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*"I am the light of the world;  
he who follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."*

*John 8:12*

Christmas Eve has always been a special time to my family, and it always brings to mind many fond memories. As my immediate family has grown and life has gotten that much more hectic, I was really looking forward to Christmas Eve because I knew I would be "done." I would be done with shopping and Christmas parties and wrapping and all the other preparations that go along with the season. Little did I know how much more I would enjoy Christmas Eve 2008.

We apparently chose wisely and attended the much less crowded 7:00 p.m. service that night. We put our two-year-old daughter in the nursery and off we went with our six-year-old daughter to attend the Christmas Eve service. This was a special year since it was the first time that one of our children was of the age to attend the service.

As we entered the fellowship hall, we picked up our three candles and then took a seat in the front row because that was where Emily wanted to sit. Emily then whispered many questions to us about how the candle lighting works, mostly we gave instructions on how to keep her from setting the place on fire.

When the candle lighting time occurred, she did it without any problems. As the room was darkened and we were surrounded by candlelight, I looked down at Emily and she was sweetly singing the words to "Silent Night" holding on tightly to that candle. That precious sight brought tears to my eyes. As the words "all is calm, all is bright" were sung, I was filled with overwhelming peace. I was reminded of the incredible gift of a child, and the birth of a very special child – Jesus. I thought of the light that guided those to Him so long ago, a light in the darkness guiding their way, God's light, God's newborn Son.

Isaiah 42:16 says "and I will lead the blind in a way that they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them."

As we begin a new year, let us remember the gift of that very special child, Jesus, God's light in our world.

*Denise Broderick*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, January 18, 2009**

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

*Second Sunday After the Epiphany*

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

In this place where Your Name, O God, is above every name, where Your truth is sought and Your faith cherished, grant Your blessing upon all who worship You in sincerity and truth. Here may the weary find rest; the lonely, friendship; the saddened, comfort; the fearful, courage; the discouraged, hope; the weak, strength; the strong, discipline; and all of us the reassurance of Your forgiving and empowering mercy, and the desire and opportunity to invest our lives for the good of all people and the glory of God.

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE – Prelude and Fugue in C Minor .....J.S. Bach

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT – “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” .....Dennard

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

**People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles,**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary,

**People: They shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 466.....AZMON

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life’s journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception.**

\* 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..... Chesterton

“O God of Earth and Altar”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Solo (9:00 a.m.) – “Consecration” ..... Beck  
*Mark Kemp, tenor*

\*\* HYMN – “Our God, You Called to Moses” .....LLANGLOFFAN  
*printed on insert*

**Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Exodus 3:1-4, 7-12; 4:1, 10b-17 (Page 50)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Acts 7:30-34 (Page 125)....*Kathryn Freedman*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“Where Is A Superhero When You Need One?”

**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.**

\*\* CHRIST CARE COMMISSIONING  
SERVICE OF GIVING

\*\* Anthem – “God Hath Spoken by His Prophets” .....Powell

\* 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. 525.....SCHUTTE  
“Here I Am, Lord”

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE .....Vaughan Williams  
“God Be with You”

\* POSTLUDE – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..... Hughes

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

<b>HEAD USHERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Roger Beasley
	11:15 a.m.	David Clark
<b>SPONSOR:</b>		Vernon Anderson
<b>GREETERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Rob Morgan, Jason Farmer, Pete Roe
	11:15 a.m.	Cathy Bailey, Cris Crain, Suzanne Meece
<b>LITURGIST:</b>		Barbara Stoop

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*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.

## CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, January 18:**

9:00 a.m. *Jeff & Melinda Dumpert*

11:15 a.m. *Lee and Leeann Carroll*

This week, Mr. Weaver will continue his sermon series entitled, "In the Beginning..."

## 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.

## BIRTH

A son, *Raiden Holt*, was born to Will & Ayyana Holt on Friday, January 2, 2009, in Honolulu, HI.

A son, *Thomas Chapman Doar*, was born to Chris & Lauren Doar on Thursday, January 8, 2009, in Charlottesville, VA.

## CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering this **Sunday, January 18**, after the 11:15 a.m. service. We will meet at Mimi's Café, 1125 Woodruff Rd., 297-9545. The restaurant requests reservations. Please contact Dot Elmore at 286-0036 or dotelmore@bellsouth.net.

## JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 18**, we will have a gym night at 5:00 p.m. Wear your tennis shoes. Our Winter Retreat is **January 24-25**. We will leave around 1pm (or after the last basketball game) on Saturday and we will return around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. There is still space available if you have not yet signed up. *We will not be meeting the night of January 25, but there will still be choir at 6:30 p.m.* If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 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 8:45–10:30 a.m. **Sunday, January 25**, in Room 213. Led by Volunteer Coordinator Susan McLarty and Associate Pastor Dave Carlson, this informational session is designed to answer questions and explain the process and meaning of membership here. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may join WPC at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new-member Sunday. RSVP's to the church office are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Carlson (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) or Susan McLarty (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

## THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 21**. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by our study at 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. High Lounge. You will receive a study sheet in your e-mail with scriptures and questions ahead of time. If you are coming to dinner, please don't forget to sign up by noon **Tuesday** (due to the MLK holiday) **January 20**. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

