

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 24, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE - "Our Great Savior" Prichard
CHORAL INTROIT - "Surely the Lord Is in this Place" Langston
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN - No. 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly God, you have sent Jesus Christ into the world to make known your will. He calls us and names us as your chosen people. Give us courage as we translate our confession into acts of reconciling love. With our senses dulled by decisions that demand our attention, we fail to focus on what you want us to do. Our hands droop at times when they should reach out to support others, and knees become weak when our feet seek your straight path. Give us the discipline to determine your desire, and equip us to fulfill your expectations of us. When we are short-sighted or misuse your grace, replace our schemes with your design for our lives. Deliver us from the undue need to control our own destiny, and from anxiety when our fate is uncertain. Prepare us to be responsive to the counsel of your Spirit, and thereby be led to new ventures of faith.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 579)

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 LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CALL TO PRAYER - "Be Still, and Know I am God" Bell
MORNING PRAYERS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN - No. 393 BOURBON
"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"
Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church after the last stanza.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Psalm 1 (Page 489)
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Page 118)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON Dave Carlson

"Chosen"

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 - "How Lovely Are the Messengers" Mendelssohn

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 592)

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. 418 DIADEMATA
"God, Bless Your Church with Strength!"
sung to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE - "Amen" Keen

\* POSTLUDE - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Page

\* All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER: Meg Hyche
SPONSOR: Christine Edmondson
GREETERS: Trey DuBose, Claude Cheatham, Tod Hyche
LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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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.

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m.: Charles & Christine Edmondson

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
Sanctuary Choir

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.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, Katie Roberts & Eric Skoloff, were united in marriage at the Alan Temple AME Church in Greenville.

EVENING

NEW-MEMBER CLASS

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 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, in Room 209. Dinner will be provided and childcare available for those signed up in advance. Participants who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 14, or on any future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at dcarlson@wpc-online.org, 864-232-2424, ext. 115.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

On Sunday, June 14, some of our returning college students will help with the leadership of worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

Our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. (with no Sunday School) begins this Sunday, May 24, and will continue through Sunday, September 6.

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY BRUNCH

May 31, 2009

following the 10:00 a.m. service

Please join your church family for summer Sunday brunches! Mark your calendars for May 31, July 19, and August 30. The menu on May 31 will be quiche, grits casserole, sausage, fruit, and pancakes for the children. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-11. Nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. Sign-ups for the May 31 brunch end on Wednesday, May 27.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults (\$6.50) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (3-11) \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery # in Crib: \_\_\_\_\_ # in Crawler \_\_\_\_\_ # in Toddler \_\_\_\_\_

**CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS**

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. Please RSVP to the Group Leader. For more information, go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

This week:

- **Bible Study: Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m., John Macrae,** [jmacrae126@aol.com](mailto:jmacrae126@aol.com) or 268-6569.
- **Knitting Group: Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m., Midge Williams,** [momsie10@aol.com](mailto:momsie10@aol.com) or 232-7728.

**THE FLOCK**

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 27**. We will discuss spiritual disciplines while on vacation. The idea being that vacation offers us the opportunity to renew our mind, body, and soul but vacation should not mean leaving our faith behind. Bring your own takeout for dinner and join us in the **Sr. High Lounge at 6:30 p.m.** Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

It's Elementary, Tweens, Sixers, Junior Highs and Senior Highs are finished for the school year. Look for our Summer Brochure in the mail for summer activities for all ages.

**Some important dates:**

- June 15-19:**  
Middle School Missions & More
- June 21-24:**  
Vacation Bible School
- June 27-July 4**  
Senior High Mission & Music Trip
- July 8**  
Preschool Fun Days begin
- July 12 - 18**  
Sr. High Montreat Youth Conference

**JUSTFAITH GROUP FORMING AT WPC**

In these times of economic uncertainty, now more than ever, are we needed to heed God's great commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself." But who is your neighbor, really? What does your faith say you should do for your neighbor? *JustFaith* is an intensive, thirty-week program designed to help us answer these compelling questions through study, reflection, prayer and community. For more information about this transformational program, please call *Susan Stall* (430-0637) or *Bill Holt* (277-5287).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 21 - 25, 2009**

**DISCOVERY CANYON**

It is hard to imagine, but Bible School is just around the corner! Be on the lookout for the registration form in the summer program brochure mailed to your house. You can also find the form on-line at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). But remember, this wonderful week cannot happen for our children if there are not enough volunteers to help them experience the Discovery Canyon. From decorating, teaching, shepherding, or even bringing snacks, if you are willing to help in any way, please contact *Elizabeth Clark* at [keithandelizabeth@att.net](mailto:keithandelizabeth@att.net) or *Kelly Kemp* at [kellykemp@charter.net](mailto:kellykemp@charter.net).

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
May 24 - 30, 2009**

**SUNDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs
- 8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anon.

**MONDAY**

- Church Office Closed*
- Weekday School Closed*
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 7:30 p.m. Rose Society
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anon.

**TUESDAY**

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. ChristCare Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group
- The Flock

**THURSDAY**

- 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
- 4:15 p.m. Daisy Troop
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meetings
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**SANCTUARY DEDICATION**

*When:*

**Sunday, August 30**

*Time:*

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

*Brunch following the Service*

**Mark your calendars!**

**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 7 Harbinger**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_



Too often I feel like the seed that lands in the weeds from the parable of The Sower. In this story, the seed that lands in the weeds hears the kingdom news but is so overwhelmed with things that need to be done and gotten that nothing comes of it.

Oftentimes, I hear the word of God but get side tracked with the worries of life. Instead of looking at the bigger picture, I instead become hung up with issues: Will my 401K recover? Did I give enough time to that patient? Will I ever retire? Am I a good parent? Will my kids get into a top school? (Only if they take after my wife.) The list goes on.

Our faith tells us we are saved. I have heard Barb tell our youth that we are all saved by the grace of God and that our life is our thank you note. A gift given to us freely and unrelated to any good deed we have done or will do.

Too often I forget this as I become immersed in my life. Certainly there are times in life when problems could and should cause us worry and angst. Truly, though, most times I can't remember what gave me so much concern a week or even a day later.

*"Look at the birds, free and unfettered,  
not tied down to a job description,  
careless in the care of God.*

*And you count far more to him than birds."*

*Matthew 6:26 from The Message*

I want to be the bird.

*Jay Culclasure*

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