

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, August 16, 2009  
10:00 a.m.**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**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 – “The Solid Rock” ..... arr. Phillips  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God’s love has been poured into our hearts,

**People: through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 476 ..... LYONS  
“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

\* 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.*

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTES FOR MISSION ..... *JustFaith  
Rob Klouw and Katherine Randall*

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SOLO – “He Chose Me” ..... Fettke  
Rising K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church after the solo.

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 143:1-10 (Page 579) ..... *Ragan Smith*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 8:14-18, 28, 31-35, 37-39 (Page 158)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Ludwig Weaver*

“The God Who Is On Our Side”

**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.**

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory – “Holy, Holy, Holy” ..... arr. Bennett

\* 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. 361 ..... FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation”

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE – “God of Our Fathers” ..... arr. Smith

\* *All who are able may stand*

**HEAD USHER:** Jay Culclasure

**SPONSOR:** Trey DuBose

**GREETERS:** Joan Herlong, Christine Edmondson,  
Tim Reed

**LITURGIST:** Dave Carlson

*Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for an opportunity to welcome our new members and for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**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, August 16** at 10:00 a.m. are:  
*Stephen & Mary Ridgeway*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

*Tina Phillips, pianist*

*Jim Wilkins, tenor*

During the month of August, our choir takes a well-deserved rest. We are grateful for their leadership and look forward to their return on August 30.

*Rob Klouw and Katherine Randall* are the new pastors at FaithPoint, Foot-hills Presbytery’s new church development in West Simpsonville.

**In Memoriam**

*Candice D. Johnson  
9/22/1949 – 8/9/2009*

*“In my Father’s House  
are many mansions.”*

**BIRTHS**

A son, *Grafton Alexander Morgan*, was born to Gray & Lacey Morgan on Saturday, August 1, 2009, in Greenville.

A son, *Charles Rodgers Rowan*, was born to Stuart & Kathryn Rowan on Friday, August 7, 2009, in Greenville.

**SANCTUARY DEDICATION**

*When:*

**Sunday, August 30**

*Time:*

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Brunch following the service  
Mark your calendars!**

**MARRIAGE**

On Saturday, August 8, 2009, *Emily Holt* and *John Siracusa* were united in marriage at Westminster.

**REBUILDING WHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP ENDS**

“Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends” will be the title of a support group beginning this fall at Westminster for people who are separated or divorced. The classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 9**, in Room 210. You are welcome to join us for dinner at the church at 6:00 p.m., or just come for the group, which will last from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The group itself and childcare are free, but there is a charge for the dinners of \$6.50 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Church and non-church members are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office, or for more information, contact Associate Pastor Barbara Stoop at 232-2424 or at bstoop@wpc-online.org.

**ELEMENTARY GROUPS BEGIN SOON**

Our two elementary age youth groups begin on **Wednesday, September 2**. “It’s Elementary!” is for those in grades 1 – 3, and “Tweens” are those in grades 4 – 5. Children arrive at the back entrance of the church on the Westminster Drive side of the building. You should come straight from school and should be picked up at 4:30 p.m. unless you stay for our children’s choirs. Choir rehearsal is over at 5:15. Each week we will have a snack, a Bible study, recreation and other fun activities. This fall we will begin a study on prayer and on the Lord’s Prayer. There is no cost for members and non-members may make a donation to the program. Please sign up using a form found in the church office, or sign up online at www.wpc-online.org. For more information, contact Associate Pastor Barbara Stoop.

SENIOR HIGHS

Senior Highs will meet on **Sunday, August 23**, after the 10:00 a.m. service for a picnic, to play some Ultimate Frisbee, and to watch a movie. Bring a change of clothes since the picnic will be in the green parking lot. **September 18-20** will be our Camp Fellowship retreat. The cost is \$45 for one night and \$70 for two nights. Sign up by calling the church office at 232-2424 by August 30. If you have any questions, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGHS

Junior Highs will be going to the Slade's lake house on **Saturday, August 29**. Watch for additional information. **September 25-27** will be our Awanita retreat. The cost is \$140. Sign up by calling the church office at 232-2424 by August 30. If you have any questions, contact Steve Phillips at 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](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

This week:

· **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, August 19, 12:00 p.m. in Room 211, Dot Elmore**, dotelmore@bellsouth.net or 286-0036.

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. in Room 213**, Midge Williams, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.

· **Hiking Group: Saturday, August 22, 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot**, Ron Lawson, ronlawson2000@aol.com or 963-1570.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tuesday, September 1**

6:30 pm  
Senior High Greenville Drive Game

**Wednesday, September 2**

right after school until 4:30 pm  
"It's Elementary!" and Tweens (Grades 1-5)

3:30 - 4:00 pm  
Cherub Choir (K4 & K5's)

4:30 - 5:15 pm  
Children's Choirs (Grades 1-5)

**Sunday, September 13**

9 am & 11:15 am  
Fall worship schedule resumes

10:00 am  
Sunday School classes begin

5:00 pm  
Youth & Parent meetings for Sixers & Jr. Highs

6:30 pm  
Youth & Parent meetings for Sr. Highs

6:00 - 6:30 pm  
Pizza supper for youth & parents

5:00 - 6:00 pm  
Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Middle School Choir Rehearsal

**September 18 - 19**

Sr. High Retreat

**September 25 - 27**

Sixer & Jr. High Retreat

THE FLOCK

The Flock will meet on **Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Senior High Lounge. *Amy Newton* and *Mandy Mallico* will lead the study. Bring your own takeout for dinner. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about The Flock or if you would like to get on our email list, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUSTFAITH

The Good News of Christ is both a comfort and a promise for the poor and a call to those of us who are not poor to be linked with God's vision of justice and reconciliation. JustFaith begins **September 9**. Those interested should contact *Susan Stall* at 235-4809 or *Bill Holt* at 277-5287.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
August 16 - 22, 2009

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

5:45 p.m. NAMI  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group  
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: SEA Group  
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group  
6:30 p.m. The Flock  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Sr. Adult Superlative Luncheon  
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY BRUNCH

August 30, 2009

following the 10:00 a.m. service

Join your church family for Sunday brunch in celebration of our Sanctuary Dedication! Mark your calendars for August 30. The menu will be waffles, grits, bacon, eggs, cinnamon rolls and fruit. 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](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org). Website sign-up is also available by visiting [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). Sign-ups for the August 30 brunch end on Wednesday, August 26.

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

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

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



I can remember when I first got really "smart"— it was some time around my early teen years. My parents must have been so proud and it must also have motivated them, because then a funny thing happened. I can only assume that they took some night classes or some home study courses, because some time near the end of my college years I noticed that they were getting so much smarter. Amazing.

About 10 years ago I was watching the news with my wife and there was a story about an individual who had committed some particularly heinous crime. I made some comment about the future warm place I felt this individual was headed. My wife commented that she wasn't so sure about that. I retorted that there was no way that I was going to wind up in the same place in the afterlife as that individual.

Looking back on the situation, I realize that was thinking like the man who worked the whole day for a day's wage and then got upset when those who worked only part of the day got the same wage. It's easy to fall in the trap of thinking that my "little" sins ought to be forgiven, but that someone else is going to get in big trouble for their particular sins. I still catch myself thinking, when I again hear about certain horrible situations, that I hope the perpetrator gets what they deserve, etc, etc. But really, shouldn't I be praying that everyone get that full day's wage and celebrate the latecomers?

*Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with eldest, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus looked up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."*  
John 8:6-12

I plan to spend less time thinking about what people deserve, and more time being thankful for my salvation and the salvation of others, including the latecomers. I hope I'm getting smarter.

*Jay Culclasure*