy and weeping in lament while ignoring all other distractions. It was, as Duffield says, no purple middle-of-the-road, primrose path that he trod on his way to the cross. Jesus' whole life proclaimed. "I don't do purple."

Lent once again offers you and me the opportunity to reflect on whether we "do purple" or follow the no-holds-barred path of discipleship that Jesus trod. May the grace and love of God give us the courage and strength to follow Jesus.

Phil Gehman

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In Christ.

Ben

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A group of WPC doctors, nurses, and surgeons will travel to the Dominican Republic for our annual surgical mission trip from October 17-24th. Interested? Contact Chuck Marguet (charlesmarguet@yahoo.com) or Rob Morgan (robmorganjr@bellsouth.net).

WHAT IS A "KYRIE?"

As we worship together throughout the season of Lent this year, you will notice two small additions to our liturgy. After the corporate prayer of confession, we are including a brief time of silence, followed by the singing of the Kyrie. We are including these liturgical practices for a couple of reasons:

- a) Lent is a season of penitence and limitation. During the time of silence, everyone is invited to continue with individual prayers of confession, reflecting with God upon the ways that we have missed the mark in our personal lives of faith.
- b) The singing of the Kyrie is a way to draw us back together in this moment of penitence. "Kyrie" refers to the Greek phrase "Kyrie" eleison," which means "Lord, have mercy." It is common in many Presbyterian churches to include a Kyrie every Sunday in worship. While we have not done so at Westminster, we do want to include it during this Lenten season to help draw attention to the meaning of Lent.

Of course, the emphasis on repentance during Lent does not negate the good news that we are forgiven and given new life in Jesus Christ. We hope that these two additions to our liturgy will make the journey from Lent to Easter more meaningful for you this year.