

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 17, 2011

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*Palm Sunday*

**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 "The Holy City" Adams

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna!" Wilson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day which God has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Blessed are those who enter in God's name.

**People: We bless you from the house of the Sovereign One!**

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

People: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN No. 89 ELLACOMBE  
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Daily we awaken to the new life you give us, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve you, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the chance to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self-improvement. The day is soon passed; it has been much the same as the others. Forgive us for casting aside the precious time you have given.**

**\* 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 Cruger

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SOLO "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Hayes

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 118:19-29 (Page 565)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 12:12-19 (Page 106) ..... *Jeff Ranew*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

"Where's His Horse?"

**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 (9:00 a.m.) "On That Day" Beall

\*\* Anthem "Lift Up Your Heads" from *Messiah* Handel

\* 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. 91 ST. DROSTANE

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE "Stay With Us" Hovland

\* POSTLUDE Improvisation for Palm Sunday Guilment

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

**HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bryant Puntch  
11:15 a.m. Brad Lucas

**SPONSOR:** Stuart Mauney

**GREETERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bryant Puntch, Joe Frasher  
Parks McLeod

11:15 a.m. Will Quinn, Susan Robbins

Ben Alexander

**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.*

**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.

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES**

Personal listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

**STREAMING**

The 11:15 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link under Worship called "Watch the 11:15 a.m. Service on Sunday Live."

**CHURCH NOTES**

The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, April 17 are:

9:00 a.m. Charles & Christine

Edmondson

11:15 a.m. Allen & Kathryn Freedman

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Garrison Carpenter, baritone

**11:15 a.m.**

Sanctuary Choir

**BIRTHS**

A son, *Spencer James Cox*, was born to Phillip & Laura Cox on Friday, April 1, 2011, in Greenville.

A son, *Cooper Jones Freeman*, was born to Zach & Lee Freeman on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Greenville.

**PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS**

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org).

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be **June 19-23** for rising K-6th graders. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact co-chairs *LeeAnne Montgomery* at [lamontgomer@yahoo.com](mailto:lamontgomer@yahoo.com) or *Beth Morrow* at [treyandbeth@charter.net](mailto:treyandbeth@charter.net).

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

On **Thursday, April 21**, we will gather around the table in observance of Maundy Thursday, remembering that Jesus shared in this fellowship with his disciples, instructing them to do likewise with one another in remembrance of him. Join us at **7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary** as we journey through the days leading up to the Holy Week events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Having shared his last meal with his disciples, Jesus went with them out to Gethsemane where he spent some time alone with God pleading that he might not have to suffer what was to come. Jesus is then arrested, put on trial, whipped and beaten, and nailed to a cross to die. On **Friday, April 22 at 12 noon**, we will join together in the Sanctuary for our Good Friday Tenebrae worship service focusing on the last words of Jesus before he died.

**ONE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be one Adult Sunday School class at **10:00 a.m. in Room 209** this **Sunday, April 17.**

**CONNECTIONS**

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will meet **Sunday, April 17**, at High Cotton, 550 S. Main St. Reservations are required *by Sat., April 16*. Please call Gretta Lawson at 963-1570 or email [grettalaws@aol.com](mailto:grettalaws@aol.com) to make your reservations. Newcomers to the group are welcome.

**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, April 27, 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 11:15 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, May 1**, or on any future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Mission Outreach Coordinator, Susan McLarty at [smclarty@wpc-online.org](mailto:smclarty@wpc-online.org), 864-232-2424, ext.120.

ALL YOUTH

We will not be meeting on Sunday, April 17 or 24. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Join us Friday, April 29, for our end of the year lock-in. We will meet at the church at 8:00 p.m. You will need to be picked up Saturday, April 30, by 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, call Barbara Stoop at 232-2424 or Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

On Sunday, May 1, we will meet in the green parking lot at 6:00 p.m. for games and a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken wraps. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

REESE HOME UPDATE

We have just nine build days left, two weeks off for subcontractors and construction will begin again on April 29. There are still lots of ways for all levels of skill to be involved. A link to sign up is on the church website. Questions? Contact Janet and Paul Schultz at 243-4091 (schultzx4@charter.net) or Zeno Hawkins at 449-5570 (zeno@highlandhomessc.com.)

THE FLOCK

On Wednesday, April 20, we will meet at Corona's Mexican Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. Join us Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the home Sam & Leanne White (108 Buckingham Road) for our social gathering. More information will be sent out in upcoming e-mails. If you are interested in joining us, want to get on our e-mail list, or just have questions, you can call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or e-mail at sphillips@wpc-online.org.

LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$11.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 17.

Donor \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Library Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_ or Lilies x \$11.00 \_\_\_\_ or Endowment Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, April 19  
 • Circle #5: 10:00 a.m. in Room 209.  
 Bible Study Leader: Jennifer Keir.  
 Lessons 8 & 9. Project: Food - United Ministries.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

- **Hiking Group:** will meet on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Nancy Williams, nwilliams8282@charter.net or 235-8282.
- **Luncheon Group:** will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 211. Dot Elmore, dotelmore@bellsouth.net or 286-0036.
- **Knitting Group:** will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion. Midge Williams, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.
- **Hiking Group:** will meet on Saturday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot. David Massey, dmassey999@aol.com or Scott Hall, 242-0281.

NEW MEMBER HANDS ON MISSION DAY

The New Member Assimilation Committee invites all new members that joined the church during the past twelve months for a mission day at the Habitat for Humanity Reese Family Home, Saturday, April 30. Painting is the primary construction task and the only requirement is to be over the age of 16. Families with children under 16 years old can also meet at the church to assemble lunches at 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for this special opportunity to help Sundra Reese and her family. Please RSVP by April 26 to Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120 and let us know if you plan to help with lunches or construction.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. We will have our Annual Generations Banquet in the Fellowship Hall. The banquet is designed to be a fun time for all. Please call the church office to make your reservation.



ONLINE DIRECTORY

The church has an online member directory called "my wpc." The link to sign in the secure site is on the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org. In addition to directory information, you can also view pictures of church members. If you have any questions about using "my wpc" please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator, at 232-2424 ext. 120 or smclarty@wpc-online.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 17 - 23, 2011

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 Membership Committee Meeting  
 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School Class  
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:30 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group  
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
 5:45 p.m. NAMI  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. PW Circle #5  
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 12:00 a.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group  
 6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group  
 7:00 p.m. Divorce Support Group

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
 5:30 p.m. Pastor's Baptism Class  
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday  
 April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday  
 April 22nd at 12 Noon

Easter  
 April 24th  
 Worship Services  
 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

9:45 - 10:50 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
 Fellowship Time with donuts,  
 coffee and juice.

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 (IRAs). This bill has been extended through 2011. The charitable withdrawal isn't deductible, but it won't be included in taxable income for the year.



Many of us may be celebrating things in our lives this week. Excitement fills the air as children await the beginning of their spring break. Families may be packing for a quick trip out of town. You may not have children that will be out of school, but the prospect of less traffic and congestion throughout Greenville will bring a smile to your face. Even the burden of Tax Day has come and gone. The warm weather has descended into our area, and hopefully it is here to stay. The longer days allow outdoor activities to last into the early evening. Spring is in the air, and life may appear to slow down a bit this week. Walking in the park, planting in the garden, or just sitting outside reading a book may all seem more peaceful.

Today we will observe Palm Sunday. As a child, I remember the excitement I felt as I walked into my church as the ushers passed out palms to everyone. The account of Palm Sunday is a Bible story that we can easily share with children. The pictures of the magnificent Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem are familiar to anyone who has been to Sunday School. I can close my eyes and almost picture myself alongside the people of Jerusalem. Can you imagine standing with your friends and neighbors, cheering as Jesus makes his triumphant entry? Maybe you finished your work early so that you could get the best spot to see him. Perhaps you were able to grab a palm branch on your way to the parade. You place it on the road before him, and with the crowd, chant Psalm 118 as the man they call the King of the Jews rides past on a donkey. He was going to change everything and defeat the evils that were oppressing you.

Let us celebrate Palm Sunday and the other joys in our lives today, but as we move through this week, we know that the story of Jesus takes a tragic turn. Many years ago on this day, Jesus knew how the story was going to end. As the crowds cheered, he knew that by the end of the week, his closest friends would betray him, and he would suffer a horrible death.

Despite all the joys that spring may offer, this is a hard week for us as Christians. We may take pleasure in a much needed vacation or count our blessings as we enjoy the springtime, but by Good Friday we will be faced with the harsh reality of Christ's death on the cross. Jesus did indeed change the world, but not in the way that the cheering crowds of Jerusalem thought that he would. Today let us celebrate his entry into Jerusalem and prepare for this, the most holy of weeks.

Kathryn Freedman

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD." Psalm 118:24-26