

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, April 18, 2010
9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on the earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Cathedral Rondeau" Snyder
 CHORAL INTROIT "Surely" Langston
 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be you, O God who gave the birds their song, the whales their hum, the lions their roar, and the ocean waves their beat.

People: Blessed be you for tuning the soul to the rhythms and songs of praise that fill your creation.

Leader: Blessed be you for poets and prophets who have honored your word in ecstatic speech and faithful proclamation.

People: Blessed be you for composers, singers and instrumentalists who have attended to your Spirit, drawing music from the silent hallelujahs of the heart, shaping breath and sound to the glory of your name.

Leader: Blessed be you for congregations who have filled their lives with faith and their voices with song.

All: Blessed be you for every creature who joins to proclaim: How great is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 486 WEISSE FLAGGEN
 "When the Morning Stars Together"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ.

* 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.

** .. BAPTISM OF *RYAN SPENCE MONTGOMERY, JACKSON SPENCE MONTGOMERY, ALEXANDER QUINN MONTGOMERY AND CHAPMAN BANKS MONTGOMERY*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
 MORNING PRAYERS
 THE LORD'S PRAYER

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church after the Lord's Prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN No. 170 CRIMOND

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

GOSPEL LESSON – John 10:22-30 (Page 104)

SERMON "Discipleship as Deep Listening"

ANTHEM "Nunc Dimittis" Clausen

EPISTLE LESSON – Hebrews 12:1-2 (Page 226)

SERMON "Listen to the Cloud"

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Ames

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 11:6-9 (Page 641)

SERMON "Listen Through Dreams and Visions"

ANTHEM "The Dream Isaiah Saw" Rudolph

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 "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" Vaughan Williams

* 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.

* HYMN No. 460 GROSSER GOTT

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be In My Head" Rutter

* POSTLUDE Fanfare and March Young

* All who are able may stand

** 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Scott Broderick
 11:15 a.m. Dick Stewart
SPONSOR: Stuart Mauney
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Suzanne Meece, Joe Frasher
 Parks McLeod
 11:15 a.m. Tina Phillips, Courtenay Williams
 Ben Alexander
LITURGIST: Ludwig Weaver

Following the 11:15 a.m. worship service, visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium for a reception to welcome Dr. Troeger.

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

The 11:15 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link under Worship called "Watch the 11:15 a.m. Service on Sunday Live."

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, April 18** are:

9:00 a.m. Jeff & Mary Cameron
 McCall

11:15 a.m. Wil & Sherwood Cobb

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
 Sanctuary Choir
 Westminster Brass

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.

BIRTH

A son, *David McMillin Thomasson*, was born to Brent & Millie Thomasson on Sunday, April 11, 2010, in Greenville.

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship Ryan and Lee Anne Montgomery and their sons Jackson Spence, Alexander Quinn and Chapman Banks.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering this Sunday, April 18, after the 11:15 a.m. service and reception. We will meet at Stax Grill on Woods Crossing. Please send reservations to *Dot Elmore* at dotelmore@bellsouth.net or call 286-0036.

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 **8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 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 any questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator, (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.

JUNIOR HIGHS AND SIXERS

We have decided that instead of going to Camp Fellowship for our End of the Year Retreat on April 23-25, we will stick around here and have a Lock-In at the church on **Saturday, April 24**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, April 18**, we will watch our videos from our scavenger hunt, have a short devotion, and go to the gym for a big basketball game. If you have any questions about the Junior High group, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

Join us this **Sunday, April 18**, as we paint our handprints on the wall and watch videos from our scavenger hunt. We will see you at **6:00 p.m.** If you have any questions about the Senior High group, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH INTEREST GROUPS

- **Every Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m.:** Senior High girls breakfast at Dunkin' Donuts on Laurens Road.
- **Every Friday morning at 7:15 a.m.:** Senior High boys breakfast at Bojangles on Laurens Road.
- **Every other Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.:** Study and snacks in the Senior High room.

