

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 19, 2009

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE – Voluntary on the Doxology Purcell
** CHORAL INTROIT – “Surely” Langston
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How wonderful it is to know God’s blessings.
People: We celebrate the gift of community, and our connection with each other.

Leader: How wonderful it is to know God’s Spirit lives among us.
People: We honor the connections God creates in our lives.

Leader: How wonderful it is to know that God is light and contains no darkness.

People: We seek to walk in the light, as God is light.

Leader: How wonderful it is to know that the God of grace meets us here.

People: We quiet our hearts and lift our eyes to worship the God of peace.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 104 HYMN TO JOY
“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. We call ourselves children of light, but sometimes we act otherwise: we love ourselves more than others, we manipulate others to get our own way, and then pretend to be innocent. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Shine your light into our dark places. Bring the truth to our lips. In your faithfulness, receive our confession and forgive us.

* 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.

** BAPTISM OF CARSON STEWART JONES, BENJAMIN HASTINGS MORROW

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” Handel

Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church after the solo.

** HYMN – No. 302 SIMPLE GIFTS

“I Danced in the Morning”

** **Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON – I John 1:1-2:2 (Page 238)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON – John 20:19-31 (Page 115)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Barbara Stoop

“CSI: Jerusalem”

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.) – Largo in G Handel

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) – “When I Survey” Martin

* 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. 122 JUDAS MACCABEUS

“Thine Is the Glory”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – Gaelic Benediction Ulrich

* POSTLUDE – Toccata in G Major Dubois

* **All who are able may stand**

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

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Charlie LeGrand

11:15 a.m. Will Kellett

SPONSOR: Trey DuBose

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Suzanne Meece, Joe Frasher

Charlie Warth

11:15 a.m. Vernon Anderson, Dorothy Dowe

Anne Holleman

Steve Phillips

LITURGIST:

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.

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children’s Church this **Sunday, April 19:**

9:00 a.m. *Tom & Sara*

Vanderbloemen

11:15 a.m. *Beri & Tracy*

Draganic

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00

Emily Sweezey, soprano

11:15

Sanctuary Choir

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship:

Carson Stewart Jones, son of Gib & Liza Jones and brother of Ty.

Benjamin Hastings Morrow, son of Trey & Beth Morrow and brother of Haynes and Andrew.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

If someone from your household did not pick up a copy of the new pictorial directory before or after worship on April 5 and your picture was taken or submitted, you may contact the church office to pick up the directory for your household.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering this **Sunday, April 19**, after the 11:15 a.m. service at Marybeth’s Restaurant, 500 E. McBee Ave. Contact *Gretta Lawson* at grettalaws@aol.com or 963-1570 with any questions.

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, April 26**, in Room 213. 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 Dave Carlson, associate pastor, (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) or Susan McLarty, volunteer coordinator, (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.



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NEW MEMBER SERVICE EVENT

All new members who joined over the past year are invited to the new member service event on **Saturday, April 25**. New members and the new member assimilation committee will meet at the church in the Augusta Street parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to caravan, complete a yard project at Pleasant Valley Connection (dress accordingly!) and then share a bag lunch together before departing around noon. Please let *Brooke Culclasure* know if you have any questions (brooke.culclasure@furman.edu or 232-7430).

BIBLE BOWL

On **Wednesday, April 22**, the children in "It's Elementary!" and Tweens will take part in the Bible Bowl quiz during their regular after-school meeting times. If your child cannot be there that day, but would like to take the quiz, please contact Associate Pastor, Barbara Stoop at the church or at bstoop@wpc-online.org.

