

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Lowe
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the tender parent, who supports a child’s first steps,

People: God guides us along.

Leader: Like the loving grandparents, who gather us into their lap,

People: God holds us in our time of need.

Leader: Like a lasting friend, who seems to sense our needs.

People: God is mysteriously working for good in all our days.

Leader: In many ways and with many faces,

People: God loves and cares for us.

* HYMN – No. 142 CORONATION
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are as near to us as breath and as constant as the waves on the shore. Yet, how often our lives fail to mirror your ways. We are sometimes absent from our children, giving into pressures at work or yielding to the lure of success and money. We choose not to listen, to only half hear the words of another. Faithful God, parent, friend, restore our sense of belonging to each other. Heal our relationships and encourage us to be caring fathers, strong mothers and wise friends. Teach us the way of love and the path of peace. (Silent Confession)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God always hears the honest prayers of the community of faith.

People: God cares for us as parents care for their children.

Leader: God will have mercy upon us, and deal with us in loving-kindness.

People: God will forgive our sins and restore us to a warm relationship. 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

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN – No. 239 WINCHESTER OLD

“How Happy Is Each Child of God”

Rising K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 20:1-7 (Page 602)

..... Elaine Smith

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Ephesians 6:1-4 (Page 195)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Zane Moore

“Things My Father Left Me”

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 – “Thanks Be to God” Handel

* 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. 438 DENNIS

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Walther

* **All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Ted Gentry

SPONSOR: Amy Grace

GREETERS: Rob Morgan, Jennifer Keir,

Denise Broderick

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

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 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children’s Church this **Sunday, June 21** at 10:00 a.m.:

Wil & Sherwood Cobb

This morning we welcome Pastor Emeritus, The Reverend Zane Moore, to our pulpit. His wife, Eldena, is a member of Westminster and is currently on session. We are grateful for their ministry among us.

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

This Sunday the Sanctuary Choir will be leading worship at the Montreat Conference Center. This is the third time the choir has been invited to participate in worship that draws from the Montreat community as well as conferees from the Music and Worship Conference. We are thankful for Nancy Smith’s leadership in their absence.

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.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Renee Cavallo* on the death of her father, Vincent Mecca, on Friday, June 12, 2009, in Greenville.

We extend sincere sympathy to *Stephen Ridgeway* on the death of his father, Jim Ridgeway, on Monday, June 15, 2009, in Greenville.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Amy Keelen Newton, 20 Richland Crk. Dr., 29609, 349-1219, comes by transfer from Clemson United Methodist Church, Clemson. She has two daughters, Ella (4) and Abby (2).

Tom & Sallie Beth Todd, 6 Sparrow Point Ct., Simpsonville, 29680, 962-5299, come to us by transfer from Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Elizabeth Anne Rigby*, was born to Ben & Jennifer Rigby on Monday, June 15, 2009, in Greenville.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This **Sunday evening, June 21**, VBS 2009 kicks off with a covered dish dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a program at 6:45 p.m. Events for the week will take place on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Please pray for our children and volunteers as they participate in this meaningful week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

For Sunday School in the Fall, we need to collect about 100 empty toilet paper rolls. If you have some you can bring in, drop them in the Education Office next to the church library. You will see a box there for collecting them.

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 and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

This week:

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m., Midge Williams, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.**

2009 GRADUATES
Christ Church Episcopal
High School
Fleming Mattox, Jr.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

It's Elementary, Tweens, Sixers, Junior Highs and Senior Highs are finished for the school year. You should have received a summer brochure in the mail with a listing of activities for all ages.

Some important dates:

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The Presbyterian Church (USA), is expanding the number of people in it's international mission work, and is looking for people to fill international spots. In addition to various longer-term positions, there are some summer positions, and some one-year commitments for Young Adult Volunteers. These YAV positions are available for people ages 21-30, and include needs in Peru, Guatemala, Kenya, India, and Northern Ireland. For information about any of these positions, go to our denomination's web page, www.pcusa.org/msr.