## SENIOR HIGHS

This weekend is our annual Winter Retreat at Camp Fellowship. We will leave the church on **Friday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m.** and we will return on Monday, January 19, around 11:00 a.m. Bedding and towels are provided, but you will need to bring soap and shampoo. If you are meeting us there the address is 457 Camp Fellowship Road, Waterloo, SC. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

## YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

If you are in Sr. Highs or presently an eighth grader, we invite you to join us on our first ever Music/Mission Trip. This year our trip will be to New Orleans on June 27-July 4, and the cost is \$250. You can sign up in the church office by April 19. If you have any questions, please call Mark Kemp or Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

## PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

The pastor will teach a baptism class on **Sunday, February 8, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please call the church office at 232-2424 if you are interested in having yourself or your child baptized. A nursery will be available.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Adult Education Update

At Westminster, adult Sunday School is organized on a rotation model, with class topics changing every 6 – 8 weeks. Join us as 2009 begins, and become part of our educational adventure where faith can be deepened, friendships can grow, ideas can be exchanged and laughter celebrated. The following classes will be offered from **January 11 – February 28**.

1. **Bible 101**. Do you often wish you had a basic overview of the Bible's themes, purpose and meaning? This course is designed to further and deepen our understanding of the library found within the pages of the Bible, and to discuss how to apply biblical insights to our daily lives. **Teacher: Barbara Stoop Room: 211**
2. **Christian Commonwealth or Empire of Liberty?** This class will look at the hard fought historical contest of whether to fashion America on a Puritan model or on a French Revolution model. Using Forrest Church's book, *So Help Me God*, the study will look at our first five presidents and their impact on religion in America. **Teacher: Amos Workman Room: 213**
3. **The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully**. Not only accepting but celebrating getting old, the Faith Forum class will discuss the many facets of the aging process, from purposes and challenges to struggles and surprises. Using a book by Roman Catholic nun, Joan Chittester, the course will ponder the temptation towards isolation, the need to stay involved, the importance of health and well-being, the fear of tomorrow and the mystery of forever. **Co-ordinator: Henry Chaskelis Room: 212**
4. **To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians**. How do Christians respond when it comes to issues such as drug problems, prisons, health policy, immigration, public education and militarism? Rooted in Christian tradition, the class will attempt to analyze contemporary problems from social, biblical and theological perspectives and provide direction for concrete action. **Teacher: Jean Weaver Room: 209**

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## **CHRISTCARE LEADERS COMMISSIONED**

This **Sunday, January 18**, we will commission nine ChristCare Small Group Leaders in the activities or topics indicated: *Cathy Bailey* (Movies), *Angie Coneybeer* (Simplifying Life), *Dot Elmore* (Luncheon), *Scott Hall* (Outdoor Activities), *Ron Lawson* (Hiking/Walking), *John Macrae* (Bible Study), *Ben Rigby* (Parenting), *Courtenay Williams* (Spirituality), and *Midge Williams* (Knitting). These nine people have completed fourteen hours of specialized training in small-group facilitation and join ChristCare Equippers *Trey Morrow* and *Dave Carlson*, associate pastor, as the initial ChristCare team at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Future leaders trainings and additional groups are envisioned to meet the numerous and varied interests of our congregation. It is our hope that everyone will consider this additional opportunity to grow spiritually and get connected at Westminster as ChristCare is added to the many fellowship opportunities of our church.

For additional information about the ChristCare program, contact *Trey* (414-1488; treyandbeth@charter.net), *Dave* (232-2424; dcarlson@wpc-online.org) or any of the ChristCare Group Leaders, or go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on Congregational Life and then Adult Groups, where you can find meeting times and further contact information. Please lift up our new ChristCare Group Leaders in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to enhance the spiritual life and fellowship of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

- The Luncheon ChristCare Group is meeting **Wednesday, January 21**, in Room 211 from Noon-1:30 p.m., with plans to meet each third Wednesday. Visitors and those interested in joining are welcome to attend; everyone brings his or her own lunch or orders it through the church kitchen (232-2424) by noon on the Monday before the gathering. The first several gatherings will follow a Small Group guide for establishing a strong foundation and helping the group to determine its ongoing focus. Please RSVP to *Dot Elmore* at 286-0036, dotelmore@bellsouth.net. All groups that have set their regular meeting times will be publicized in the Harbinger, as the rest of the groups hold their first organizational meetings among those who responded to the all-church survey.

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**THE SESSION**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January 18 - 24, 2009**

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
3:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sixers Groups
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anon.

**MONDAY**

*Church Office Closed for Holiday*  
*Weekday School Closed for Holiday*

5:30 p.m.	Men's Recreational Basketball
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anon.

**TUESDAY**

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m.	AI-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
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**WEDNESDAY**

12:00 p.m.	ChristCare Luncheon Group
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" Tweens
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
6:00 p.m.	The Flock
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meetings
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

*Adult Festival by the Sea (thru 24<sup>th</sup>)*

**SATURDAY**

*Jr. High Winter Retreat (thru 25<sup>th</sup>)*

