

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, December 27, 2009**  
**11:15 a.m.**

*First Sunday After Christmas*

**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 – ..... Visser  
Noel on *Greensleeves* from *Noels on Christmas Themes*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!  
**People: Christ is now on earth! Receive him!**  
Leader: O earth, sing to the Lord!  
**People: O you nations, praise him in joy!**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 28 ..... IN DULCI JUBILO  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as a little child, to bring salvation into the world. We confess that we do not always welcome you into our hearts, or trust your good news to be good. We are weary of the season, and want to move on to something else. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

\* **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

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

\* HYMN – No.308 .....KINGSFOLD  
“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

**K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-9 (Page 640) ..... *Russ Madray*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Colossians 3:9-17 (Page 201)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON ..... *Barbara Stoop*  
“Baby Clothes”

**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 – “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” ..... J.S. Bach

\* 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. 53 ..... GREENSLEEVES  
“What Child Is This”

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE** – ..... Wagner  
“Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day” from *A Quiet Christmas*

\* **All who are able may stand**

**HEAD USHER:** David Massey

**SPONSOR:** Wes Bryant

**GREETERS:** Anne Holleman, Joan Herlong, Vernon Anderson

**LITURGIST:** Ludwig Weaver

*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.*

**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 9:45 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, December 27** are:  
11:15 a.m.  
*Tom & Sara Vanderbloemen*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:  
*Greg Campbell*, guest organist  
*Mark Kemp*, tenor

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 10, 2010**, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The order of business will be: (1) To elect twelve elders for the Class of 2013 and one for the Class of 2011; (2) To elect one trustee to the Class of 2013 and one to the Class of 2015; (3) To answer questions concerning the 2010 budget.

**SESSION NOMINEES**

During the Congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 10**, the Nominating Committee will nominate the following to serve on the Session:

**Class of 2013**

<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Becky Murphy</i>
<i>Carroll Farmer</i>	<i>Anne Nuttall</i>
<i>Lydia Kellett</i>	<i>Ben Rigby</i>
<i>Clara Lawson</i>	<i>Neil Shurley</i>
<i>Stuart Mauney</i>	<i>Russell Stall</i>
<i>Parks McLeod</i>	<i>Bill Wallace</i>

**Class of 2011**

*David Massey*

**TRUSTEE NOMINEES**

<b>Class of 2013</b>	<b>Class of 2015</b>
<i>Kathryn Algary</i>	<i>Dick Sargent</i>

Others may be nominated from the floor. If you plan to do so, please contact the person beforehand to be certain he/she is willing to serve.

THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

2009 BUDGET UPDATE

2009 Pledges \$1,681,690  
 Amount Received \$1,473,720  
 Pledges Outstanding (\$207,970)

Our auditing firm has informed us that we must close our books on December 31. Please have any contributions you wish to show on your 2009 statement in by December 31, 2009. By fulfilling your pledge, you enable us to keep faith with our mission partners. Thank you.

SIXERS & JUNIOR HIGHS

There will be *no* meeting on **December 27 or January 3**. Have a great holiday break. If you have any questions about these groups, please call Barbara Stoop or Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

SENIOR HIGHS

There will be *no* meeting on **Sunday, December 27 or January 3**. Have a relaxing holiday break. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS SUMMER AT MONTREAT

If you are in the Senior High group or an 8th grader, it is time to sign up for our Summer Youth Conference at Montreat. The conference is **July 25 - 31** and the cost is \$350. *Sign up by Sunday, December 27*. Partial or full scholarships are available. Please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 if you have any questions.

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of Tuesday, December 22, we have received **\$1,689,873** in pledges toward our 2010 pledge goal of **\$1,812,114**.

For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by email to the Church Financial Secretary, Sherri Owens at secretary@wpc-online.org.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EPIPHANY TEA**  
*Sunday, January 10, 2010*  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP**  
 Our next meeting for our new young adult group (aiming at those in their twenties or early thirties) will be on **Wednesday, January 6**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. High Lounge. If you plan to join us for dinner anytime after 5:30 p.m., please e-mail michelle@wpc-online.org by **Monday, January 4**. We hope you will join us. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about this new group or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 12**. Please enter through the bridge entrance on the side of the Fellowship Hall and we will be upstairs. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about the Flock or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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THE SESSION  
 The Class of 2010

Cathy Bailey	Tim Madden
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

December 27, 2009 -  
 January 2, 2010

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Church Brunch  
 11:15 a.m. One Worship Service  
 12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

5:15 p.m. NAMI  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. JustFaith  
 6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group Meeting

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

*The Pastors & Church Staff wish each of you a Happy New Year.*

UNITED MINISTRIES

The food pantry is in need of dry milk, canned potatoes, soups, stew, mixed vegetables, pasta and meats. Dry milk is particularly needed because it is one item they cannot get from their distributor to supplement donated items. Items may be left in the donation boxes located in the Education Office.



Go Tell It On the Mountain

The other night I was watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas" like I do every year. This is one of my favorite Christmas specials. In one of the scenes the gang - Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Pig Pen, Schroeder, Violet, Snoopy, and others are rehearsing a school play about the Nativity. This is not going so well. Charlie Brown and Linus have just returned from getting a Christmas tree. Among all the aluminum trees they found a small real tree, which they bring back to the school auditorium. Charlie Brown is getting hassled about the tree and he wonders what Christmas is all about. Linus says he knows what Christmas is all about. He takes center stage and under a spotlight he quotes Luke 2: 8-14.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

This year has been tough year for many families. As we wade through all the commercialization, the wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows let us not struggle with the true meaning of Christmas. Network executives wanted to remove the scene with Linus reciting Jesus' birth, but Charles Schultz wanted it left in. "If we don't tell the true meaning of Christmas, who will," he said.

I know who will. The congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church tells the real Christmas story everyday through words and deeds. So go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Will Edwards