

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 2, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Ninth 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 – Partita on Lasst Uns Erfreuen ..... Callahan  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.  
All who love are born of God and know God.

People: All who do not love do not know God, for God is love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 229 ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

\* 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

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SOLO – “O Day of Peace” ..... Parry

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 25:21-22 (Page 608)

Carrie McClenaghan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 12:9-21 (Page 162)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“Loving Evil”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Solo – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” ..... Archer

\* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Assembling of the Elders

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* HYMN – No. 505 ..... ST. FLAVIAN

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE – Partita on Lasst Uns Erfreuen ..... Callahan

\* All who are able may stand

HEAD USHER:

Jay Culclasure

SPONSOR:

Dorothy Dowe

GREETERS:

Christopher Carsten, Trey Dubose,

Vernon Anderson

LITURGIST:

Dave Carlson

The Lord’s Table is open to all who profess

Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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 2 at 10:00 a.m. are:

Jeff & Suzanne Meece

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Greg Campbell, guest organist

Mark Kemp, tenor

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

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, Clayton Ryan Alford, was born to Ryan & Becca Alford, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in Greenville.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 25, 2009, Sarah Howson and Trey Deschamps were united in marriage at Westminster.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 25, 2009, Elizabeth Morrow and Tyler Gailey were united in marriage at Rutledge Chapel in Columbia, SC.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Mark your calendars!

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, August 2. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Joda Higgins at 979-1486.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

The pastor will teach a baptism class on Wednesday, August 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Charter Room. Please call the church office at 232-2424 if you are interested in having yourself or your child baptized. A nursery will be available.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. High Lounge. Ben & Cathy Alexander will lead the study. Please enter through the four glass doors by the Entrance Pavilion, turn to the right, and take the elevator upstairs. Bring your own takeout for dinner. Childcare is provided. On Saturday, August 8, we will get together for bar-b-que at the home of Hank & Amanda Sanders at 6:30 p.m. Bring a side dish to share. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list for this group, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

NEW MEMBER SURVEY DINNER

The New Member Assimilation Committee invites all new members who joined the church over the past eighteen months for dinner and an evening of fellowship and discussion on Wednesday, August 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided and there is no charge for the dinner. Please RSVP by August 5 to Susan McLarty at 232-2424 ext 120 or smclarty@wpc-online.org.

**GREENVILLE LITERACY**

Westminster is a collection site again this year for "The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. **Donation deadline: Wednesday, August 5.** For more information, visit [www.greenvilleliteracy.org](http://www.greenvilleliteracy.org).

**CREATION STEWARDSHIP**

The next meeting of the Creation Stewardship group will be **Sunday, August 9**, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 213. All interested people are invited to attend.

**EVENING NEW MEMBER CLASS**

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 **6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, in Room 209.** Dinner will be provided and childcare available for those signed up in advance. Participants who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, August 16*, or on any future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Susan McLarty at [smclarty@wpc-online.org](mailto:smclarty@wpc-online.org), 864-232-2424, ext. 120.

**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:

· **Movie Group: Friday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. in Room 209, Cathy Bailey, cbailey@greenville.k12.sc.us or 288-7869.**

**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. We invite you to join us for a discussion of the book, *Death with Interruptions*, by Jose Saramago. The discussion leader is *John Smith*.

**PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS**

Preschool Fun Days are **from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** All children who will be going into *K3 - 1st grade* are invited to come. Younger children may also attend, but an adult is asked to stay along with their little ones. Enter the church on the back side, at the circle drive on Westminster Drive. There is no cost and you do not need to sign up, but parent helpers are needed each week. If you can volunteer one week, contact *Barbara Stoop* at [bstoop@wpc-online.org](mailto:bstoop@wpc-online.org)

**Wednesday, August 5 – Water Day!**  
*Wear your suit!*

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

All of Westminster's senior adults are invited to a Foothills Presbytery luncheon to be held at our church on **Thursday, August 20, at 11:00 a.m.** Several hundred Presbyterians from all over the upstate will join us for this lunch and program. *The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made by Monday, August 10.* Call our church office at 232-2424 to sign up.

**YOUTH**

As part of our **A PLACE FOR EVERYONE** pledge, the youth will meet on **Thursday, August 13, at 10:45 a.m.** in the church parking lot for a car wash. We will wash cars from **11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**, then take a break to play in the gym and watch a movie before washing cars again from **4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Our hope is to hit both the lunch and after-work crowd. We'll see you then. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
August 2 - 8, 2009

**SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. W&S Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Health Ministry  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

5:45 p.m. Uplift  
6:15 p.m. NAMI  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting  
Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. **Preschool Fun Day**  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Pastor's Baptism Class  
6:30 p.m. The Flock

**THURSDAY**

12:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**SATURDAY**

6:30 p.m. The Flock

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES**

We will be printing a new church address directory soon. Please review your family information. If there are any changes, including business telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. You may also e-mail any changes you have to [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org) or online at "my wpc." If you have a child that has moved to or from school, please update their information. Also, if you would like to submit your e-mail address, but you do not wish to have it published in the directory, please indicate your wish on the form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Please publish my cell # in the directory: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Please publish my e-mail address in the directory: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



I sometimes find myself being annoyed by an athlete (first place beauty contestant, Grammy winner) thanking God for his or her success before answering questions about the game (pageant, award show) - even the all important "How does it feel?" And yes, I admit it rankles more when the athlete or performer who wins is not the one I was rooting for. I sometimes think celebrities mention God to hide their pride in their victory.

I like to think God wants the best for all of us, but I don't think God cares who wins the Super Bowl. Then again, I've never been a world class athlete, a great beauty or (as many of you know) a great singer. Athletes and celebrities can make large sums of money with their unique abilities, and we know some of them have given very generously to charities and worthy causes in their communities and, many of them are very active in their churches - many without benefit of mass media.

We may not have the opportunity to profess our faith on television - many would be uncomfortable doing so in any event. We all may, however, reach a point in our lives when excessive pride may blind us to what is best for our families, our co-workers, and our community. We can be grateful for our talents, our good fortune and the abilities to take advantage of both. The trick, of course, is balance and the capacity to look outward, beyond ourselves, to the world around us.

One of my favorite stories about fame and pride concerns the great lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein, II. Early in his career he paired with composer Jerome Kern to create the very successful musical, "Show Boat." A few fairly popular shows followed and then six or seven shows that closed in weeks. In 1943 he and composer Richard Rogers joined forces to create "Oklahoma!", a landmark musical that broke all box office records and became a patriotic touchstone. Hammerstein took an ad in "Variety," the most important theatrical paper of the day. In it he thanked his cohorts and then listed the five flops that preceded his great success. He then added, "I did it before, and I can do it again."

*Duff Bruce*