

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 23, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

Twelfth 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 – Grand Choeur Dialogue Gigout

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship in response to the invitation from God.

People: To exalt his name among all people.

Leader: We have gathered through faith in Jesus Christ.

People: To keep our promises made unto him.

Leader: We are gathered in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: To live as he directs.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 263 ST. DENIO
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, be merciful to us who have forgotten your ways, who have refused to see you in the world you created, who have offended you by not loving others as you call us to do. We have seen the suffering of others yet we continue in our own selfish ways. We have prayed using words of love, but have failed to ask you to take away the resentment and jealousy within our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Create a new spirit in us, that through your grace, we may abide in your precious promise of love and redemption.

* 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 ANDERSON MARIE SANDERS

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
MINUTE FOR MISSION *Discipleship Campaign*
MORNING PRAYERS
THE LORD’S PRAYER
SOLO – “Spirit of God” Hustad

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church after the solo.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 4:20-27 (Page 587) *Lisa Bryant*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (Page 194)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Vernon Miller

“The Trouble with Talking”

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 – Voluntary in C Major Purcell

* 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. 343 BEECHER
“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE – Variation on BEECHER arr. Hustad

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Jay Culclasure

SPONSOR: Gaye Sprague

GREETERS: Howard Boyd, Tina Phillips,

Jim Young

LITURGIST: Ludwig Weaver

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, August 23** at 10:00 a.m. are: *Jeff & Mary Cameron McCall*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Katie Knauer, soprano

This morning we welcome The Reverend Vernon Miller to our pulpit. Vernon is a retired Presbyterian minister having previously served churches in Virginia and Hilton Head, SC. His wife, *Edna Ruth*, joined Westminster on April 22, 2007. We are grateful for their ministry among us.

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.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Elaine Smith* on the death of her father, Boyce E. Gwinn, on August 12, 2009, in Greer.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Anderson Marie Sanders*, daughter of Cope & Gina Sanders, and sister of Sam.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Sign up Today!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Buddy & Leslie Mills, 11 W. Augusta Pl., 29605, 242-8189. Buddy comes by reaffirmation of faith. Leslie comes by transfer from St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal in Atlanta, GA. They have a son, Thomas (1).

Marsha Patry, 1 Ottaway Dr., 29605, 421-9704, comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. Marsha has a daughter, Anna (4 months).

Erika Schreiber, 616 Montreux Dr., 29607, 506-2727, comes to us by reaffirmation of faith.

Tom & Mary Kate Wilson, 308 W. Faris Rd., 29605, 232-4050, come to us by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville. They have three children: Polly (14), Helen (12), and Cleve (11).

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.

YOUTH KICK-OFF RETREATS

SENIOR HIGHS

On **September 18-20**, we will be going to Camp Fellowship to kick off our year right. If you can't come up for the whole weekend, you can join us for one night. The cost for two nights is \$70. The cost for one night is \$45. Please sign up by calling the church office 232-2424 by *August 30*.

JUNIOR HIGH AND SIXERS

We want all of you in grades 6 – 8 to join us for a fall kick-off retreat on **September 25-27!** We will be going to the local Awanita camp for fun, paddle boats, a zip line, horseback riding, Hummer rides, and a time to start our year together. The camp is lots of fun, and the cost of the retreat is \$140 for the weekend. Talk to your friends, and sign up by calling the church office by *August 30*, if you can attend. Check out the church web site for more information.

JUNIOR HIGHS

Sunday, August 30, is a big day in the life of our church. In worship we will be dedicating the Church Sanctuary and then we will get together for a brunch in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you have plans to join us for both events, but it is after brunch that the real fun begins for those in grades 7 and 8, because we are going to the lake. Take note of the date change. We are going to the Slade's lake house on Sunday, August 30, (*not Saturday, the 29th*) after brunch and we will return around 7:00 p.m. Please let Steve know if you are coming so that we can make sure we have enough transportation. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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

SENIOR HIGHS

We are still a few weeks away from Sr. Highs officially starting, but on **Sunday, August 23**, we will be getting together right after worship (around 11:15 a.m.) in the green parking lot for a picnic followed by Ultimate Frisbee. We hope you will join us. And mark your calendars for September 1 as we will be going to a Greenville Drive game. If you are coming to the game, please let Steve know so that we can get tickets prior to the game. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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THE SESSION

The Class of 2010

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Wes Bryant	Rob Morgan
Claude Cheatham	Trey Morrow
Christine Edmondson	Paul O'Neal
Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyché
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

The Class of 2012

Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 23 - 29, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
Education Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Sr. High Picnic
12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
1:30 p.m. Brownie Troop
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

5:45 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary & Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary & Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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



DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN 2009

Volunteer - \vā-lən-'tir\ -noun - a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service

Disciple - \di-'sī-pəl\ -noun - One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another, like one of the twelve followers of Christ Jesus in the Gospel accounts.

Today marks the opening weekend of our 2009 Discipleship Campaign. Over the next few weeks we will be hearing about many opportunities to get more involved with the life of the church. In my previous Harbinger fronts, I have talked about the need to get off the sidelines and get involved as well at the new spirit of giving in America. Today, I want to talk about the meaning of being a disciple.

When the Membership Committee first began discussing this campaign, we often tossed around the term "volunteer" as we discussed the need of various church committees. We needed more "volunteers" for church dinners, or we needed more "volunteers" for ushers and so on. While this was certainly true, it didn't encompass the spirit behind the giving of our membership.

After further discussion, however, we realized the difference between a "volunteer" and a "disciple". While many of us are active in volunteering, whether it is through our children's schools, the free medical clinic or through our jobs, for us to be disciples requires the presence of the Holy Spirit in our activities.

This, to me, is the meaning of being a disciple today. Even the simplest tasks, whether it be washing dishes or teaching Sunday school to 4 year olds, when done with the Spirit of Christ inside us, make us disciples. As Webster's dictionary says, we accept and assist in spreading the doctrines of Christ through our actions. It raises the value and importance of all that we do.

Inside the Harbinger, you will find the sign-up form for the Discipleship Campaign. Please consider where you may be best suited to serve. And as we move forward becoming more involved with the life of our church, we do so as disciples of Jesus, not merely volunteers.

Trey DuBose

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. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. *Sign-ups for the August 30 brunch end on Wednesday, August 26.*

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Church Dinners	Ushers	Sunday School Teachers
New Member Assimilation	After Worship Fellowship	Sunday Sitters (Nursery)
Stephen Ministry		November Nights
Congregational Care		
Dine with Nine Leaders		

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I am interested in serving on the following:

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