

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In this place where Your Name, O God, is above every name, where Your truth is sought and Your faith cherished, grant Your blessing upon all who worship You in sincerity and truth. Here may the weary find rest; the lonely, friendship; the saddened, comfort; the fearful, courage; the discouraged, hope; the weak, strength; the strong, discipline; and all of us the reassurance of Your forgiving and empowering mercy, and the desire and opportunity to invest our lives for the good of all people and the glory of God.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL INTROIT "Surely" Langston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

People: For great is God's steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 611 HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You give us a vision of a world made new, O God, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your presence among us, yet we seek so often to hide from it. We continue to mourn for our own way, though you have promised to wipe the tears from our eyes. When the former things have passed away, will we still long for what used to be? You are the beginning and the end; the middle we cling to for ourselves. We confess our nearsightedness and beg for eyes open to the new year made whole by your grace.

* 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, Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**CALL TO PRAYER Psalm 139

"O God, You Search Me"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 16 (Page 495) David Golladay

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Matthew 4:18-22 (Page 3)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Westminster - Our Goodly Heritage"

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

Anthem (9:00 a.m.) "I Will Bless the Lord" Johnson

Anthem (11:15 a.m.) "Hear Me Redeemer" Mollicone

* 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

* HYMN No. 757 KINGSFOLD

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE Davis

"Go Out with Joy"

* POSTLUDE arr. Page

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

** ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Pete Sweeny

11:15 a.m. Danna Rohleder

SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Kathryn Freedman

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Jon McKnight, Paul Grier

11:15 a.m. Joanne Sweeny

Sallie White, Becca Donohue

Beri Draganic

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Libby Graves, Amelia Key

11:15 a.m. Katy Cox, Margaret Rowan

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.

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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

Douglas Culclasure, soloist

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

TJ Turner, Laura Lynn Brickle, soloists

During the worship service, children in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, January 14:

9:00 a.m. Zach & Lee Freeman

11:15 a.m. Jonathan & Emily Cole

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from 8:45-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 21, in the Charter Room. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606. The next class will be Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14

9:00 a.m.

Crawler Wesley & Wendy Rentz
Toddler Frank & Kristin McKernan
K3 Greg & Amanda Arscott

11:15 a.m.

Crib Tyler & Amanda Womack
Crawler Joe & Shannon Paradise
Toddler Heath & Jarrett Price
K2 Elizabeth Muncaster
K3 Parks & Rachel Workman
K4 Bo & Mae Todd Mullins

In Memoriam

James Rutledge Johnson

7/29/1982 - 1/3/2018

"In my Father's House are many mansions."

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Rutledge Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, January 14, 2018, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The order of business will be: (1) To elect twelve elders for the Class of 2021, (2) To elect one trustee for the Class of 2023, (3) To act upon proposed changes in the ministers' terms of call, (4) To answer questions concerning the 2018 budget.

SESSION NOMINEES

During the Congregational meeting this Sunday, January 14, the Nominating Committee will nominate the following to serve on the Session:

Class of 2021

Kristin Burrell Elizabeth McElveen
Phillip Cox Grier Mullins
Ted Gentry Pete Roe
Philip Land Gaye Sprague
Brad Lucas Catherine Stoddard
David Massey Freddie Williams

Class of 2023 Trustee: Vernon Anderson

Others may be nominated from the floor. If you plan to do so, please contact the person beforehand to be certain he/she is willing to serve.

YOUTH GROUPS

SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 14

- 5:15 p.m. Combined Youth Choirs
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Combined Youth Group meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Tuesday, January 16
- Circle #7: will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr.). Circle Leader: Talitha Allen (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue a book study on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 212. We will study the book, The True Measure of a Man, by Richard Simmons. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact Rick Carpenter (608-1881).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet on Saturday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan & Tim Reed (51 Club Forest Ln.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or – if you don't hear from us (databases are imperfect). Contact Jean Atkins (jean@indconinc.com) or Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see you!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Copies of the 2017-2018 Church Directory are available to church members in the Friendship Court. The MyWPC option on Westminster's website homepage (www.wpc-online.org) offers an up-to-date version of this directory. Also, the church office will supply an email pdf version to you upon request. This is available any time so that information is at its most up-to-date.

BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 6, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the church library to discuss the book Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. Visitors are always welcome.

