

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 9, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 – Carillon Behnke
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make God your refuge, the Most High your habitation.

People: All who call upon God’s name will be saved.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 464 HYMN TO JOY
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Judge and Redeemer, we come before you, shorn of all pretense and without cause for pride. We care more about bread than our confession of Christ our Savior. We worship many gods and do not serve you alone. We offer bribes to garner your favor; we do not rely on your promised goodwill. Forgive our deceit and grant us forgiveness. Through Christ we repent our sinful ways.

* 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 – “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” Wood

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 91:9-16 (Page 548) *Nicole Ream*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Luke 4:1-13 (Page 61)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Arthur Fogartie

“Decision in the Desert”

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

Solo – “Steal Away to Heaven” arr. Hayes

* 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. 420 CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE – “God of Grace and God of Glory” Manz

* **All who are able may stand**

HEAD USHER: Jay Culclasure

SPONSOR: Rob Morgan

GREETERS: Anne Holleman, Chris Beard,

Paul O’Neal

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 9** at 10:00 a.m. are:

Todd & Andrea Lantz

This morning we welcome The Reverend Arthur F. Fogartie to our pulpit. Arthur is pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, Arkansas.

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Greg Campbell, guest organist

Emily Sweezey, soprano

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.

BIRTH

A son, *Henry Christopher Usher*, was born to Chris & Lesley Usher on Friday, July 31, 2009, in Greenville.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, August 1, 2009, *Alissa Mansbach* and *Benjamin Edwards* were united in marriage at Westminster.

In Memoriam

Roger S. Watkins
6/6/1940 - 8/2/2009

"He that hears my word,
and believes in him that
sent me has eternal life."

CSInfo

TIP: *When back-to-school shopping, remember the 3 R’s: reduce, reuse, recycle. Earth-friendly items are easy to find.*

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

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*.

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*, 864-232-2424, ext. 120.

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.

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THE FLOCK

This **Saturday, August 8**, The Flock will meet 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 about the Flock or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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.

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:

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. in Room 213, John Macrae**, jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.

· **Parenting Group: Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby**, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

· **Simplifying Life Group: Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m. at Liquid Highway, Angie Coneybeer**, angie@coneybeer.com or 281-7859.

· **Spirituality Group: Thursday, August 13, Courtenay Williams**, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

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

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.*

Name: _____

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

Nursery # in Crib: _____ # in Crawler _____ # in Toddler _____

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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 Hyche
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 9 - 15, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Creation Stewardship Group
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
New Member Class
7:30 p.m. ChristCare: Simplifying Life Group

THURSDAY

11:45 a.m. Youth Car Wash
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Movie Group

SATURDAY

Adopt-a-Highway



SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Being a musician, I look at the blank sheet of paper that is to contain my Harbinger meditation as silence...

Silence has such possibilities — imagine it filled with a joyful passage from a Mozart piano sonata, or the somber chords of a Beethoven symphony. Imagine the gurgling of a mountain brook ... the claps of thunder that we have experienced abundantly this summer ... the murmur of a field of wheat bowing in the breeze ... the pre-dawn silence just before the world awakens.

Silence may also signify the time in our lives that follows when we have lost someone or something very dear. In that silence — or void — it is seemingly impossible to imagine it being filled once again.

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice,” begins Psalm 130. This passage, and many others in the Psalms, grants us license to express all that we are feeling and to reach out to God with all of our being. And God hears us, receives us, and embraces us no matter what.

In our moments of crises and unrest, we wait for the Lord to respond to us with words of comfort and hope. Often, the Lord speaks to us through those whom he leads our way. We may encounter someone who will prove to be just the person the Lord has selected to journey alongside us for a time. One way we at Westminster embrace this divine process is through our Stephen Ministry program. Stephen Ministers are those among us trained to be a listening companion on your journey as you grieve, face a tough diagnosis, or otherwise experience a challenging transition in your life.

But before these people can be trained for this ministry, they need to say “yes” when sensing such a calling in their lives. Perhaps God is preparing you to become more involved in the lives of others here at Westminster. Are you willing to say “yes, Lord” if God is prompting you to join the next class of Stephen Ministers, or perhaps to become a Sunday school teacher, youth advisor, or any of the other ways in which we minister to one another in God’s name?

Yuri Ito

*There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul*

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SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Mark your calendars!

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.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next date for the Adopt-a-Highway program is **August 15**. Mark your calendars for this great cause. For more information, contact Scott Kilgore (430-0583) or Madeline Freeman (271-4219).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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. High

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 -7:15 pm

Middle School Choir

Rehearsal

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Address _____

E-mail address _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's e-mail address _____

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