ALL YOUTH

This **Sunday, April 19**, we will be talking about choices we face with drinking, computers, cell phones and more. Our schedule will not change. Jr. Highs and Sixers will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. with choir from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., and our Sr. Highs will meet from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. with choir from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGHS & SIXERS

Next **Sunday, April 26**, we will go roller skating at The Skate Place on 2310 River Rd. in Piedmont with the children from Camp Opportunity from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

On **Friday, May 1-3**, we will be going to Awanita for our year-end retreat. The cost for the weekend is \$136. *Please sign up by April 19.* If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER MISSION/MUSIC TRIP

It is time for current eighth through twelfth graders to sign up for our summer mission/music trip **June 27-July 4**. We will go to New Orleans to work on home repairs and along the way we will be singing in a few churches. The cost for the trip is \$275. Please sign up by **April 19** or sooner so that we have an idea how many will be coming. If you have any question, please call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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:

· **Parenting Group: Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby,** btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Men's Church Softball League will begin games on **Monday, April 27**. If you are interested in playing, please contact *Wes Bryant* at 477-0006 or Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

On **April 26** and **May 3** at **10:00 a.m.**, we will offer a special Sunday School class for our Juniors and Seniors in high school. This Sunday School class will be led by three Clemson professors who are members of our church: *Kelley Barnhardt, John Smith and Seal Wilson*, along with *Ben Alexander* and at least two campus ministers from Furman, Wofford and Converse. The idea is to talk with you about what you might expect heading off to college and how you can best be prepared. Make plans to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SEEDS OF PROMISE

On **Thursday, May 7**, Westminster will host a dinner (6:30 p.m.) and night of music (7:00 p.m.) to benefit the Boys Home of the South and the Pleasant Valley Community Center. Headlining the evening will be the Greenville Chamber Singers, and mass Youth Choir including Westminster's Jr. and Sr. High Choirs, and the Celebrations Singers of Berea First Baptist Church. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by contacting *Ruth Collins* at dcreme@charter.net or 288-2916.

MEMORIAL HYMNALS

We have purchased new hymnals for the expanded 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 \$20.00 each.

Donor _____

In Memory of _____

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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.

OUTING WITH THORNWELL

On **Saturday, April 25**, WPC will be hosting the Thornwell Group at Golden Lane Park from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for bowling. Contact *Charlie & Terri LeGrand* for more information at 370-3099 or legrandfamily@charter.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19 - 25, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Library Committee Meeting
 Membership Committee Meeting
 Church School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. Daisy Troop
 3:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs
 5:00 p.m. Sixers and Jr. High Group Meeting
 Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Group Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sixers Choir Rehearsal
 Alcohol Anon.
 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
 9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball
 5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 6:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 DAR

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!"
 Tweens
 4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
 6:00 p.m. ChristCare Parenting Group Meeting
 TNT
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 3:00 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

SATURDAY

9:30 p.m. New Member Mission Day at Pleasant Valley Connection



Where does our faith come from? How can we believe in someone or something we have never seen? As Christians, we are asked to believe in a man who lived thousands of years ago, but we have no way to actually prove he even lived. I have heard many of sermons that said we have to look at the stories in the Bible from a religious viewpoint rather than a scientific viewpoint because there is no way to scientifically prove the stories. When the advancement of science and technology rules our world in the 21st century, how can we believe in something in which we have never had first hand experience?

How can we believe in the resurrection of Jesus when the disciples didn't even believe themselves? In Mark 16:9-13, after being told by Mary Magdalene and two of their own that they had seen the resurrected Jesus themselves, the group of disciples still did not believe. Jesus had to actually appear to the whole group before they would all believe.

We do not have that luxury. We will never behold with our own eyes the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. So can we believe? ABSOLUTELY!

I will never see God or Jesus in person here on Earth, but I see the work of their existence everyday in the beautiful faces of my children, in the gorgeous spring flowers that are blooming now, in the caring personalities of my family and friends.

I don't have to personally witness miracles such as turning water to wine to know they happen. A miracle occurs when a baby is born prematurely and grows to an old age. A miracle occurs when a patient is cured of cancer. A miracle occurs when my children believe that I can always take care of their every need.

This Easter, I didn't have to see Jesus' resurrection to know that it occurred. As the children's song goes, I believe "because the Bible tells me so."

Susan Key

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GENERATIONS BANQUET

May 3, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

A tea honoring "Generations of Brides" and this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be announced. Please call the church office to make reservations. A nursery will be provided. Don't miss the last event of our year.

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Teacher: Jean Weaver **Room:** 209

2. Leap Over a Wall.

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

3. Talking With Your Young Child

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