THE FLOCK

The Flock, a group of those in their 20's - 40's, will meet on **Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *Chris & Lesley Usher* will lead the study. You may enter through the glass doors at the Entrance Pavilion, turn to the right, and take the elevator upstairs. Bring your own take-out for dinner. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about The Flock or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

On **Saturday, June 27**, the Senior Highs will be going to New Orleans to help with home repairs, to feed the hungry, and to work with children in the area. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m., stopping in Birmingham for the night before continuing onto New Orleans. We ask you to pray for us as we travel and for our week. We will return on **Saturday, July 4**.

JOIN JUSTFAITH AT WPC!

When was the last time you had an experience that was truly "soul satisfying?" If you would like to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you to live the Gospel call to social justice, then JustFaith may be the program for you. For thirty weeks, a small group of 10-15 individuals will journey together through a weekly program that incorporates books, videos, conversation and encounters with those who live in the margins of society. If you would like to learn more about this transformational study, please call *Susan Stall* at 430-0637 or *Bill Holt* at 277-5287.

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2010

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Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyeche
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
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Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21 - 27, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Library Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. *Vacation Bible School Kick-Off Dinner*
 8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
 9:30 p.m. Men's Softball

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*
 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group The Flock

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*
 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

SATURDAY

Sr. High Mission/Music Trip (thru July 4th)

SUMMER, 2009 AT WESTMINSTER

June 21-25	Vacation Bible School
June 24	The Flock
June 27-July 4	Sr. High Mission/Music Trip
July 3	Centering Prayer
July 8	Preschool Fun Day
	The Flock
July 12-18	Sr. High to Montreat
July 15	Preschool Fun Day
July 19	Sunday Brunch after worship
July 22	Preschool Fun Day
	The Flock
July 29	Preschool Fun Day
August 5	Preschool Fun Day
	The Flock
August 7	Centering Prayer
August 12	Evening New Member Class
August 19	The Flock
August 20	Sr. Adult Luncheon
August 30	Sanctuary Dedication w/ brunch
September 13	Fall Worship Schedule begins



Like an Ever Rolling Stream

One of my favorite hymns is "Our God, our help in ages past." Presbyterian Hymnal, Westminster John Knox Press (1990), Hymn 210. It was written nearly three hundred years ago by Isaac Watts as part of his work, The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament. In his book, Watts paraphrased in Christian verse most of the Book of Psalms. "Our God, our help in ages past," is a paraphrase of Psalm 90.

Set to the tune "St. Anne," the hymn has a somber, almost melancholy quality. Not surprisingly, I most frequently hear Watts' masterpiece at funerals. But Watts' hymn and the Psalm on which it is based are messages of hope and comfort arising from adversity and hard times.

At first read, Psalm 90 seems to convey a futility to life ("You sweep the [years] away; they are like a dream," Psalm 90:5), containing stern warnings, such as "For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh." Psalm 90:9.

By comparison, "Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream; dies at the opening day," is how Watts views the matter of mortality. Simply a statement of inevitability and the reality of life - time moves on.

But the Psalmist also challenges us on how we use time we have. "So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." Psalm 90:13.

Watts' hymn reveals that Psalm 90 has more to do with the celebration of God's steadfast love for his frail children than with mortality, condemnation and judgment. Try comparing the Watts' lyrics to the words of the psalmist and you will see the beauty of the message revealed in his translation. For example,

*Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.*

Watts' interpretation helps us understand that the intent of Psalm 90 is not to depict a life without purpose, or a wrathful, vengeful God, but rather a life with fullness, one in which God is our refuge. God is our "guard while troubles last."

"Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:1-2. Or as stated another way by Watts, "Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same."

So while our lives on earth are of finite duration, the love of God and his promise to us endure forever. Like an ever rolling stream.

Phillip Kilgore