

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 31, 2010

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

Fourth 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 "God the Father, Be Our Stay" Buxtehude
CHORAL INTROIT HOLY MANNA
"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
People: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!
People: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!
Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 229 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you spread your table before us and invite us to dine. We judge some as unworthy to partake of your feast. You call us to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We close the doors of your household to those we deem unfit to come in. You desire mercy, not sacrifice, as a response to your grace. We expect others to be thankful that we accept them at all. Forgive us our arrogance in response to your love. Make us mindful of those whom you also hold dear.

* **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 ELIZABETH ANNE RIGBY**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CALL TO PRAYER "O Bone Jesu" Palestrina
*O gentle Jesus, have mercy on us
Because you have created us
You have redeemed us with your precious blood*

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Numbers 12:1-10a (Page 130) *David Sems*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 4:7-15, 25-26 (Page 95)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

"Disgusting"

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. McKenney

* **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. 370 WOODWORTH

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE HOLY MANNA

"Let Us Love Our God Supremely"

* **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in D

Lang

* **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: Will Quinn
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Tim Reed, Jennifer Keir
Charlie Warth
11:15 a.m. Vernon Anderson, Christopher Carsten
Tod Hyche
LITURGIST: Jean 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 31** are:

9:00 a.m. *Charles and*

Mary Catherine Reyner

11:15 a.m. *Hank & Amanda Sanders*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Judy McKenney, alto

Emily Sweezey, soprano

Kathryn Knauer, soprano

This weekend members of the Sanctuary Choir are participating in the Festive by the Sea in Charleston, SC. This ecumenical choir festival brings together over 150 church musicians from across the southeast for a weekend of music and worship.

The 11:15 a.m. worship service is broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the homepage of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link under Worship called "Watch the 11:15 a.m. Service on Sunday Live."

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship *Elizabeth Anne Rigby*, daughter of Ben & Jennifer Rigby and sister of Sarah Cameron.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The church's offering envelopes are dateless and can be used until they run out. If you need more offering envelopes, please call the church office at 232-2424.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, February 7** immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Westminster Presbyterian Church and Dave Carlson, so that Mr. Carlson may accept the call to be pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Independence, Missouri.

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.

MISSION TEAM IN THE DR

The Adult Mission Team is in the Dominican Republic Jan. 30-Feb 6, with an enhanced medical component led by Westminster surgeons who may be able to join a mission team of the Foundation for Peace at a clinic in Jimani that is still receiving earthquake victims. Please keep this team in your prayers, along with our construction team working near Barahona.

CHERUB CHOIR

Rehearsals Begin February 3 ROOM CHANGE!

The Cherub Choir will begin meeting **February 3 from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the "It's Elementary!" area.** Please bring your four or five year old to the circular drive entrance on Westminster Dr. Please call Ellie Hammond (834-2275) if you have any questions.

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.

SIXERS

This **Sunday, January 31**, the Sixers will have a Gym Night from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Be sure to wear your running shoes and comfortable clothes. If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424.

JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 31**, we will be competing in various small group challenges including cell phone challenges. We will see you at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

YOUTH WINTER RETREATS

The **Jr. High Winter Retreat** is **February 19-21** at Camp Buc. There is still space if you want to go. Cost \$125. If you have any questions please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THE SENIOR HIGHS AT CAMP BUC

Some of the Senior Highs are away this weekend on our Winter Retreat at Camp Buc. We ask you to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we travel to and from our retreat and that we will have a safe and fun time while there.

SENIOR HIGHS

Change of plans. We have decided to make this Sunday night, **January 31**, a continuation of our retreat as we will talk further about and plan Youth Sunday. Join us at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner followed by our discussion. If you are going on the retreat, we will leave the church parking lot at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29**. Eat dinner beforehand. Bring a Bible, warm clothes, a sleeping bag and pillow, and we will return to the church around 12:15 p.m. on Sunday. If you have any questions about the Sr. High Group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our next meeting for our Young Adult Group will be on **Wednesday, February 3**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *If you plan to join us for dinner anytime after 5:30 pm, please e-mail michelle@wpc-online.org by Monday, February 1.* Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about this group or if you would like to get on our e-mail 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:
 · **Knitting Group: Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, Midge Williams**, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.
 · **Parenting Group: Wednesday, February 3 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby**, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On **February 7**, youth around the country will be collecting canned food and money to donate to local food banks. Our youth will be collecting these before and after both worship services. All money and food that is collected will be donated to United Ministries. All youth, if you can help out at either service, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. *Sue Inman* will lead a discussion of the book, *A Reason for Crows: A Story of Kateri Tekakwitha* by Diane Glancy. All are welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 January 31 - February 6, 2010

SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:15 a.m. Worship Service
	1:30 p.m. Brownies
	3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
	5:00 p.m. Junior & Sixers Group Meeting
	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
	Youth Dinner
	6:00 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Junior & Sixers Choir Rehearsal
	Alcoholics Anonymous
	8:00 p.m.
MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Moms in Touch
	9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
	3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
	5:30 p.m. Uplift
	5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
	5:45 p.m. NAMI
	8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY	12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
	AI-Anon
	5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m. ADK
WEDNESDAY	9:15 a.m. Weekday School Registration
	11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
	3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" and Tweens
	3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m. Dinner
	JustFaith
	Baptism Class
	6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
	6:15 p.m. Young Adult Group
	6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
	4:30 p.m. Heritage Lecture Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
	8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

ASH WEDNESDAY ALL-CHURCH DINNER
 February 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Join your Westminster friends and family to enjoy a meal together before experiencing the reflective Ash Wednesday service. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. before the service at 6:45. As is the tradition on Ash Wednesday, a meal of soup and bread will be served. We will also have salad and a simple dessert. For the children, we will have a ham & cheese sandwich, carrot sticks and fruit. Nursery will be available for children under three, and an activity will be available for children first grade and under during the service. Older children may attend the service. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by e-mailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. *Sign-ups for dinner end on Sunday, February 14, 2010.*

Name: _____
 Adults \$6.50 _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00 _____
 Nursery (ages 3 and under) _____



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Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 25The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

John 4:13-15,25-26

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. ...And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth...And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous....

Numbers 12:1-10a

Our Gospel reading today is one of the most familiar passages in the New Testament – the woman at the well. To me, one of the more interesting aspects of this is not the notion that Jesus is able to make her never thirsty, and give her eternal life (he's God after all), but why Jesus sometimes explains himself so clearly (like here) and other times is so opaque about his deity. He tells this woman, who will have no influence on anyone, that He is the Messiah. Yet with others – even his own disciples at times -- he talks around the issue. The common explanation is that if he had spoken directly he would have accelerated his execution, but that doesn't explain why he is not more forthcoming to his disciples.

Our Old Testament reading reminds me of how people often quote the Bible for their own social objectives. Many of us recall instances in the past (hopefully the distant past) where Scripture was invoked to condemn inter-racial marriage. It seems clear to me that the Lord had the opportunity here to do so, and he declared otherwise – he even went to the point of punishing Miriam with leprosy for criticizing inter-racial marriage. Now, I make this point not primarily to advocate one position or the other on this topic (though I believe this passage to be definitive guidance on the issue). My broader point is that I believe (with respect to me) I should not hesitate to let the Bible (read genuinely and in good faith) dictate how I run my life. However, I should always be very circumspect and reluctant to use Scripture to declare that what others are doing is wrong, particularly if there is no third party harm. To do otherwise, is to exhibit an arrogance that I fear will generate a "comeuppance" when I stand at the pearly gate.

William Crawford