

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 10, 2010

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

First Sunday After the Epiphany

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 – Fugue in C Major Buxtehude

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Marcello

** CHORAL INTROIT – “Surely” Langston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord’s name be praised.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 150 MADRID

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

* 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.

BAPTISM OF **GRAFTON ALEXANDER MORGAN (9:00 a.m.)**

** BAPTISM OF **RAMSEY ELIZABETH GLIDEWELL and**

OWEN PATRICK THOMPSON

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the baptism.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER – “The King of Love” Baker

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 23 (Page 501) *Lisa Magaha*

SOLO – “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Kadidlo

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 9:1-11, 24-25 (Page 102)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“Blackballed”

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.) – “O Lord I Pray to Thee” Franck

** Anthem – “Open Thou Mine Eyes” Rutter

* 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. 145 MARION

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Fairest Lord Jesus” Christiansen

* POSTLUDE – Fanfare Lemmens

** ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Jon McKnight
	11:15 a.m.	Roger Beasley
SPONSORS:	9:00 a.m.	Chas Key
	11:15 a.m.	Katy Glidewell
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Gayle Blouin, Rob Morgan
		Joe Frasher
	11:15 a.m.	Courtenay Williams, Wes Bryant
		Amanda Sanders
LITURGIST:		Barbara Stoop

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, January 10** are:

9:00 a.m. *Michael & Allison Freeland*

11:15 a.m. *Mark & Jennifer Browning*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
Mark Kemp, tenor
Sanctuary Choir

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.

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, January 17**, 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 Dave Carlson, associate pastor, (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Addison Leigh Frost*, was born to Jason & Erica Frost on Tuesday, December 29, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship:

Grafton Alexander Morgan, son of Gray & Lacey Morgan.

Ramsey Elizabeth Glidewell, daughter of Ross & Amber Glidewell.

Owen Patrick Thompson, son of Rick & Susan Thompson.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Allen Gillespie* on the death of his mother, Myrtle Gillespie, on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, in Anderson.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting this **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 this **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

Class of 2013	Class of 2015
<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.

EPIPHANY TEA

Please join the Presbyterian Women on **January 10 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for a devotion celebrating the Epiphany. This is a special time to renew our commitment to living our lives as Jesus did. After the devotion and some special music, we will have a time of fellowship in the Sanctuary Atrium. All of the women of the congregation are invited. Guests are welcome.

SIXERS & JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 10**, we will have a giant broom ball game in the gym. Bring your wooden handled brooms, tennis shoes, and meet us in the gym at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions about these groups, please call Barbara Stoop or Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

SENIOR HIGHS

If you are going on the **Winter Retreat on January 9 - 10**, we will be leaving the church parking lot at **Noon on Saturday, January 9th.** *This change is due to weather conditions.* Please bring a Bible, warm clothes, a sleeping bag and pillow, and any personal items you might need including a towel. We will return by noon on Sunday, January 10. *We will be meeting* that evening at **6:30 p.m.** to play broom hockey in the gym. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, January 12
 · **Circle #3:** *Becky Murphy*, chair, will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the home of *Joan Edwards*. Helping Hostess: *Thayer Brown*.
 · **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair, will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211. Bible Study Leader: Eldena Moore. Lesson Five: "Can War Be Holy?"
 · **Circle #6:** *Gretchen Reid*, chair, will meet at 8:45 a.m. Call Gretchen at 232-1324 for meeting location.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will meet at Flat Rock Grill, 1115 Woodruff Rd., on **Sunday, January 17**, after the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Place reservations with *Mary Ann Cox* at *maryacraig@juno.com* (963-2335) by Saturday, January 16.

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*. This week:
 · **Movie Group: Sunday, January 10, Janie Little**, *jrlittle42@aol.com* or 297-9117.
 · **Parenting Group: Wednesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby**, *btrigby@juno.com* or 239-0435.
 · **Spirituality Group: Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, *courtenayw@charter.net* or 233-7254.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Neil Shurley will lead a discussion of the novel, *Woodsburner*, by John Pipkin. All are welcome.

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 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

January 10 - 16, 2010

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	Creation Stewardship
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Annual Meeting
	Brownies
1:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
3:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Epiphany Tea
4:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Junior & Sixers Group Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Witness & Service Committee Meeting
	Education Committee Meeting
	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Senior High Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Junior & Sixers Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells Rehearsal
5:45 p.m.	NAMI
7:00 p.m.	Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

8:45 a.m.	PW Circle #6
10:00 a.m.	PW Circle #5
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
6:00 p.m.	The Flock
6:45 p.m.	PW Circle #3
	Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" and Tweens
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	JustFaith
6:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Parenting Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
11:30 a.m.	Girl Scout Training
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Training
	ChristCare: Spirituality Group
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

10:30 a.m.	Gittings Ministry
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RECEIVING THE CALL

Isaiah 6: 1-8

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

I grew up in the United Methodist Church. We were fortunate enough to have good preaching for most of my years there. For more than 16 years Emma Grey Memorial Methodist Church was blessed with two successive pastors of great preaching ability, the first trained at Duke and his successor at Emory. Both had distinctly different styles, but I can still remember at about age 7 understanding the Rev. King Scoggins' words and associating them with the increasingly familiar Bible verses. As my own command of the language increased (or, more probably, soon arrested), I understood that these pastors were immersed in knowledge that I did not possess. Although many questions occurred to me that I now identify as theological in nature, most of the answers I was seeking came through the sermons at our little church. This was as good a religious foundation as I could have hoped for in my little town. Fortunately for me that faith journey only grew through the college years and here at Westminster.

As many of you may know, the Methodist church has a wonderful tradition of faithful personal devotion, prayer, and outreach that goes back to its founding by John Wesley. The organization of the UMC is different from our PC(USA). There are bishops and stewards, but unless something has changed lately, the election and ordination of elders is not part of that faith tradition.

So I have to say that I was quite moved at the first ordination service for elders that I witnessed in the Presbyterian Church. As you may recall the above scripture from the Book of Isaiah is often used as part of the service. It describes an awesome vision where the writer is witness to a heavenly throne room. (The imagery is magnificent, and one should take the time to be read it in its entirety.) But the thrust of the story for me has always been the call to Isaiah. Despite his protestations and statements of sin and inadequacy for the mission, it is Isaiah who receives the call and commission. In the end, it is his own voice that says, "Here am I; send me." There is no hesitation and no request to take care of pressing personal business as presented in Luke 9. The author is still speaking directly to us through 2700 years of oral and written tradition.

Sunday, January 10th we will hold our congregational meeting. We will discuss the budget and other important concerns of the church. But, the more important part of the proceedings for me will be the election of a new class of elders, our leaders for our congregation. These men and women are being called to lead this church for the next three years. They will need prayers and encouragement from each one of us. It is through their leadership that this church will move closer to perfecting God's Kingdom here on earth.

These members of our congregation are acting on their call. Our challenge as members of Christ's church is to stop and listen. Can any of us slow down enough to hear God's call? Perhaps God is calling each one of us each and every day.

As I recall from my Methodist upbringing: Listen, study, and pray.

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