#### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Sunday, April 16, 2023 |On Demand on Facebook & YouTube|9a & 11:15a



#### Second Sunday of Easter

#### Preparation for Worship

"Herein lies the great difference between divine weakness and human weakness, the wounds of Christ and the wounds of man. Two human weaknesses only intensify each other. But human weakness plus Christ's weakness equals a supernatural strength."

Christian Wiman, My Bright Abyss

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word				
Welcome and Announcements				
Leader: <b>People:</b>				
Prelude 9a	I Know that My Redeemer Lives!	Held		
Prelude 11:15a	"Worthy" from Called	Burrows		
Choral Introit 11:15a Alleluia!		O'Carroll		
*Call to Worship		Psalm 27		
Leader:	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom	shall I fear?		
People:	The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?			
Leader:	I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lo	ord		
_	in the land of the living.			
People:	Wait for the Lord;			
	be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!			
All:	Let us worship God!			
* Hymn #238	Thine Is the Glory	Judas Maccabeus		
* Prayer of Confession				
Holy God,				
we confess that we have been governed by our fears instead of our faith.				
We refrain from acts of love that might cost us too much.				
We are hesitant to welcome the stranger,				

wary of entanglements that would complicate

- our crowded lives.
- We are scared to be vulnerable.
- We become paralyzed by caution when you ask us to take risks with the risen Christ.
- Forgive our half-hearted and stubborn ways, O Lord, and grant us newfound courage.
- Open our minds and hearts by the power of your Spirit, so that our defenses would come down, and our trust in you would be complete. 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

**Congregational Response** 

Prayer for Illumination

\* Affirmation of Faith

Sermon

Christ

New Testament Lesson, Acts 2:43-47

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson, John 20:19-31

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King:

## 11:15a

#### Riggs Foster Jackson Fallon Elizabeth Propp

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The Apostles' Creed

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

Hearing God's Word

"Behind Locked Doors"

Responding to God's Word

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\* Postlude

## Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist* Caroline Blouin (9a), Jay Culclasure (11:15a), scripture readers Susan Grier (9a), Ginny Reed (11:15a), sponsors Todd Monsell, organist and pianist The Sanctuary Choir Ensemble (9a) The Junior and Senior Choristers (11:15a) Katie Knauer (11:15a), Junior Choristers Director Hunter Smith (11:15a), Senior Choristers Interim Director Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), *pianist* The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a) Jacob Barker (9a), Clay Smoak (11:15a), *head ushers* Jay Culclasure, Walker Miller, Stan Pendergrass, Betsy Raines, Jeff Reynolds (9a), greeters George McLarty, Emily Cole, Ingrid Erwin, Jordan Smith, Toni Paylor (11:15a), greeters

#### Worship Notes

#### NURSERY

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.

WELCOME TO WPC! Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

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 Praver 11:15a Lord. Have Mercy Upon Us Pardini

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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Offering		
Anthem 9a	I Believe	Miller
Anthem 11:15a	I Shall See	Trotta
* Doxology #606		OLD HUNDREDTH

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

#### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\* Hymn #239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Gelobt Sei Gott

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response 11:15a

Amen Trumpet Tune on "Morgenlied"

Lasky \*All who are able may stand

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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

## Join Us in Welcoming

#### BAPTISMS

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Riggs Foster Jackson, son of Matt & Lindsav Jackson.

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Fallon Elizabeth Propp, daughter of McCallum & Heather Propp.

#### We Remember in Prayer

Whit Walker, Ellie, Colin, and Cameron Walker on the death of Connie, April 11, 2023, and the death of Connie's mother, Irene Mikkelson, April 7, 2023.

#### In Memoriam

Connie Walker (1/21/1963 - 4/11/2023) "I am the resurrection and the life." - John 11:25

#### Children's Choir Musical

This Sunday afternoon, April 16, at 4p, the Junior and Senior Choristers will present CALLED, a musical about kids listening for God's call and finding we all have a way to work for God's missions! They will be joined by the Cherub Choir in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear these young voices sing and proclaim that everyone has the heart and voice to pray, praise, sing, and rejoice!

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#### YOUTH GROUP ON APRIL 16

Middlers and Sr. Highs will meet at their normal times, but in a different location this week! We will be meeting at the First Baptist fields that are beside the Swamp Rabbit Trail. You can park in the lower First Baptist lot that is closest to Faris Road. We will also have a picnic dinner there from 6-6:30 so consider bringing a blanket or camp chair. There will be bus transportation to and from WPC for youth choir at its regular times.

#### THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, April 17 at 7p. in the Charter Room. Amos Workman will lead the discussion of *Markings* by Dag Hammarskjold. Read the book and join us for an interesting and informative evening. All are welcome.

## CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, April 18

Circle 7. at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood) at 6:30p. Circle Chair: Talitha (bewt29617@bellsouth. Allen net).

#### HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet again Friday, April 28, to hike Virginia Hawkins Falls in the Laurel Forest Heritage Preserve north of Rocky Bottom, SC. Hiking Group Leader, Durden Collins. durden.collins@ gmail.com.

#### HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY

On Saturday, May 6, join folks from across our congregation to serve with a variety of local partners. There are projects for all ages and abilities. Morning and afternoon shifts are available, with morning shifts followed by lunch and a community-wide celebration at Fluor Field. Find more information and register by May 3 on WPC's website.

#### **PROJECT HOST**

Join other WPC members to volunteer with the Project Host Soup Kitchen in service of our most vulnerable neighbors. Every other Tuesday from 9a-1p. Limited space is available in upcoming months. Visit WPC's website to sign up.

#### WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER Spring Luncheon - April 23 Home is Where the Heart Is

The Women of Westminster Spring Luncheon (also known as our Generations Banquet) is set for Sunday, April 23 - after the 12:15p worship service. Sign up for yourself and to bring your daughters and mothers! Join us to hear from our speaker, Reverend Jennifer Fouse Sheorn, a pillar here in our community from Triune Mercy. Cost will be \$13 per adult. Lunch will be provided by Brick Street Café and will include their Chicken Salad Fruit Plate (scoop of Miss Sue's Savory Walnut Chicken Salad, scoop of fruit and their 'Love Muffin'). Please let us know if you have any allergies and therefore need another option. Sign up online through April 18 for 'Home is Where the Heart Is!"

#### CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 3-6

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

Costs: \$675 one person [1 room] \$710 couple [1 room] \$600 parent/child [] room] \$800 family of 3 [1 room] \$900 family of 4 [1 room]

Covered in the cost is transportation. admission to museums and memorials, breakfast each day, and certain group meals. Sign up online at www.wpc-online.org. The deadline is Monday, April 24. Scholarships are available.

#### Membership@WPC

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and ioining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a this Sunday, April 30. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Julia Watkins (jwatkins@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 16 - 23, 2023

Sunday, April 16 Second Sunday of Easter

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9:00a	Worship Service
	Children's Ministry Meeting
	Creation Stewardship
	Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Stated Session Meeting
12:45	Connections Group
4:00	Children's Music Program
5:00	Middler Youth Group
5:15	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00	Youth Dinner
6:30	Middler Choir Rehearsal
	Senior High Youth Group
Monday, Apr	
12:00p	Gifts & Gratitude
12.00p	Committee Meeting
5:00	Personnel Committee
5.00	Meeting
7:00	Theology Reading Group
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous
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Tuesday, Apr	
12:00p	Al-Anon
6:30	Circle 7
7:00	Men of Westminster Board
	Meeting
Wednesday,	April 19
12:30p	Luncheon Group Meeting
2:30	It's Elementary
3:30	Cherub Choir
4:30	Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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9:30a	Weekday Chapel
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8:00	Narcotics Anonymous
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Third Sunday	
9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Women of Westminster
	Spring Gathering Luncheon
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## From the Pews, Parks Workman

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As a reflection, it may be easier to find peace alone, early in the morning, with a cup of coffee, in a quiet room, with rain pattering on the roof. But Jesus does not intend for us to lock ourselves away from the world. Indeed, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." We need to bring Jesus with us outside the confines of our homes and out into the world-whether it be through forgiveness; caring for the sick, alone, poor, those in prison; sharing the Good News; bringing calm to a turbulent situation; or just catching up with a friend. While I highly recommend spending quiet time alone with Jesus, let us

break out of our comfort zones and bring that peace with us into the world. The same power that allowed Jesus to conquer death can bring peace – ever so incrementally – to our daily challenges. The peace does not have to fade as we leave the quiet room.

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I have a morning ritual of waking up incredibly early. I walk in zombie-like fashion to the kitchen and prepare a cup of coffee. I slog up to our attic space. I light a candle and I enjoy the calm before the storm of the day. Sometimes God blesses me with the soothing sound of rain pattering on the roof. This is my time

Although my thoughts typically drift into the issues of the day and what I might have to deal with at work or at home, for a brief moment I can sometimes find peace and wholeness. Inevitably, the moment will end, I will pry myself up out of the chair, and I will begin the other morning rituals-showering, eating breakfast, catching up on my emails, and heading off for another day. The peace

As we bask in the glory of the resurrection, I note that Jesus' first words after appearing to his disciples in John's Gospel were "Peace be with you!" This may be a traditional Jewish greeting, but here it is much more profound. Jesus' presence is peace with you.

Of course, it may be easier for peace to find you in a quiet room, away from the noise of the world. Indeed, searching for peace in the noise of the world is difficult as exemplified by Thomas. Thomas did not have the blessing of being with Jesus when Jesus appeared to his disciples in that locked room. The doubts of the world crept in and led to his natural skepticism. Reassuringly, Thomas did eventually see the signs and found "My lord and my God!"

#### Adult Sunday School (April 16-30, 2023)

#### Joy in Chains:

### A Chapter-by-Chapter Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians Leigh Stuckey - Room 209

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	Meg McKnight	Russ Williams			
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	Jacob Barker	Nikki Grumbine			
	Marian Carpenter	Bill Holt			
	Lindsey Donlan	Ginny Reed			
	Carroll Farmer	Jordan Smith			
	Zach Freeman	Tom Vanderbloemen			
	Susan Grier	Parks Workman			
The Class of 2026					
	Emily Cole	Walker Miller			
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