

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 12, 2017

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are curious, and have come to see
 If you are weary, and have come to rest
 If you are grateful, and have come to share
 If you are hurting, and have come for solace
 If you are listening, and have come to pray
 If you are seeking, and have come for answers
 WELCOME

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Paul Grier

** BIBLES PRESENTED TO THIRD GRADERS

** CHORAL INTROIT Mayo
 "Ubi Caritas"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, God is my strength and my song,
 and has become my salvation.

People: **O God, we will give you thanks, call on your name,
 make known your deeds, and sing your praises.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE - No. 687 ST. ANNE
 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the
 goodness you offer. We complain of our condition when our wants go
 unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty we still
 yearn for more. Millions face hunger, while we fret over abundance.
 Through Christ forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we share our bread
 with the hungry and our homes with those who lack shelter.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

* 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.**

** BAPTISM OF CORA OWINGS GARRETT, LARKIN JANE WILLIAMS,
 HARPER ELAINE WOMACK

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

"Alleluia"

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

Hedrick

** ANTHEM

"Sing to the Lord"

Raabe

Children in K5 and first grade will leave for Children's Church.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE — Genesis 28:10-22 (Page 25)

Laura Williams

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE — Acts 5:1-11 (Page 122)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

"And You Thought the IRS Was Tough!"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* 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; 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.**

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory (9:00 a.m.) "Glorious Is Thy Name" arr. Page

** Anthem "Let the River Run" arr. Johnson

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all crea-
 tures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN No. 611 HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

During the singing of the last hymn,

those who wish may bring their pledge cards forward

and place them on the communion table.

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Watts

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

* POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

**All who are able may stand*

*** 11:15 a.m. service only*

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Russ Williams
	11:15 a.m.	Susan Jones
SPONSOR:		Collin Mackie
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Julia Bellew, Elizabeth Palmer
		Donn James
	11:15 a.m.	Catherine Blount, Ben Alexander
		Hank Sanders
LITURGIST:		Mary Kathleen Duncan
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Key, Bradley Lucas
	11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth Brasington, Katy Cox

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith

open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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
 and click the link "Worship via
 Live Streaming."

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday
 are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m.

Senior Choristers

Junior Choristers

Hunter Ditsch, flute

Sanctuary Choir

Bryce Nelson, bass

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the worship service, children
 in rising K5 - 1st grade follow one of our
 ministers out for Children's Church in
Room 206. The leaders for Children's
 Church this **Sunday, November 12**, are:

9:00 a.m. *Matt Delfino & Lizzy Holt*

11:15 a.m. *Jeff & Mary Cameron
 McCall*

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE

FOR NOVEMBER 12

9:00 a.m.

Crawler *Dan & Erin Kyser*
 Toddler *Zandr & Carly Tesolowski*
 K2 *John & Abby Paylor*

11:15 a.m.

Crib *Rodney & Bryn Robison*
 Crawler *Jake & Elizabeth Rasor*
 Toddler *Kent & Caroline Giguere*
 K2 *Allen & Leslie Hellenga*
 K3 *Mike & Laura Weiss*
 K4 *Rodney & Hayden Brewer*

LET US PRAY FOR:

Elaine Smith and family

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome the following
 into our fellowship:

- *Cora Owings Garrett*, daughter of
 Manning & Courtney Garrett, sister of
 Waverly.

- *Larkin Jane Williams*, daughter of Pierce
 & Micah Williams, sister of Brooke and
 Logan.

- *Harper Elaine Womack*, daughter of Tyler
 & Amanda Womack.

VESPERS SERVICE AT
 NOVEMBER NIGHTS

As a prelude to the November Nights
 program, a brief Vespers service featuring
 sacred and secular music and scriptural
 meditations will be offered in the sanctuary
this Sunday, November 12, beginning at
5:30 p.m.

BIBLES AWARDED

This **Sunday, November 12**, we will
 award Bibles to our third graders at the
 very beginning of our **11:15 a.m. worship
 service**. Plan now to join us.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

Michel Stone, author of **Border Child**,
 will be the guest speaker at the Theology
 Reading Group meeting on **Monday,
 November 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter
 Room**. Read the book and join us for
 Stone's presentation about her recent novel
 dealing with a Mexican couple's difficult
 life. All are invited.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for
 couples and singles, will meet for lunch
 at **Soby's** (207 S. Main St.) on **Sunday,
 November 19**, at **12:30 p.m.** Newcomers
 are welcome. Valet parking is available.
 Make reservations with *Betsy Wilson* by
Thursday, November 16, ([betsywilson@
 bellsouth.net](mailto:betsywilson@bellsouth.net) or 297-0026).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join the Youngish Adults as we continue
 our fellowship and discussion series at
The Blockhouse (1619 Augusta St.)
 on **Wednesday, November 15**. This
 week we'll consider how consumerism
 shapes our faith. We'll gather starting at
6:15 p.m. and begin our discussion by
6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available at
 Westminster at **6:15 p.m.** Don't forget
 to mark your calendars for **WestFest** on
December 3 from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** and
 our annual Christmas party on **Sunday,
 December 17** from **6:00 p.m.-till**.

