

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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

First Sunday in Lent

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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" J.S. Bach

** CHORAL INTROIT "Arise and Sing" Biery

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world that seems random and chaotic,

People: Know that the Lord is God.

Leader: We are not alone.

People: It is God who made us. We are God's people.

Leader: God unites us one with another.

People: All of us are the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 288..... ELLACOMBE
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God, we come before you this day as limited people, bound and reined in by choices we have made and by the evil and injustice rampant in this world. Forgive us for not opening our minds and hearts to truly understand the health, wholeness, beauty, and peace you intend for this world. Forgive us for glibly saying, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and then not pouring our energy into helping make that happen. For our neglect, our ignorance, and our willful dodging of the tasks and life you have shown as the way, we ask forgiveness.

*** 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

** CALL TO PRAYER "Lord, In Your Mercy" Bell

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HANDBELL ANTHEM "And Can It Be, Love Divine" Dobrinski

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the anthem.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (Page 171)

Mary Anne McLendon

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 21:15-17, 19 (Page 116)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Barbara Stoop

"One Great Hour"

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 (9:00 a.m.) "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Morris

Anthem (11:15 a.m.) "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" Brahms

* 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 (see insert)..... BEECH SPRING

"God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger"

* BENEDECTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Biery

* POSTLUDE Recessional in D Johnson

*** All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only**

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. William Crawford

11:15 a.m. Kathryn Algary

SPONSOR: Amy Grace

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Christine Edmondson, Chris Beard

Rob Morgan

11:15 a.m. Suzanne Meece, Dorothy Dowe

Ben Alexander

LITURGIST: Dave Sems

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.

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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 9:45 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, February 21** are:

9:00 a.m. *Roger & Traci Beasley*

11:15 a.m. *Jonathan & Marie*

Gardner

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Westminster Bells

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

The Reverend Dave Sems, a retired minister and member of Westminster, will lead the liturgy.

In Memoriam

Julia S. Rockwood

7/16/1939 - 2/9/2010

"He that hears my word,

and believes in him that

sent me has eternal life."

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THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 23**. *Hank & Amanda Sanders* will be leading our study. 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.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to www.wpc-online.org and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.** *John Macrae, jmacrae126@aol.com* or 268-6569.

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion,** *Midge Williams, momsie10@aol.com* or 232-7728.

GED TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

Pleasant Valley Connection is offering GED courses beginning in March on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Additional volunteers are needed to teach the courses. Volunteers are required to complete training from Greenville Literacy. For more information contact *Susan McLarty* at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120. To learn more about WPC 20+ year involvement with the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, visit the church website and click on the link from the home page called, "Pleasant Valley Mission Day."

FEBRUARY 27

NEW MEMBER MISSION DAY
All new members who joined the church during the past twelve months should have received an invitation in the mail to the Pleasant Valley Connection Hands on Mission Day on **February 27 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** We hope you can come and help beautify the grounds of PVC or hand out flyers in the neighborhood. *Please RSVP by February 25 to Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120.*

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

in concert at WPC

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE JUNIOR HIGHS

AND SIXERS AT CAMP BUC

Some of the Jr. Highs and Sixers are away this weekend on our Winter Retreat at Camp Buc. We ask you to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we travel to and from our retreat and that we will have a safe and fun time while on the retreat.

JUNIOR HIGHS AND SIXERS WINTER RETREAT

We will not be meeting on February 21. If you are participating in the Winter Retreat, we will leave on **Saturday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m.** We will return to the church by **12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 21.** You will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes, any personal items you may need, and a signed permission slip in order to go snow tubing Saturday night. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, February 21**, with the world so rapidly changing, we will meet to re-imagine Senior Highs together, discussing new ideas that will help us to be the best group possible for 2010 and beyond. If you have any questions about the Sr. High Group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

This summer, **June 18-25**, our Senior High group will be going to the Dominican Republic for a week-long mission trip. If you are interested in this mission trip and you are presently in 8th - 12th grade, you must sign up in the church office no later than *Sunday, March 7.* On **Sunday, February 28**, we will have a brief information meeting directly following worship at **12:30 p.m. in Room 209** to answer any questions you might have about this trip.

**WPC BASKETBALL BANQUET
MARCH 10, 2010**

Celebrate the 2009-2010 season of WPC Basketball! We encourage every team member and his or her family to come! We are working to emphasize team celebration and to keep the program brief. The banquet menu will include burgers, baked beans, chips, broccoli salad and brownies. 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 www.wpc-online.org. Sign-ups for the dinner end on *Friday, March 5.* Please **ALSO** let your coach know how many from your family will be coming, as teams and their families will sit in clustered tables.

Name: _____
Adults \$6.50 _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00 _____
Nursery (ages 3 and under) _____

**DINE WITH NINE
March 2010 - June 2010**

Sharing a meal is one of the best ways to establish and renew relationships with members of the Westminster church community. "Dine with Nine" is nine (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three dinners on an evening convenient to the group.

To sign up, return this form to the church office, or to the table in the Friendship Court, or fill out the online form on the church website by clicking on the "Dine with Nine" link on the home page. *The deadline to sign up is February 22, 2010.*

Name(s): _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____

Please indicate yes or no:

- _____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of nine or so people.
- _____ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.
- _____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.
- _____ I am interested in a "Singles" group (if available).

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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
February 21-27, 2010**

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Connections Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Brownie Troop
3:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
5:00 p.m.	Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Senior High Group Meeting
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
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
5:45 p.m.	NAMI
7:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m.	Rose Society Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
5:30 p.m.	NAMI
6:00 p.m.	The Flock Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m.	Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" and Tweens
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Dine with Nine Committee Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	JustFaith Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Support Group Meeting
	ChristCare: Knitting Group
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.	New Member Mission Day at Pleasant Valley
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This week we have begun the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service. The word Lent means "lengthening;" the short days of winter are getting longer as we prepare for spring and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time of repentance, soul-searching and reflection on what it means to be God's children.

I grew up in the Presbyterian Church in a small southern town. I remember Christmas Eve services and lighting an advent wreath at home, Bible School and Montreat in the summers, the youth led service, choir and youth group, Thanksgiving sunrise services at Old Stone Church but I do not remember much about the season of Lent. As a teenager I had friends in other denominations who were giving up things for Lent. When I asked why we did not, I was given the explanation that Presbyterians felt we should be giving up things for God all year long not specifically in the 40 days leading up to Easter. I vaguely have a memory of a friend in college with a smudge on her forehead after an Ash Wednesday service. It was in medical school, staying with a family friend who was an Episcopalian priest, when I was introduced to someone fasting to be closer to God. I wish I had spent more time asking him why.

So here I am with a family of my own, questioning what to do during Lent so our children have more knowledge of it than I remember having. In our kitchen we have a round table with chairs and a bench, which is an old church pew from the church I grew up in. I think we will make a concerted effort at dinner to read from the sticker devotional that was mailed out to the elementary age children and continue to talk about how best we can be God's children.

So no matter our backgrounds let us enter this Lenten season with the joy that comes from knowing as the days lengthen we will be celebrating Easter. I don't think it matters how we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus, as long as we reflect on the beautiful gift of Salvation we have been given.

Ashley Godwin

"There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. All who call out to the Lord will be saved." *Romans 10:12b-13*

God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

BEACH SPRING



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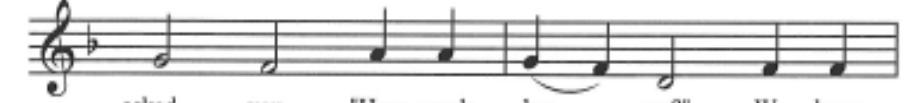
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