

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 12, 2023 |On Demand on Facebook & YouTube|9a & 11:15a



Third Sunday in Lent
Preparation for **Worship**

“Man can certainly flee from God... but he cannot escape him. He can certainly hate God and be hateful to God, but he cannot change into its opposite the eternal love of God which triumphs even in his hate. No one can be saved - in virtue of what he can do. Everyone can be saved - in virtue of what God can do.”

Karl Barth

Gathering and Preparing for **God’s Word**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude 9a O Lux Beatissima Helvey
O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.
Prelude 11:15a Come, Ye Disconsolate Carlson
Choral Introit 11:15a In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Berthier

* Call to Worship Psalm 139:7, 9-12

Leader: O Lord, where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
People: **If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
Leader: If I say, “Surely, the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”
People: **Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLECOMBE

* Prayer of Confession
**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore us to your ways of righteousness
and return us to your paths of peace.
Grant, O merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
that we may live a gentle, just, and humble life,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* Gloria Patri #581 GLORIA PATRI
**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.**

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The Sacrament of Baptism 9a Margaret Sims Buice
Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



11:15a Children in K5 – first grade are invited to leave for Children’s Church.

Hearing **God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination
First Epistle Lesson, Romans 11:32-36 p. 922
Second Epistle Lesson, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 p. 966
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon “Who Gets Saved?”

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.**

Ordination and Installation of Elders 11:15a
Presentation of Candidates
For ordination and installation
Emily Cole Ingrid Erwin Amy Hawkins
Anne Howson Walker Miller Stan Pendergrass
Jeff Reynolds Zach Weaver
For installation
Roger Gower George McLarty Betsy Raines
Susan Robbins

Leader: There are varieties of gifts.
People: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**
Leader: There are different ways of serving God.
People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**
Leader: God works through each person in a unique way.
People: **But it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.**
Leader: To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.
People: **Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.**

Statement on Ordination & Installation
Constitutional Questions
Laying on of Hands & Prayer
Charge & Welcome

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Choral Call to Prayer 11:15a Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Pardini
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
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
Anthem 9a Lord, I Know I Been Changed arr. Shackley
Anthem 11:15a O Lux Beatissima Helvey
O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

* Doxology #606 OLD HUNDRETH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
* Charge and Benediction
* Choral Response 11:15a O Christ, Surround Me Colligan
* Postlude Partita on "Amazing Grace" Hill
*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*
Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*
Jim Kier (9a), Ellis McLarty (11:15a), *readers*
Jara Jones (9a), Lesley Usher (11:15a), *sponsor*
Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*
The Sanctuary Choir Ensemble (9a)
The Chancel Choir (9a)
The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)
Jacob Barker, *head usher*
Meg McKnight, Laura Cox, Hastings Blumer,
Jay Culclasure, Ross Glidewell (9a), *greeters*
LeAnne White, Russ Williams, Toni Paylor,
Neil Shurley, Keith Stevenson (11:15a), *greeters*
Mary Evans Howayeck, Hayden Taylor (9a), *acolytes*
Madeline Hardaway(11:15a), *acolyte*

LENTEN SERMON SERIES:
BACK TO THE BASICS

During the season of Lent, our Sunday sermons will explore some of the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Christian faith. What does it mean to say that Jesus is fully human and fully God? Or to say that he died for us? What do words like sin and saved and suffering mean in our lives today? One of the goals of this series is to explore Christian faith from a Reformed/Presbyterian perspective, particularly during a time when denominations have become less relevant, and church membership has become much more fluid. This Sunday’s sermon will address the question: Who gets saved?

Join Us in Welcoming
BAPTISMS

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Margaret Sims Buice, daughter of Will & Stacy Buice.

BIRTHS

The birth of a son, Jackson Robert Paylor, to Andrew & Mary Paylor on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

In Memoriam

Ray Pent
(3/15/1935 – 3/5/2023)

“I am the resurrection and the life.”
– John 11:25

Worship Notes

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make foundational layers of meaning for faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday. This shift to reusable items demonstrates how we value hospitality and care for creation.

CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card from the Ritual of Friendship pad and place it in the offering plate to express interest or sign up for an opportunity.

CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, March 14

- Circle 3, at the home of Ruth Collins (103 Haddon Lane, Greer) at 2p. Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com), chair.

