

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 6, 2009

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

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 – Swiss Noel ..... Daquin  
 \*\* CHORAL INTROIT – “Prepare the Way” ..... Franzen  
 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy is the one whose help is in God.  
**People: I will sing praises to God as long as I live.**  
 Leader: Trust in the Lord, and worship God’s name.  
**People: Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth.**  
 Leader: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:00 a.m. - Ross & Amber Glidewell  
 11:15 a.m. - Brandt & Luci Givens, Chase and Sarah Grace

The candle of peace is the second candle on the Advent Wreath. It symbolizes the peace Christ can bring to each of our lives and the world.

\* HYMN – No. 9 ..... VENI EMMANUEL  
 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have taught us to be patient, and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on sisters and brothers, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need.**

\* 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

\*\* CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER ..... Teschner  
 “Love Caused Your Incarnation”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – II Kings 5:9-14 (Page 336) ..... Jennifer Keir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 4:46-54 (Page 96)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON ..... Ludwig Weaver  
 “The First Step”

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

Anthem (9:00 a.m.) – “Prepare the Way of the Lord” ..... Moore  
 (11:15 a.m.) – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent” ..... Ferguson

\* 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. 8 ..... TRURO

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

\* BENECTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE – “We Will Walk with God” ..... Robinson

\* POSTLUDE – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ..... arr. Haan

\* All who are able may stand

\*\* 11:15 a.m. service only

<b>HEAD USHERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tim Raney
	11:15 a.m.	Scott Hall
<b>SPONSOR:</b>		Tim Reed
<b>GREETERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tim Madden, Gayle Blouin
		Rob Morgan
	11:15 a.m.	Claude Cheatham, Dorothy Dowe
		Suzanne Meece
<b>LITURGIST:</b>		Jean Weaver

The Lord’s Table is open to all who profess  
 Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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 6 are:

9:00 a.m. Todd & Andrea Lantz

11:15 a.m. Chris & Lesley Usher

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are: Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Jim Wilkins, tenor

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor’s baptism class will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

NEW SIGN UP SCHEDULE FOR NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL PARENTS

Parents of nursery/preschool children will receive an email this week asking for your information to help generate the schedule for January 24 through March 28, 2010. The email will link you to a new tool for gathering date, time and room preferences on the church website. The link to "Parent Schedule Sign Up" is also located on the home page of the church website under Information and Links as well as on the Nursery page. Please take a moment to complete the form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nursery Coordinator, Mark Lindahl, at nursery@wpc-online.org.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for a Christmas Luncheon in the Westminster Presbyterian Church Entrance Pavilion on Thursday, December 10, at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.50. Please call the church office at 232-2424 to sign up.

CONNECTIONS

Connections will have their monthly gathering this Sunday, December 6, after the 11:15 a.m. service. We will meet at Chef Manigault, 28 Howe St., 483-3942. Reservations are suggested. Contact Dot Elmore (286-0036 or dotelmore@bellsouth.net). Let’s enjoy our Advent season together.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, December 6. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately following both worship services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Joda Higgins at 979-1486.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on Connect and then Small Groups.

This week:

· **Spirituality Group: Thursday, December 10, Courtenay Williams, 233-7254 or courtenayw@charter.net.**

WESTMINSTER BLOOD DRIVE

The final blood drive for 2009 will be Monday, December 14, from 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As we approach the Advent Season your gift of donating blood is much needed. Contact Stephen Demosthenes at [jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com](mailto:jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com) or call him at 918-2563. Give the Gift of Life.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Sam Inman will lead a discussion of the book, The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper and Fairer Health Care. All are welcome.

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of Tuesday, December 1, we have received \$1,510,159 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](mailto:secretary@wpc-online.org).

**SIXERS**

On December 6th, we are changing our plans for Sixers. Instead of our Progressive Dinner, we will join the Junior Highs as they go caroling in the neighborhood and collect canned food for the area food pantries. On **Sunday, December 13**, we will still have our Sixers Christmas Party and gift exchange at the church. Bring a \$5 gift that both a boy or girl would like, and join us for some Christmas fun! If you have any questions about the Sixers group, please call Barbara Stoop at 232-2424.

**JUNIOR HIGHS**

Are you ready to sing? This **Sunday, December 6**, we are going to have a competition to feed the hungry. To accomplish this we will break into two teams and go Christmas Caroling for canned food. Please plan on getting to the church as close to **5:00 p.m.** as possible so we can get started right away. On **Sunday, December 13**, the Junior Highs will have our Christmas party while going on a progressive dinner. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**SENIOR HIGHS**

This **Sunday, December 6**, we need your help moving the gift wrapping supplies from the storage unit to the mall. If you want to join us right after church for lunch we will be going to Corona's and then to the storage unit afterwards. Or you can meet us at the storage unit itself (off Haywood) at 2:30 p.m. Choir will follow at **5:00 p.m.**, but there will be *no night meeting* for Sr. Highs. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**YOUTH WINTER RETREATS**

We will be going to Camp Buc this year for our Winter Retreats. Our retreats will be on a Friday through Sunday, with a day trip to Sapphire Valley on Saturday for skiing or tubing. The cost is \$125. For the **Sr. Highs** our trip will be on **January 8-10** (please sign up by *December 6th*) and for the **Jr. Highs** our trip will be **February 19-21** (please sign up by *January 17th*).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our next meeting will be *this Sunday, December 6*, at **9:00 a.m.** in the room next to the Sr. High lounge.

**THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Christmas party for our new young adult group (aiming at those in their twenties and early thirties) will be on **Thursday, December 10**. Check your email for time and location. Even if you haven't been able to join us for a study yet, this would be a great opportunity to get involved with this group. If you have any questions about this new group or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**GIFT WRAPPING AT THE MALL**

Come join the youth at the mall for our annual fund raiser with the Beth Israel Synagogue and the Temple of Israel. This year we are wrapping presents on two weekends: **December 11, 12; and 18, 19**. As we do every year, we are asking for your help. If you can wrap presents or if you just want to come to the mall and lend support, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 ext. 116 or 380-5269 or via email at sphillips@wpc-online.org to sign up. Thank you for your help.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

It will be great to have you home for the holidays. On **Sunday, December 20**, we have two events scheduled for you. First, at **12:30 p.m.** we ask that you join us in the Entrance Pavilion for lunch. Then, at **6:00 p.m.** we ask that you join our Sr. Highs at the home of *Maggie Stafford* (101 Club Forest Ln.) for an Oyster Roast. Please call or email Steve Phillips (380-5269 or sphillips@wpc-online.org) to let us know if you will be able to come to either *or* both events so that we may plan accordingly.

**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 2380-5269 if you have any questions.

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**IRA CONTRIBUTIONS**

The IRA Charitable Rollover legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 permits taxpayers at the age of 70 and ½ years and older to make tax-free charitable gifts totaling up to \$100,000 per year from traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) and Roth IRA's during 2008 and 2009.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

All PW members, please bring to the church office for redistribution to a neighboring congregation your copy of last year's 2008-2009 *Horizons* Bible study book - "**Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor.**"

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
December 6 - 12, 2009

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Confirmation Class  
9:50 a.m. Health Ministry  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Health Ministry  
12:15 p.m. Connections  
1:30 p.m. Brownie Troop  
2:30 p.m. Sr. High Group Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
5:00 p.m. PW Circle #7  
Sr. High Choir Rehearsal  
Jr. & Sixers Group Meetings  
Youth Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Jr. & Sixers Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch  
9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel  
9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel  
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
5:30 p.m. Uplift  
5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells Rehearsal  
5:45 p.m. NAMI  
6:00 p.m. TNT to decorate trees  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. PW Circle #6  
11:00 p.m. PW Circle #5  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #3  
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY**

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" and Tweens  
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Pastor's Baptism Class  
5:30 p.m. JustFaith  
5:45 p.m. Christmas Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Rutter's *Magnificat*

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Training  
12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon  
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop  
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6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Training  
ChristCare: Spirituality Group Meeting  
Young Adult Christmas Party  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Christmas Party  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

*Gift Wrapping at the Mall* (6 p.m. - 10 p.m.)

**SATURDAY**

*Gift Wrapping at the Mall* (10 a.m. - 10 p.m.)  
10:30 a.m. Gittings Ministry



In our kitchen you will find our computer, which for me is simply a glorified stereo. Out of it will flow music from our I-Tunes list—REM, U2, Bob Marley, etc. Often you might catch our family listening to the music and dancing around in the kitchen. These are times when we are almost always together. Nobody has school, work, ballet, or football games.

About five years ago I heard the hymn "I Danced in the Morning" for the first time. As I sang this hymn, I was very moved. What I hear is Jesus telling me that he has got my burdens and my worries. He is saying, "I've got them, you don't need them, now get on about your business." I look at this hymn from time-to-time, and I still get a bit emotional just by reading it. I can't say that about any of the over 5000 songs on our kitchen computer.

*4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:  
But I am the dance and I still go on.*

*5. They cut Me down and I leap high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.*

*Refrain*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

As we look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Savior, the beginning of the dance, we often get off center. It will happen in our house too. I know I'll get caught flat-footed, forgetting the dance. I pray that when I do I'll see the music that is all around me, it's always there.

Jay Culclasure

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PROGRAM
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The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-11. Nursery will be available for children under three. Activities will be provided for those in K4-1st grade during the program. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org.

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Sunday, December 6

- Circle #7 will host a Christmas gathering at the home of Aline Kilgore, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Jean Weaver, parish associate, will lead the Bible study on Joshua, Lesson Four. The meal will be "appetizers, desserts and beverages" provided by the circle members.

Tuesday, December 8

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**ADVENT SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Worship Services/Advent Wreath Lighting/  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Monday, December 7

6:00 p.m. TNT Group to decorate sanctuary trees

Wednesday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Church-wide Christmas Dinner

7:00 p.m. Rutter's *Magnificat* with sanctuary choir and orchestra

Thursday, December 10

12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Christmas Party

Young Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 11

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Senior High Gift Wrap

Saturday, December 12

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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