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL PROGRAM and CHURCH DINNER on April 21, 2009
Dinner at 5:45 Program at 6:30

Come enjoy a musical program by our children on April 21. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, so the children's choir members may serve their plates at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The lines will open for all others at 5:45. The menu will be barbecue chicken breasts for the adults, chicken strips for the children along with macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit and cookies. 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 e-mailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. Sign-ups for dinner end on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

Name: _____

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

Names and Ages of those needing childcare (under age 3)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Sunday, April 18

• **Circle #7:** Talitha Allen, chair, will meet at **12:30 p.m.** in the Entrance Pavilion. *Josie Williams* will lead the discussion on Lesson Eight. Our April project: Ministry to the Disabled.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to www.wpc-online.org and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*. This week:

- **Movie Group: Sunday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.,** at the home of *Jim & Susan Robbins* (1117 Parkins Mill Rd.) for dessert and to watch the movie, "A Serious Man."
- **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, April 21, at Noon in Room 211.** *Dot Elmore*, dotelmore@bellsouth.net or 286-0036.
- **SEA Group: Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 213.** *Trey Morrow*, 233-1212.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible School will be **June 21 - 24** this year for rising K4-6th graders. If you would like to volunteer to help during the week, please contact Janet Schultz at cd27escapade@juno.com or Stephanie Morgan at stephanie.morgan@bellsouth.net. Registration will begin the end of May.

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PW SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Presbyterian Women of Westminster offer a scholarship to promote financial aid for higher education to a qualified person. Any Westminster member who will be a college student next year is eligible to apply. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the church office. **Sunday, May 16** is the deadline for applications to be received in the church office. All church members are reminded that memorials may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

MEMORIAL HYMNALS

We have again purchased new hymnals for the Sanctuary. If you would like to dedicate one or more in memory or honor of someone, please fill out this slip and return to the church office. Cost of the hymnals is \$20 each.

Donor _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
April 18 - 24, 2010

SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Membership Committee Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	After Worship Reception
		Connections
	12:30 p.m.	PW Circle #7
	3:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	5:00 p.m.	Sixers and Junior High Groups
		Senior High Choir Rehearsal
		Youth Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Sixers & Junior High Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Group Meeting
		ChristCare: Movie Group
	7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	8:00 p.m.	
MONDAY		
	9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
	5:45 p.m.	NAMI
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY		
	12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
	6:45 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	DAR
WEDNESDAY		
	7:15 a.m.	Sr. High Girls Breakfast
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Luncheon Group
	3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!"
		Tweens
	3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
		JustFaith
	6:00 p.m.	ChristCare: SEA Group
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Spring Musical
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY		
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	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 Mtg.
		Stephen Ministry Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
FRIDAY		
	7:15 a.m.	Sr. High Boys Breakfast
SATURDAY		
	7:00 p.m.	Sixers & Jr. High Lock-In



"I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."
-Psalm 30: 1-5

I CAN HANDLE THAT...

"I can't take it anymore" is a cliché that we have uttered or have heard from the lips of others. It is a cry from deep within because we have been hurt, disappointed or are living with extreme physical pain. We turn to the TV news hoping for a bit of good news. We peruse the newspaper looking for a hopeful news story, or we wait for a communication from a loved one that will improve our circumstances.

Sometimes we gather each Sunday carrying that kind of baggage. We come seeking some word of hope, emotional strength and the feeling of being loved so "I can handle that...." In Psalm 30 the psalmist says: *"I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life..."*

"Foes" for the psalmist are not the large armies equipped for real combat, but rather are circumstances that threaten to disrupt the stability of his life. Many, many times we have said, *"O God I cried to you for help..."* We are here as a worship community with the resurrection still fresh on our minds. We will hear again today about God's love and concern for us. Then like the psalmist we will *"Sing praises to the Lord, ... give thanks to His holy name."*

The psalmist's experience of having been drawn out of the pit and restored to life is an affirmation that faith matters and that God cares, and that those two factors together can lead to new joy. And because God is faithful, loves us and is with us, we respond, "You heard me and healed me...and You restored me."

Dave Sems



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