WELCOME HOME DRIVE

Throughout March, Westminster is partnering with World Relief Upstate to collect furniture and household items enough to supply an apartment for a refugee family of four. Items may be purchased from our Amazon wish list (see WPC website) and delivered directly to the church. You may also sign up to donate new or gently used items, which you may drop off at the Fellowship Hall during the following times:

- March 12, 12:30–2:30p
- March 14, 4:30–6:30p
- March 19, 12:30–2:30p
- March 21, 4:30–6:30p
- March 26, 12:30–2:30p

Questions? Contact Nikki Grumbine (grumbine5@gmail.com).

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE
AUGUST 3-6

In 2023, we will return to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

Costs: \$675 (single – one person)
 \$710 (couple – shared room)
 \$600 (parent/child)
 \$800 (family of 3/1 room)
 \$900 (family of four/1 room)

Covered in the cost is transportation, admission to museums and memorials, breakfasts each day, and certain group meals. Signup online at www.wpc-online.org. Scholarships are available.

SUPPER WITH SEVEN
April – May 2023

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about getting out and doing things. What about enjoying meals with other Westminster members? “Supper With Seven” is seven (or so) persons – some couples, some singles, some older and some younger – gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. It is a great way to establish or renew relationships with other Westminster members. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Supper With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 20. *Indicate preferred method of contact.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check as many as apply:

_____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.

_____ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

_____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 12 – 19, 2023

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

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| 9:00a | Worship Service |
| 10:00 | One Adult Sunday School |
| 10:55 | Sunday Session Meeting |
| 11:15 | Worship Service |
| 12:15p | Elder Reception |
| 12:30 | Refugee Donation Time |
| 4:30 | First Steps Music Class |
| 5:00 | Middler Youth Group |
| | WOW Board Meeting |
| 5:15 | Senior High Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:00 | Youth Dinner |
| | A Taste of the Border Dinner |
| 6:30 | Middler Choir Rehearsal |
| | Senior High Youth Group |

Monday, March 13

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| 8:00p | Narcotics Anonymous |
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Tuesday, March 14

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| 12:00p | Al-Anon |
| 2:00 | Circle 3 |
| 4:30 | Refugee Donation Time |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Wednesday, March 15

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| 12:30p | Luncheon Group Meeting |
| 2:30 | It's Elementary |
| 3:30 | Cherub Choir |
| 4:30 | Junior & Senior Choristers |
| 7:00 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday, March 16

Staff Retreat at Montreat

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| 8:00p | Narcotics Anonymous |
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Friday, March 17

Weekday School Spring Break

Session Retreat at Montreat

Saturday, March 18

Session Retreat with Stated Session Meeting

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| 8:30a | Hiking Group |
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Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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| 9:00a | Worship Service |
| | Creation Stewardship Meeting |
| 10:00 | One Adult Sunday School |
| 10:55 | Sunday Session Meeting |
| 11:15 | Worship Service |
| 12:30p | Refugee Donation Time |

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From the Pews, Kayla Burrell

Since I was a kid, my family has had the chance to travel a lot. I am thankful for this because traveling has widened my worldview by exposing me to people outside my immediate circle. However, being someone prone to worrying and overthinking, I used to struggle with a lot of anxiety about going on trips. Be it road trips in our minivan or flights in an airplane, I was always afraid that something would happen to our vehicle that would injure or kill us. This fear led to my refusing to go on some trips that seemed too long or daunting, causing my family unneeded stress (which they handled with grace).

However, at some point (around the time I started driving), I realized that while driving was dangerous, the people driving the vehicles had more control over the passengers’ safety than I had previously thought. When drivers and pilots are wise, alert, and cautious, their passengers are more likely to make it to their destination safely– as are the other people around them. So before we went on trips, and whenever I got nervous in the car or on a plane, I started praying for the drivers and pilots to stay alert and make good decisions. Even though I knew I could not control their actions, praying for them helped me stay calm.

In recent years, as I have grown up, I have become more aware of the power world leaders have over our safety and wellbeing. When I say “world leaders,” I am referring to people in charge of governments, as well as people with large enough amounts of money to cause significant change in the world. Like drivers or pilots, these world leaders have the power to take their people where they want to go, but they also have the potential to hurt those people if they make a mistake or act recklessly.

In a time when international tensions seem high, I find 1 Timothy 2:1-2 especially relevant. It reads, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.”

Whenever I am worried about the state of the world and there is nothing immediate I can do to resolve it, I find myself praying for people who do have that power to have wisdom and not to make rash decisions. Whenever I feel powerless, praying comforts me and gives me hope that God will find a way to let peace prevail.

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Reconciliation in a Divided World
led by Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar
Room 209

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Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour
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Open Minds Open Hearts

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