WPCYG

November Nights Schedule

Sunday, November 12:

- 5:30 p.m. - Vespers Service in Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner following Vespers
- 6:30 p.m. - Middler Group
- 6:30 p.m. - Senior High Group

WOMEN of WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, November 14

- **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair (rischlacht@att.net), will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room**.
- **Circle #3:** *Joanne Sweeny*, chair (swejoa38@gmail.com), will meet at the home of *Frances Roe* (5 Landsdown Ave.) at **6:00 p.m.**
- **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net), will meet at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.) at **6:30 p.m.**

ADULT GROUPS

Luncheon Group:

- Will meet **Wednesday, November 15**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. **Leader:** *Mary Ann Cox* (lmaryanncox@gmail.com).

Hiking Group:

- Will meet **Saturday, November 18**, at **8:00 a.m.** in the **WPC parking lot**. *Charlie LeGrand* will lead a hike to the Petroglyphs near Pinnacle Mountain. To register for this hike, contact Charlie at 979-2893.
- Will meet **Tuesday, November 21**, at **8:30 a.m.** in the **WPC parking lot**. *Carole Dennison* will lead a hike at DuPont Forest. Bring water and your snack. Make lunch reservations with Carole (cdennison72@gmail.com).

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Our annual Advent kick-off celebration, **WestFest**, is **Sunday, December 3**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the **Green Parking Lot**. We will have live music from The West End String Band, food trucks (Thoroughfare, The Chuck Truck, Meat'n in the Middle), and s'mores. Join us!
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
OLD BUT YOUNG GROUP
Sunday, December 10
White Elephant Social
- Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 13**, for our annual all church **Christmas Dinner**. This year, our theme will be **Christmas Customs**, and we will have desserts and activities reflecting Christmas all over the world.

GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (GAIHN)

DECEMBER 10-17

WPC will welcome the United Ministries program called GAIHN which allows families with children to stay together as they confront the daunting challenges of tackling homelessness. You can help and offer hospitality in the form of spending the night or hosting a meal right here at our church on the 300 hall. Sign up using the SignUpGenius link at www.wpc-online.org/greenville-interfaithhospitality-network.php or in the **Sanctuary Atrium this Sunday, November 12**. Questions? *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com) or *Julia Bellew* (jbellew@srhs.com).

NEW MEMBERS

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

- **Steve & Barbara Cole**, 18 Lawson Way, 29605, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Concord, NC.
- **Dan & Tammy Farnsworth**, 6 Gillray Dr., 29617. Dan joined by reaffirmation of faith. Tammy joined by profession of faith. They have four children, Cullen (19), Jared (17), Campbell (15), and Cates (10).
- **Ryan & Kelsey Hall**, 107 Oak St., 29611, joined by profession of faith.
- **Lee Hohner**, 1 Laurel Cove Ln., Travelers Rest, 29690, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Three Rivers, Michigan.
- **Walker Miller**, 308 LeGrand Blvd., 29607, joined by transfer from Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville. Walker is married to WPC member, *Leigh Frasher Miller*.
- **Michael & Mary-Catherine Riner**, 9 Rice St., 29605, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Bradford & Ashley Swann**, 188 Chapman Rd., 29605, joined by transfer from Northside Methodist, Atlanta, GA. They have two children, William (5) and Charlotte (3).
- **Pierce & Micah Williams**, 139 Bathurst Ln., Simpsonville, 29681. Pierce joined by baptism and profession of faith. Micah joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have three children, Brooke (14), Logan (11) and Larkin (3 mos.).
- **William & Amanda Younts**, 104 Appleton Ln., Mauldin, 29662, joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have one child, David (5 mos.).

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SAVE THE DATE
for these exciting events with
Women of Westminster:

Tuesday, December 5
12:00 p.m.
Advent Luncheon

February 23-25, 2018
Women's Retreat
More details and sign-ups to come!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
November 12-18, 2017

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m.	Witness & Service Committee Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Vespers Service
	5:45 p.m.	November Nights Dinner
		Weekday School Bookfair
	6:30 p.m.	November Nights Classes
		Middler Youth Group
		Senior High Youth Group
		Alcoholics Anonymous
	8:00 p.m.	
MONDAY		<i>Weekday School Bookfair (until Noon)</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
	6:15 p.m.	NAMI
	7:00 p.m.	Theology Reading Group
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY		
	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Easley Presbyterian Circle #5
	10:00 a.m.	AI-Anon meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Circle #3
	6:00 p.m.	Westminster Bells Rehearsal Circle #7
	6:30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY		
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon Group
	3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" & Tweens
	4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Choristers
	6:15 p.m.	Youngish Adults Outing
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY		
	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

COMING OPPORTUNITIES

November 12
Commitment Sunday
3rd grade Bibles awarded at 11:15

December 3
WestFest churchwide event

December 5
Women's Advent Luncheon

December 10
Old But Young White Elephant Social

December 10-17
ministry with GAIHN families

December 13
Christmas Dinner



Genesis 28:10-22
Acts 5:1-11

I recently read a story about a kindergartner who came home from school and eagerly cleaned out her piggy bank. The child placed her coins and dollar bills into a bag, not keeping a single penny for herself. She told her grandmother that she was taking the money to school to buy milk for a friend who could not afford milk. This is a humbling example of giving selflessly from the heart.

