

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, July 12, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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 – Processional..... Mathias  
CHORAL INTROIT – “Children of the Heavenly Father” ..... Scholz  
CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Give praise to God, O heavenly beings.
- People: Give praise to God’s glory and strength.**
- Leader: Give God the glory due God’s name.
- People: Worship God in holy array.**
- Leader: The voice of God is powerful.
- People: The voice of God is full of majesty.**
- Leader: May God give strength to God’s people.
- People: May God bless the people with peace!**
- Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 220..... OLD HUNDREDTH  
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Source of redeeming grace and infinite goodness, hear us as in Christ we pray for forgiveness. While you reach out to us in fellowship, we turn from you in shame. We do not do what you command. We proclaim not your love, since we seldom serve others. We confess Christ as Savior, yet obey him indifferently, if at all. Our discipleship suffers, for we heed not your guidance. We are in need of repentance as we confess our sins. Have mercy upon us, and grant us your pardon.**

\* 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 ANNA HARRISON HOWARD

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**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
CALL TO PRAYER – “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” ..... Witt  
MORNING PRAYERS  
THE LORD’S PRAYER  
DUET – “Closer to Fine” ..... Saliers  
**Rising K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church after the duet.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 103:1-13 (Page 554)..... *Hunter Reid*  
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 8:12-25 (Page 158)  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“One of the Family”

**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  
Anthem – “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” ..... Hopson  
\* 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. 443 ..... AURELIA  
“O Christ, the Great Foundation”  
\* BENEDICTION  
\* CHORAL RESPONSE – “God Be With You” ..... Vaughan Williams  
\* POSTLUDE – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ..... arr. Limbaugh

\* *All who are able may stand*  
**HEAD USHER:** Jason Farmer  
**SPONSORS:** Will Quinn, Amy Grace  
**GREETERS:** Courtenay Williams, Jim Young, Dorothy Dowe  
**LITURGIST:** Dave Carlson

*Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**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 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

**CHURCH NOTES**

The leaders for Children’s Church this **Sunday, July 12** at 10:00 a.m. are:  
*Kyle & Angie Coneybeer*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:  
*Nancy Smith, organist*  
*Sanctuary Choir*  
*Alexandra Mauney, Tory Gentry*

**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.

**BAPTISM**

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Anna Harrison Howard*, daughter of Josh & Jenna Howard and sister of Avery and Caroline.

**MEMORIAL HYMNALS**

We have purchased new hymnals for the expanded sanctuary. If you would like to dedicate one or more in memory or honor of someone, please fill out this slip and return it to the church office. A bookplate is placed in each hymnal. Cost of the hymnals is \$20.00 each.

**Donor** \_\_\_\_\_  
**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_  
**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CSInfo**

*Tip: Reduce unwanted catalogs in your mailbox. Check out [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org)*  
The Creation Stewardship group will meet **Sunday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 213. All interested people are invited to attend.

**CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS**

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. Please RSVP to the Group Leader. For more information, go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

- This week:
- **Bible Study Group: Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.,** *John Macrae*, [jmacrae126@aol.com](mailto:jmacrae126@aol.com) or 268-6569.
- **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, July 15, 12:00 p.m.,** *Dot Elmore*, [dotelmore@bellsouth.net](mailto:dotelmore@bellsouth.net) or 286-0036.
- **Parenting Group: Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.,** *Ben Rigby*, [brigby@juno.com](mailto:brigby@juno.com) or 239-0435.

**WESTMINSTER BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive is scheduled for **Monday, July 13, from 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Times are available every fifteen minutes. Please reserve your time by email at [jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com](mailto:jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com) or by calling 918-2563. Give the gift of life.

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**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. We invite you to join us for a discussion of the book, *Brother to a Dragonfly*, by Wil Campbell. The discussion leader is *Ann Hicks*.

**THE FLOCK**

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *Ben Rigby* will lead the study. You may enter through the four glass doors by the Entrance Pavilion, turn to the right, and take the elevator upstairs. Bring your own take out for dinner. Childcare is provided. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions about the Flock or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

The Presbyterian Church (USA), is expanding the number of people in it's international mission work, and is looking for people to fill international spots. In addition to various longer-term positions, there are some summer positions, and some one-year commitments for Young Adult Volunteers. These YAV positions are available for people ages 21-30, and include needs in Peru, Guatemala, Kenya, India, and Northern Ireland. For information about any of these positions, go to our denomination's web page, [www.pcusa.org/msr](http://www.pcusa.org/msr).

**PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS**

Preschool Fun Days are **from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** All children who will be going into K3 - 1st grade are invited to come. Younger children may also come, but an adult is asked to stay along with their little ones. Enter the church on the back side, at the circle drive on Westminster Drive. There is no cost and you do not need to sign up, but parent helpers are needed each week. If you can volunteer one week, contact *Barbara Stoop* at [bstoop@wpc-online.org](mailto:bstoop@wpc-online.org)

**Wednesday, July 15 – Animal & Puppet Day**

**Wednesday, July 22 – Sports Day**

**Wednesday, July 29 – Music Fun Day**

**Wednesday, August 5 – Water Day!**  
*Wear your suit!*

**SENIOR HIGH: MONTREAT**

This **Sunday, July 12**, the Senior Highs will be going to Montreat for a weeklong conference. We will leave our parking lot **at 1:00 p.m.** We will return by noon on Saturday, July 18. If you are going on this trip, please bring some snacks to share with the group. If you have any questions, please contact *Steve Phillips* at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**SANCTUARY DEDICATION**  
*When:*  
**Sunday, August 30**  
*Time:*  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
*Brunch following the service*  
**Mark your calendars!**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 12 - 18, 2009**

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship Meeting  
9:15 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
1:00 p.m. Sr. Highs to Montreat (thru 18th)  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**  
3:00 p.m. Blood Drive  
7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Fun Day**  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group  
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group

**THURSDAY**  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**SUMMER, 2009 AT WESTMINSTER**

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| July 12-18   | Sr. Highs to Montreat          |
| July 15      | <b>Preschool Fun Day</b>       |
| July 19      | Sunday Brunch After Worship    |
| July 22      | <b>Preschool Fun Day</b>       |
|              | The Flock                      |
| July 29      | <b>Preschool Fun Day</b>       |
| August 5     | <b>Preschool Fun Day</b>       |
|              | The Flock                      |
| August 12    | Evening New Member Class       |
|              | First Year Member Dinner       |
| August 19    | The Flock                      |
| August 20    | Sr. Adult Luncheon             |
| August 30    | Sanctuary Dedication w/ Brunch |
| September 13 | Fall Worship Schedule Begins   |

**ALL CHURCH SUNDAY BRUNCH July 19, 2009**

**following the 10:00 a.m. service**

Please join your church family for summer Sunday brunches! **Mark your calendars for July 19 and August 30.** The menu on July 19 will be Belgian waffles, eggs, bacon, hashbrown sticks, and fruit. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-11. Nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org). Website sign-up is also available by visiting [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). *Sign-ups for the July 19 brunch end on Wednesday, July 15.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults (\$6.50) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (3-11) \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Nursery # in Crib: \_\_\_\_\_ # in Crawler \_\_\_\_\_ # in Toddler \_\_\_\_\_



**Psalm 103: 8-12**  
*The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

When you have a large extended family, like mine, there is always going to be a time when someone hurts someone else's feelings. Whether it is intentional or not, rifts are bound to occur. The question is, can you forgive the unintentional slight?

Four years ago, one of my older sisters truly hurt my feelings. Looking back now on the situation, it seems quite silly. I'm not sure why it even bothers me so much. I have prayed about the situation. I have talked about it with my other sisters, my mom, and friends. I say that it doesn't bother me anymore but after a recent conversation with an "outsider" of the family, who knows both of us, I realize I am not over it. He gave me a new perspective in which to look. He "spelled" the situation out for me with a non-emotional point of view. I consider myself an open-minded person but I have obviously never given thought to my sister's take on the situation.

I consider myself a loving person. I don't like conflict and I am always trying to defuse an angry situation when it occurs. I am usually the one helping the angry parties see each other's view points. But I realize that no one has ever done that for me in this situation with my sister. Everyone I have spoken to has been on "my side". So the conversation with this family "outsider" has really made me think.

In Psalm 103: 8-9, it says that God is slow to anger and full of love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. I just happened to read this scripture after my conversation. I feel that it speaks so well to my situation. I have to remember the love for my sister and not keep my anger forever. Is this going to be easy? No, but I have to be willing to try harder than I have in the past.

Do you have a similar situation? Does anger reside in your heart over a situation that has occurred to you? Are you willing to let that emotional hurt go?

God is willing to remove our transgressions from us, and therefore we should be willing to forgive those who we feel have wronged us. Where are we going to get the strength? The answer lies in our faith and openness to take God's words to heart.

*Susan Key*