ADULT GROUPS

Wednesday, January 17

- **Hiking Group Meeting:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. Our speaker will be Dan Whitten from the South Carolina Native Plant Species Society. **Group Leader:** Ron Lawson (ronlawson2010@gmail.com).
- **The Needle Arts Group:** Will meet at 6:30 pm in the Entrance Pavilion. **Leader:** Terry Gentry (tmgentry@charter.net).

CONNECTIONS

Join Westminster friends for Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, at **Lieu's Chinese Bistro** (1149 Woodruff Rd.), at 12:30 p.m. after the morning worship service on Sunday, January 21. New people are welcome. Place your reservation by Saturday, January 20, with Mary Ann Cox (1maryanncox@gmail.com or 963-2335).

UNITED MINISTRIES + GAIHN
GAIHN is now under one roof with United Ministries. You are invited for an open house on Tuesday, Jan 23 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. To learn more visit the Eventbrite invitation here: www.under-one-roof.eventbrite.com. GAIHN families will also be utilizing the showers and laundry facilities at Place of Hope. A few handy folks are needed to help to replace the ceiling in the showers and paint the dressing area with waterproof paint. If you have the time and talent, please contact: Claire Winkler, cwinkler@united-ministries.org or 335-2618.

WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION

Signups for the seventy-six volunteer positions are underway for our first session on January 29 from 9:00-11:50 a.m. Visit <http://www.wpc-online.org/westminster-carolina-high-connection.php> to see links for the SignUpGenius and required Greenville County School Level II screening. Join us to kick off the largest local off site mission project organized by WPC. There is a place for everyone interested in helping. Contact Steve Johnson (stevejohnson.cvm@gmail.com) or Susan McLarty with questions.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 14-20, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Combined Youth Group Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Weekday School/Church Office Closed

- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Book Study PW Circle #7

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Hiking Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

2018 Women's Retreat

All women of Westminster are encouraged to join us at the **2018 Women's Retreat, February 23-25**, at **Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC**. We will be joined by author and spiritual director, **Jeannie DuBose**, as our keynote speaker. Go to http://premierespeakers.com/jeannie_dubose/bio to learn more about Jeannie. **Judy McKenney** will lead music again this year. Unlike years past, the majority of the program will begin Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. if you are only able to join us for one night. The cost however will remain the same whether you join us for one or two nights. Registration includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. All rooms are in Assembly Inn and check-in for those arriving Friday will be held from 5-7:00 pm. We will conclude with a worship service on Sunday morning before check-out at 11:00 am.

- Single Occupancy - \$220
- Double Occupancy - \$195 (double occupancy may be either one king or two twins)
- Quad Occupancy - \$175 (quad occupancy may have a shared bath)

Payment is due upon registration. Cancellations before January 20 will be applied to your pledge or considered a contribution to the church. Cancellations after January 20 will be forfeited. Sign up online at <http://www.wpc-online.org/women-of-westminster-retreat.php>.



"THE SECRET"

As a father to three inquisitive young children, I am constantly entertained and enlightened by the questions and insights they have. It will not surprise you that life can get a bit hectic in our house, and sometimes I worry that I am not giving enough love and attention to each one of them individually. Often in the midst of the chaos of our lives, one of them will sit on my lap or pull me aside and say they have a "secret" to tell me. Sometimes the secret is silly and amusing, but usually it is a simple "I love you." These secrets are my children's way of making sure that I hear exactly what they are trying to say and that I know they are there. It is during moments like this that I recognize and reflect on God's grace and love.

In the story of Psalm 16, David appears to be experiencing uncertainty and distress in his life and uses the opportunity to carve out one-on-one time with God to reaffirm his "secret." The secret in this instance is his total belief and confidence in God and his appreciation for the abundance of blessings God provides him, including the opportunity for eternal life.

I realize that feeling uncertain and overwhelmed is a normal part of life and not unique to our family. Just as my children need one-on-one time with me during the chaotic times and David needed his alone time with God, I have found it increasingly important as I have gotten older to carve out time with God to tell Him my "secret." This is my chance to make sure He knows that I am there and to reiterate my belief and trust in Him. How and when do you find it best to communicate your "secret" to God?

Jacob Barker

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Teachers: *Ted Gentry/Trey DuBose* **Room:** 209

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Discussion Leader: *Judith Chandler-Huse* **Room:** 210

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