We are surrounded by material temptations including our homes, vacations, cars, clothes, gadgets, toys, and so much more. Whether we are trying to keep up with those around us or getting caught up in our wants and not our needs, our tithes to the church can easily be an afterthought or just don't fit into the budget. For a church that gives so much back to us, how can we not put our church first before all material things? In Genesis 28:22, Jacob vows to God, "...and of ALL that you give me, I will give you a tenth." The word "all" is critical here, as everything that we have comes from God above.

The milk money story does not end with the child paying for her friend's milk. After hearing the story, an entire community gave money so that all the children in need at the school could have milk for their snack. Little things can have big impacts. Give the tenth that Jacob vows, or give even more like the child did with her piggy bank. Whatever we do, let's give and live in grace and gratitude.

Living in Grace...Living in Gratitude

We're all guilty of holding back on things at times – and this is nothing new. In Acts 5: 1-11, Ananias and Sapphira withheld some money from the sale of their property from the church. Peter questioned them, "What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." When it comes to Commitment Sunday, remember, giving is a gift. This is a pledge to God, the one that has given us everything and only asks for a tenth. He can't and won't be deceived. Let's give with truth and from the heart and we will receive so much more in return.

What will our milk money do for our church, our community, and the world?

Melody Beattie said, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." And who doesn't want all this?

Terri Hoffman

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ADULT CLASSES AVAILABLE

■ Craft Workshop for Adults

Leader: *Barbara Stoop* (Room 116)

Week 1 — Small Christmas Gifts - Explore new craft trends to make easy gifts to give away.

Week 2 — Wooden Nativities - Use pre-cut wooden shapes to make easy nativity figures for your home or tree.

■ Malawi - An Ongoing Mission

Leader: *Trey DuBose* (Room 211)

Over these two weeks we are going to review WPC's efforts in Malawi with a focus on the exciting changes and progress over the years as well as looking to what the future holds for this mission. There will be plenty of interaction and stories, humorous and heart wrenching. Plus, each week we will share "Tales from Safari" with pictures and yarns from our adventures chasing the Big 5!

■ Movie Night (Room 213)

"A Return to Grace; Luther's Life and Legacy." Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the Western world with an impact that continues to reverberate in 2017. This just released movie portrays Luther's quest for faith, truth and grace. Popcorn will be provided!

■ Invest In Our Future (Room 209)

Michael Delaney, Principal of Carolina High School will share information on a new collaborative program between Westminster and Carolina which is off White Horse Road in West Greenville and has the highest poverty index of any high school in Greenville County and one of the highest in the state. One hundred percent of the students qualify for free lunch, a common indicator of poverty. Despite teachers being asked to do more today than ever before, Carolina's graduation rate has gone from 48.8% to 84% in just six years. Learn how investing in the students will help Carolina recruit and retain a high-quality teacher work force.

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Middlers (grades 6-8)—6:30-7:30 p.m.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

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1. A craft making workshop in the Art Room
2. Gym time

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Each week our preschoolers will have crafts and stories about fall, Thanksgiving and the Christmas Story.

K2-K5 in Room 206

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

As nature begins to slow down and gets ready for winter’s rest, we find ourselves hurling into the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Maybe God is suggesting that we follow nature’s wisdom and slow ourselves down for a time of calm, reflection, and restoration. Sunday School offers us an hour each week, combined with worship, to relax, ponder and be encouraged in our walk with Jesus. Join us as the following classes are scheduled from **November 5 - December 17, at 10:00 a.m.**

1. The Consequences and Effects of the Reformation

The Protestant Reformations began in 1517, and a hundred years later Christian Europe was at war, witches were being burned, the Catholic Inquisition was searching for heretics, and the spectacular St. Peter’s Basilica was consecrated. Religion, government, and culture were going through tremendous change as the consequences of the Reformation were played out across Europe and the world. This lecture style class will look at the lingering effects of the Reformation and ponder how these influences still resonate today.

Teacher: *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 212

2. The Text This Week

Join us each Sunday as we examine more deeply the text from that day’s worship. This is a discussion based class and is an informal way to get to know others and help find your place at WPC. We will enjoy coffee and conversation as we delve into the Sunday Scripture, sermon, and events from the week’s news.

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