

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 17, 2010

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

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

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 – Trumpet Tune in C Johnson
- ** CHORAL INTROIT – “Be Still” Bell
- CALL TO WORSHIP
 - Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
 - People: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**
 - Leader: Let us worship God.
- * HYMN – No. 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART
 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION
 - You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy the flesh. We call you gracious, yet we practice greed. We praise you with our lips, O God, yet we do not honor you in our lives. Discontent consumes us as we yearn for still more things. We know that to live by your grace promises inheritance of new life. Redeem our enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy to be called righteous in Christ.**
- * 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 – “What Wondrous Love Is This” Walker
- MORNING PRAYERS
- THE LORD’S PRAYER
 - K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the Lord’s Prayer.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Page 806)..... *John Taylor*
- SOLO – “Amazing Grace” *Newton*
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 11:38-44 (Page 105)
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
- SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“Do You Believe This?”

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.**
- ** WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS
- SERVICE OF GIVING
 - Solo (9:00 a.m.) – “I Walk a Stranger on this Land” *Wood*
 - ** Anthem – “I Am the Resurrection” *Goeller*
 - * 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. 118LANCASHIRE
 “The Day of Resurrection!”
- * BENEDICTION
- ** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Amen” *Lutkin*
- * POSTLUDE – Finale from Organ Concerto No. 5 *Handel*

* 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
SPONSOR:	Vernon Anderson
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m. Howard Boyd, Ben Alexander
	Jennifer Keir
	11:15 a.m. Christopher Carsten, Tina Phillips
	Suzanne Meece
LITURGIST:	Steve Phillips

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the 11:15 a.m. worship service for an opportunity to welcome our new members and for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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 17** are:
 9:00 a.m. *Ben & Cathy Alexander*
 11:15 a.m. *Jamie & Suzanne Moon*
 Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:
Nancy Smith, organist
Emily Sweezey, soprano
Sanctuary Choir

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, January 9, 2010, *Kay Newsom Smith* and *Ray Robinson Williams, Jr.* were united in marriage at Westminster.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our next meeting for our new young adult group will be **Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. If you plan to join us for dinner anytime after 5:30 p.m., e-mail *michelle@wpc-online.org* by Tuesday, January 19. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about this new group or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

PATHWAYS EVENT

On **January 23**, we will be hosting the Pathways Youth Leader Training Seminar here at Westminster! Co-sponsored by Princeton Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry and the PC(USA)'s Office of Ministries with Youth, the Pathways Seminar offers theological and practical training both for adult youth leaders and for youth in grades 9-12. More information is available at www.ptsem.edu/iym. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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.** this **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.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will meet at Flat Rock Grill, 1115 Woodruff Rd., this **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.

GAIHN

January 24 - 26

Our church will partner with Trinity Methodist and the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network from **January 24 - 26** to offer homeless families safe lodging, nourishing meals, and genuine hospitality. If you have a vehicle equipped with a trailer hitch, we are looking for someone to haul the GAIHN trailer to Trinity Methodist on Sunday morning January 24. Please also consider providing a meal or serving as an evening host or overnight host and contact *Jara Jones* at *jarajones@charter.net* or 561-3009 for more details or to help.

PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor’s baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email *michelle@wpc-online.org*.

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SIXERS, JUNIOR HIGHS, SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 17**, we will go to Pump It Up (75 Brookfield Oaks Dr., Ste. 100) with the children from Camp Opportunity. The cost is \$10. We will see you there from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. You will need socks and a signed waiver (available at www.pumpitupparty.com). There will be no other youth meetings or choir at the church. If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

YOUTH WINTER RETREATS

- The **Sr. High Winter Retreat** has been rescheduled for **January 29-31** at Camp Buc. *Let us know ASAP if you can go.* The cost is \$125.
 - The **Jr. High Winter Retreat** is **February 19-21** at Camp Buc. Cost \$125. *Sign up by January 24 in the church office.*
- If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

As a new decade and new year begin, a variety of adult Sunday School classes is offered to help us grow in our understanding of the implications of the Christian faith. Join us each Sunday morning at **10:00 a.m.** for a time of study, conversation and fellowship. The following courses will run from **January 10 - February 28**:

1. **For Where Your Treasure is: Getting Perspective on our Spending**
An exploration of how our economic choices can reflect our faith (or not!). This series will include guest speakers from Westminster, the community and Furman University, and will focus on our stewardship of creation — how our economic behavior, both individually and societally, can either enhance or hinder Christian faith. Members of Creation Stewardship will take turns leading the different sessions.
Co-ordinators: *David Rutledge and Bill Holt* **Room:** 211
2. **James and Hebrews: How to Be a Christian and Stay One**
Using two New Testament books that are little read or studied, this lecture style class will take an indepth look at what these letters say about being a real disciple of Jesus Christ. During the first four weeks the advice of James on how to live as a Christian will be pondered, and in February attention will shift to Hebrews and its counsel on how to stay a Christian when you grow weary and discouraged.
Teachers: *Jean Weaver and Barbara Stoop* **Room:** 209
3. **The Life and Lasting Influence of John Calvin**
It has now been 500 years since the birth of the great reformer, John Calvin, one of the spiritual guides of the Presbyterian Church. We will explore his life and his enduring influence, using William Stacy Johnson's book, John Calvin: Reformer for the 21st Century.
Teacher: *Amos Workman* **Room:** 213
4. **The Possibility of a "Peaceable Kingdom?"**
Leaving the season of "peace on earth," we will examine together a realistic view of three sets of issues: A litigious society, competitive sports, and violence in the media.
Leaders: *Judith Chandler-Huse, Stuart Mauney and Julie Wilkerson*
Room: 210
5. **Questions of Faith**
Basic questions of belief and meaning come to us again and again in our lives. Sometimes we think that we have them answered. Other times we think we've gone beyond them or even lost interest. Every generation struggles to find meaning that fits what's known. If you are searching, striving to grow in faith and to relate belief to life, you will find these videos helpful and stimulating. The Protestant, Jewish, and Roman Catholic participants range from priests to psychotherapists, Old Testament scholars to evangelists, and preachers to sociologists.
Discussion Leaders: *Susan and Russell Stall* **Room:** 212

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 17 - 23, 2010

SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. New Member Class
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Membership Committee Meeting
Library Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Connections
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:00 p.m. All Youth to Pump It Up
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
Church Office Closed for Holiday
Weekday School Closed for Holiday
5:45 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. DAR

WEDNESDAY
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" and Tweens
4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Dinner
JustFaith
Young Adults Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
ChristCare: Hiking Group
Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY
8:00 a.m. Pathways Event

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:

- **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, January 20,**
Dot Elmore, dotelmore@bellsouth.net or 286-0036.
- **Hiking Group: Thursday, January 21,**
Ron Lawson, ronlawson2000@aol.com or 963-1570.

CHRISTCARE PARENTING GROUP OPEN HOUSE

Have the whole "parenting thing" figured out? Sorry, neither do we. Join us as we seek to build a small group community that supports one another and seeks God's guidance on the journey of parenthood! The ChristCare Parenting Group is having an Open House on **Wednesday, January 20**, to highlight the components of a ChristCare group in general as well as the unique features of our group. For anyone who has considered joining this group -or would just like to check it out- this would be a great time, as we are between studies and will not start our new study until February (centered around the book, How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk). Please join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at **5:30**. We will then gather in Room 213 around **6:20**. The Open House itself will be held from **6:30-7:30pm**. Childcare is provided.



EXTRAORDINARY, ORDINARY TIME

As the days of the new year begin to add up, and I think about what we have just experienced recently through the celebration of our Savior's birth, I ask myself, what follows? The church calendar says that "Ordinary time" is the next period in the Christian year. How "ordinary" do you consider these new days that you are experiencing?

Vernon and I recently returned from Virginia where they had just had a significant snowfall. Seeing the snow and thinking about this season of the year and the church year reminded me of the hymn, "How Beautiful the March of Days," #292 in our hymnal. Frances Wile, who was known for her poetic ability, was asked to write a hymn about "the spiritual values of winter." The hymn suggests that winter has a beauty all its own. It recalls the activities of winter and the promises it brings. The first verse suggests that winter has its beauty just as much as June; both seasons come from God. Verse two continues with:

*O'er white expanses sparkling pure
The radiant morns unfold;
The solemn splendors of the night
Burn brighter through the cold;
Life mounts in every throbbing vein,
Love deepens round the hearth,
And clearer sounds the angel hymn,
"Good will to all on earth."*

Verse three recalls the inevitable stirring of Mother earth with the promise of spring until at Easter, the miracle is re-enacted for the millionth time and the cycle is complete. Do we make as much effort in "ordinary time" to think about our Christian life as we did during the past season? There is so much to be grateful for in this new year, 2010, the gift of life, our family, our church and all it stands for. The Lord needs our thankfulness for all His gifts now just as much as in celebration time.

In the beauty of the cold, the wind, the sun, and the snow of winter, let us cherish every moment of this extraordinary, ordinary time.

Edna Ruth Miller