



Growing up in my parents' church was not a choice of my own. It was a choice of my parents. I wish I could say I have many good memories of this time and experience, but I can't. As a teenager, it was a burden on Sunday mornings to get up and go to church. I did it because it made my mother happy.

I may not have had the choice to pick my own church then, but I did when my husband, Chas, and I moved to Greenville after college. Westminster was his home church, but I felt absolutely no pressure from him to join. I had attended Westminster several times while visiting his parents here in Greenville, and I was always amazed at how friendly people were. Everyone greeted each other in the hallways and, even when we sat down, there were always several people to speak to.

Now, almost 12 years later, I couldn't imagine my life without Westminster Presbyterian Church. I have never felt so loved and wanted in a church before. I feel like not only am I welcomed, but I am needed.

In the last 12 years, my life has been enriched a hundred times over by my participation at Westminster. I have been blessed to participate as a Senior High advisor, a member of a Dominican Republic mission team, a member of the Session, a volunteer with It's Elementary, a member of the leadership team for the last two capital campaigns, a member of TNT, an adult and child Sunday School teacher, a First Grade shepherd, and, currently, the director of Westminster Church School. I can't imagine my life without this church.

I hope that as my children grow up in this church, they feel just as wanted as I do. I hope they feel the need to attend church each week and participate to the fullest of their abilities.

I think participation has been a crucial ingredient to my happiness at Westminster. Church is no longer a burden in my life, like it was when I was growing up, but a necessity!

Susan Key

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 25, 2009

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

Third 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 – “Praise His Greatness”Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O praise the Lord. It is good to give thanks to the Lord; for his love endures for ever.

People: Who will tell of the Lord’s mighty acts and make his praises heard?

Leader: Happy are they who act justly and do right at all times!

People: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 276.....FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge 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.

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 25:**

9:00 a.m. *Chas & Susan Key*

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

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

This Sunday, members of the Sanctuary Choir are participating in the Adult Choir Festival by the Sea in Charleston. This ecumenical festival hosts 200 singers each year. It is sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

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.

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.

SIXERS

This **Sunday, January 25**, the Sixers will meet at **5:00 p.m.** at Star Lanes on Pleasantburg Dr. to go bowling. Parents should drop you off and pick you up at the bowling alley. The cost is \$11, and you should bring additional money if you want to eat dinner there. You do not need to sign up ahead of time. Be sure to wear socks.

JUNIOR HIGHS

Our Winter Retreat is **January 24-25**. We will leave around 1:00 p.m. (or after the last basketball game) on Saturday and will return around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will not meet the night of the **25th**, but choir will be 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. this **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.

SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 25**, we will share our ideas from our Winter Retreat and get the rest of the group's thoughts for Youth Sunday. We will also spend time writing in journals and passing the bucket of questions. We will see you at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. 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**. 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.

ALL YOUTH

Sunday, February 1 is Super Bowl Sunday. We will be participating in the annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Before and after each worship service that morning, we will collect canned food and dollar bills to be donated to United Ministries to feed the hungry in Greenville. If you can help out at either service, meet Amanda Warren or Steve Phillips in the back of the Fellowship Hall by 8:40 a.m. or 10:55 a.m. We appreciate your help.

We will have no meeting the night of February 1, but following the 11:15 service, we will meet for lunch at Coronas. If you have any question about the Jr. High or Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 ext. 116 or 380-5269.

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On **Sunday, February 1**, the Cardinals and the Steelers will meet on the field in Tampa Bay, Florida to decide who will be crowned the best NFL team for a year. On the same day, youth around the country will join to fight hunger across the United States. Before and after both worship services that day, the youth of this church will be collecting canned food and dollar bills, which will be donated to United Ministries to feed the hungry.

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP

On **Friday, May 22**, we will once again head to the Dominican Republic for our college mission trip. We will return on May 29. The cost of the trip is \$1000. Do not let cost prevent you from coming. There are full and partial scholarships available. **Sign up by February 15** as we will return all unused plane tickets later that week. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 380-5269.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25 - 31, 2009

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m.	New Member Class
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
3:00 p.m.	Session Training Class
3:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m.	Sixers Group
	Sr. High Choir
	Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sixers/Jr. High Choir
	Rehearsal
	Sr. High Group
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
5:30 p.m.	Men's Recreational
	Basketball
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
6:30 p.m.	ChristCare Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Rose Society
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!"
	Tweens
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
6:00 p.m.	TNT
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
	Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:30 p.m.	Heritage Lecture
	Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

Adult Dominican Republic Mission trip through February 7

MISSION TEAM PREPARES FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP

This **Sunday, January 25**, we are commissioning the following twenty-one members of the 2009 Adult Mission Team: Beth Woodside, Bill and Lydia Kellett, Chris Fay, Collin Mackie, Cynthia Fryer, Dave Carlson, Hal Phillips, Jamie Moon, Jim Young, Judith Chandler-Huse & Rupert Huse, Kiki & Matthew Robinson, Lochrane Davids, Matt Miller, Nancy Tartt, Paul O'Neal, Tom Brown, Will Kellett, and Yuri Ito. Please pray that our Mission Team has a safe and fruitful week (Jan. 31-Feb. 8) as they extend the love and service of Westminster Presbyterian Church to the Haitian-Dominican refugees working to improve their quality of life in the Dominican Republic.

