

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, February 28, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

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 Voluntary on EIN' FESTE BURG arr. Hustad
 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

People: We come here as children of God, secure in God's love, urged to work for God's justice, bound in one family to care for one another.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 461 ABBOT'S LEIGH
 "God Is Here!"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to create change, but we're comfortable with the status quo. You call us to work for justice today, but we put it off until another day. You call us to bring hope, but inside we've really given up on making a difference. You call us to believe in a better tomorrow, but we don't always believe that it is possible. Forgive us, we pray, for our apathy, for our procrastination, for our resignation and our limited vision. Change our hearts, O God, so that we may live boldly into your vision of justice and compassion for every child, for a bright and hopeful tomorrow that we can work for today.

* 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

ANTHEM "Make a Joyful Noise" Mathias

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalms 71:1-18 (Page 532) *John Paylor*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Mark 9:33-37 (Page 45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Barbara Stoop

"The Littlest, the Least, and the Lost"

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

Anthem "Beati Quorum Via" Stanford
*Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
 who walk in the law of the Lord.*

* 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. 497 ST. CLEMENT
 "With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Toccata in G Major Dubois

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	William Crawford
	11:15 a.m.	Kathryn Algay
SPONSOR:		Paul Schultz
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Bailey, Gayle Blouin Howard Boyd
	11:15 a.m.	Tod Hyche, Claude Cheatham Amanda Sanders
LITURGIST:		Steve Phillips

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.

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 28** are:

9:00 a.m. *Mark & Renee Cavallo*
 11:15 a.m. *Bill & Allison Stevenson*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Members of the Furman Singers, conducted by *Derek Pitman*, WPC Intern

Paul Thomas, organist

The 11:15 a.m. service will be led, in part, by the Furman Singers, under the direction of Bingham Vick.

DOMINICAN COFFEE

The adult mission team brought back over 180 pounds of naturally grown coffee from the Dominican Republic. This has become a tradition each year since it was initiated several years ago by our church members. This coffee is grown, roasted, and packaged through a family-owned business locally in Barahona where we have centered our mission efforts for several years. All of the proceeds from each \$10/lb. package will go back to the Barahona community in the Dominican Republic and the bateys there to continue much-needed assistance in those communities. The coffee is available in the church office on weekdays and on Sundays.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

in concert at WPC
Wednesday, March 3
 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

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 **8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Charter Room.** Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Volunteer Coordinator, (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.

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*.

Parenting Group: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:15 p.m. in Room 213. Ben Rigby, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

BASKETBALL PICTURES NEEDED

If you have any pictures of your team, we would love to include them in a slide show at this year's banquet on **March 10.** Please download your pictures directly to Snapfish at www.snapfish.com. Our email login is wpcpictures@charter.net and our password is **basketball.** If you have any questions, please call *Lisa Bryant* at 905-3423.

NEW SIGN UP SCHEDULE FOR NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL PARENTS

Parents of nursery/preschool children received an email this week asking for your information to help generate the schedule for **April 11 through May 23, 2010.** The email provided a link to a tool on the church website for gathering date, time and room preferences. 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.

THE JUNIOR HIGHS

On **Sunday, February 28**, we will begin to assign parts for Youth Sunday and then we will be going to the gym for a giant game of basketball. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, February 28**, we will begin to discuss Youth Sunday (March 21) by breaking into small groups focusing on the different elements of the service. We need you here to help us plan your worship service. 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

If you are planning to join us for our summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic on **June 18-25**, you need to sign up no later than **Sunday, March 7**. If you have signed up, please contact the church office to make sure you are on the list so that no one is left out.

**WPC BASKETBALL BANQUET
MARCH 10, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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 _____
Ages of those needing childcare (under age 3) _____

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our Young Adult group will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 3**, 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, March 1**. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about the Young Adult group or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. *Phil Hill* will lead a discussion of the play, *Antigone*, by Jean Anouilh, copies of which are available in the church office at a minimal cost. All are welcome to attend the discussion.

WESTMINSTER BLOOD DRIVE

The first blood drive for 2010 will be **Monday, March 15** from **3:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 209**. Contact *Stephen Demosthenes* at jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com or 918-2563 to reserve a time. Reservations are on each quarter hour. Give the gift of life.

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**THE SESSION
The Class of 2010**

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Christine Edmondson	Paul O'Neal
Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyché
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Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
February 28 - March 6, 2010**

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
5:00 p.m. Sixers and Junior High Group Meeting
Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m. Sixers and Junior High Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:30 p.m. Uplift
5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
5:45 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. ADK

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
5:30 p.m. Dinner
JustFaith Group Meeting
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group Meeting
The Young Adult Group
7:00 p.m. Presbyterian College Choir Concert

THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY
4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Festival by the Sea (thru March 7th)



GOD'S WAY

As one person among 6.8 billion others, I am necessarily in relation to all the others. I can engage them, or just acknowledge them, or even ignore that they exist, but each response presumes a relationship that begins with me.

How am I tied to other people, and what is my responsibility toward them?

Appreciating whose I am is a first step: I am a child of God. This is my primary relationship and, through God's Spirit, the basis for all other relationships I have. To the extent that I accept this notion for my life, I come closer to treating the 6.8 billion others in just and kind ways. A second step is realizing that I can make a difference, however small, in the life of someone who is hurting.

I have a friend who will be ninety-nine years old next month. During a recent visit, we began talking about the tragedy in Haiti, and I asked for her thoughts. This wonderful and wise lady said:

"The only way is God's way. Love everybody.
And if you can do for them, do-"

And Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" He replied: "Love God and love your neighbor."

In response to Jesus' words, I find that actively serving others is one starting point for me, for acts of service strengthen individual relationships as they promote God's purposes. And I find that working in this way also deepens and preserves other ties with those I hold dear.

My mother told me that, after her death, if it were within her power, she would be close to my brothers and me. When I commit to friends and family (or even to those I don't know) at critical times and in meaningful ways, I feel my mother's presence, and I remember the joy she brought to so many who heard her music. Surely God's Spirit continues to work for the furtherment of His Kingdom through those who serve.

Dorothy Rutledge