

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 24, 2010

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

Third 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 CJ.S. Bach

** CHORAL INTROIT – “Come, All You Servants” Hutchings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him?

People: Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil?

Leader: No, the Lord has told us what is good and what the Lord requires of us.

People: To do what is just, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we look around the world and we see the hungry, the hurting, and the broken too often we throw our hands up and wonder why, but we do nothing. When we see injustice, corruption, and greed too often we throw our hands up and say, “But I am just one person,” and we do nothing. Too often when we feel overwhelmed by the problems we see, instead of doing our part, we turn the other way thinking only of our needs. Merciful Lord, help us to know that together with you we can make this world a better place.

* 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 – “Dear Lord and Father” Maker

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “Then Shall the Righteous” Mendelssohn
from Elijah

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

** HYMN No. 419 REPTON
“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

** **K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the last stanza.**
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 2 : 4-17 (Page 2) *Garland Mattox*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Revelation 21:1-5a, 10; 22:1-5 (Page 259)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Stephen Phillips

“Meeting God Beyond the Trees”

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.

** **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING**

SERVICE OF GIVING

Solo (9:00 a.m.) – “If With All Your Hearts” Mendelssohn
from Elijah

** Anthem – “Keep Your Lamps” Thomas

* 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. 132 ABBOT’S LEIGH
“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE Hutchings
“The Lord Now Bless from Heaven Above”

* POSTLUDE – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Page

* *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. Trey Morrow, Jim Young
Claude Cheatham

11:15 a.m. Tim Madden, Mary Ashmore

Amy Grace

LITURGIST:

Ludwig Weaver

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 24** are:

9:00 a.m. *Kyle & Angie Coneybeer*

11:15 a.m. *Bill & Kelly Taylor*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Derek Pitman, tenor

Sanctuary Choir

Today we welcome Derek Pitman, a senior Church Music Major at Furman University from Greer, SC. Derek will be serving as an intern among the choirs and ensembles at Westminster this spring, and we look forward to his leadership.

BIRTH

A son, *Brice Christopher Wiersma*, was born to Jeff & Anna Wiersma on November 2, 2009, in Anderson.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Pete Sweeny* on the death of his mother, *Daphne Sweeny*, on Sunday, January 17, 2010, in Greenville.

ADULT DR MISSION TRIP

During this Sunday's 11:15 worship service we will commission the following people for the Adult DR Mission Trip, **January 30-February 6:**

Matt Miller, Jim Young, Bill Holt, Gary Powell, Beth Woodside, Pete Roe, Diane Gluck, Kimberly Wallner, Jennifer Handy, Stephen Ridgeway, Paul O’Neal, Tom Brown, Dent Sparkman, Chris Fay, Stan and Tricia Reid, Alan Elmore, and Dave Carlson. Please keep them in prayer as they extend Wesminster's ministry to our church partners in the Barahona area, and particularly the several families who we are told have found their way there after the Haiti earthquake.

Robert Vannoy, 51 E. Tallulah Dr., 29605, 425-213-4577, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
Walt & Donyelle Wilkins, 307 McDaniel Ave., 29605, 242-5731, joined by transfer from First Baptist Church, Greenville. They have two children, Mary Burton (2) and Walt (7 months).

HAITIAN RELIEF

If you would like to donate to the Haitian relief efforts, you can make checks out to Westminster and mark them for Haitian relief. The money will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which will distribute it to our mission partners in Haiti. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship: **Chuck Ballew**, 219 Babbs Hollow, 29607, joined by reaffirmation of faith. **Marolyn Kellner**, 51 E. Tallulah Dr., 29605, 607-435-1573, joined by transfer from Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown, NY.

Jarvis Lane, 117 Caledon Ct., 29615, 940-5594, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Kris Lanphere, 315 Circle Slope Dr., Simpsonville, 29681, 228-8480, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Kathryn Mika, 230 Roper Mountain Rd. Ext., Apt. 1031K, 29615, 985-2355, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Michael & Trish Repp, 121 Conestee Ave., 29605, 404-7684, joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two sons: Evan (5) and Jackson (3).

Scott & Victoria Robinson, 1422 Perdita Way, Greer, 29650, 773-610-4071, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

They have one daughter, Claire (21 months).

Don & Emily Sanders, 210 Crescent Ave., 29605, 235-0999, joined by transfer from The City Church, NY, NY.

Zachary Savage, 3 Pittler Dr., 29607, 444-8435, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Carolyn Sems, 2 Parkhaven Way, 29607, 297-6344, joined by transfer from Advent United Methodist Church, Simpsonville. Her husband, *Dave Sems*, is a Westminster member.

Ginny Sneed, 4805 W. Village Way, Unit 1205, Smyrna, GA 30080, 404-694-6903, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

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SIXERS

This **Sunday, January 24**, the Sixers will meet at church from **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** for a Crazy Board Game night in the Sixer room. If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 24**, we will be going to the gym to play dodge ball and kickball, and for those who would rather, you may go to the Senior High room for Wii. We will see you at **5:00 p.m.** If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

SENIOR HIGHS

Join us this **Sunday, January 24**, as we will once again be actors and actresses in our own movie to be seen on Valentine's Day. See you at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. 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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous is having a 30th Anniversary on **Thursday, January 28 at 8:00 p.m.** in room 209. Narcotics Anonymous is thankful and grateful to Westminster for providing a meeting place for all of the thirty years except for the first 45 days from when the group formed. NA's along with other community groups meet each week and are listed on the church calendar. If you have any questions or a need for community groups please contact Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120.

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. To provide a meal or serve as an evening or overnight host, contact *Jara Jones* at jarajones@charter.net or 561-3009 for more details or to help.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 26**. 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 email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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:

- **Bible Study Group: Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, John Macrae,** jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.

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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THE SESSION The Class of 2010

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Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

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Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
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Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24 - 30, 2010

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms in Touch
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
5:45 p.m.	NAMI
7:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Bible Study Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	AI-Anon
6:00 p.m.	The Flock
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m.	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
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
	Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Senior High Winter Retreat (*thru 31st*)
Adult Choir to Festival by the Sea

SATURDAY

Adult Mission Trip to Dominican Republic (*thru February 6th*)



STAY DIALED IN

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly,...He read from ... in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.
Nehemiah 8:2-3

The time came in my flight training for a solo cross country flight. With my flight plan in hand I walked out to the single engine Cessna 172. Completing my preflight checklist, I requested permission from the tower to proceed to the active runway for take off. Once airborne I started to watch my flight plan and look for markers, i.e. small lakes, towns and interstates. About 15 minutes into the flight I noticed that one of my markers, a small lake, was on the wrong side of the airplane. Feeling very confident I made a course correction and continued. It felt good but it was a bad decision. Other markers continued to be on the wrong side of the airplane. Finally, I admitted to myself that I was lost and needed help. The last thing my flight instructor said to me prior to take off was, "If you think you are lost turn on the directional finder, dial in the radio frequency of our airport and keep the needle indicator straight up and down." That I did and arrived back home safely, but a little embarrassed.

Ezra brought the law before the assembly,...He read from it and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

This morning during worship, listen as God speaks to us through His word, prayers, music and the pastor's proclamation. Be attentive! What is God telling us? We learn by listening and grow by doing, i.e., demonstrating His love, showing mercy and promoting justice. Being 'dialed in' we see the hungry and give them food, give clothes to the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, give a drink to the thirsty and welcome the stranger. Is our flight path leading us closer to having the mind of Christ? As Ezra read, the people were attentive. This morning Listen! Jesus says "follow me, I will never leave you, nothing can separate you from the love of God....and I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." As we continue on our life's journey may our prayer this week be: Lord, through your Spirit, please help us to be attentive and 'dialed in' to what you say to us today.

Dave Sems