

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 – Fugue in C MajorJ.S. Bach

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Hustad

CHORAL INTROIT – “Lord, We Lift Our Thanks” Rachmaninoff

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth; your glory is chanted above the heavens.

People: You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we give you all praise in response to your grace.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 464.....HYMN TO JOY
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and love, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making. We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate security systems for our protection. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, and through Christ make us whole.

* 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.

Amen, Amen.

BAPTISM OF JOHN DRAKE HILL

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER – “No Harm Have I Done You” Spiritual

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN – No. 384..... ST. MARGARET
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Rising K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 8 (Page 492)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 5:1-8 (Page 155)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“Gypsies, Suicide Bombers, & Adolf Hitler”

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 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” Taylor

* 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. 376 HYFRYDOL
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE – “Amen” Stainer

* POSTLUDE – Rigaudon Campra

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Jeff Meece

SPONSOR: Kathryn Algary

GREETERS: Tina Phillips, Suzanne Meece,
Amanda Sanders

LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

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 19** at 10:00 a.m. are:

Brian & Lauren Price

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Sanctuary Choir

BIRTH

A daughter, *Sarah Day Mattice*, was born to Bill & Katherine Mattice on Friday, July 10, 2009, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *John Drake Hill*, son of Gary & Amanda Hill and brother of Henry and Garrison.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, *Darcy Herlong* and *Adam Slizewski* were united in marriage at Westminster.

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 _____

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In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

All of Westminster’s senior adults are invited to a Foothills Presbytery luncheon to be held at our church on **Thursday, August 20**. Several hundred Presbyterians from all over the upstate will join us for this lunch and program. *The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made by Monday, August 10*. Call our church office at 232-2424 to sign up.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Mark your calendars!

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.

ALL YOUTH

Let's go out to the ballgame! On **Thursday, July 23**, the Delmarva Shorebirds play our Greenville Drive. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. We ask everyone to meet by **6:30 p.m.** at the front gate. We will sit in the general admission section, so bring \$5 for your ticket and any other money you might need for food while at the game. We will call your parents when the game is nearly over to let them know when to pick you up. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site again this year for "The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. For more information, visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

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 attend, 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

Wednesday, July 22 – Sports Day

Wear Tennis Shoes!

Wednesday, July 29 – Music Fun Day

Wednesday, August 5 – Water Day!

Wear your suit!

SUMMER, 2009 AT WESTMINSTER	
July 19	Sunday Brunch After Worship
July 22	Preschool Fun Day The Flock
July 29	Preschool Fun Day
August 5	Preschool Fun Day 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19 - 25, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting
New Member Assimilation Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. After Worship Brunch
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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
6:30 p.m. The Flock

THURSDAY

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

We will be printing a new church address directory soon. Please review your family information. If there are any changes, including business telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. You may also e-mail any changes you have to michelle@wpc-online.org or online at "my wpc." If you have a child that has moved to or from school, please update their information. Also, if you would like to submit your e-mail address, but you do not wish to have it published in the directory, please indicate your wish on the form.

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail address _____
Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____
Spouse's Name _____
Spouse's e-mail address _____
Spouse's Work # _____ Spouse's Cell # _____
Please publish my cell # in the directory: Yes _____ No _____
Please publish my e-mail address in the directory: Yes _____ No _____



Camile Jose Vergara is best known as a documentary photographer of the way neighborhoods evolve over time. For one recent project, though, he went looking for images of Jesus in some of America's toughest urban areas. Not surprisingly, he found thousands of murals and billboards depicting Christs of every color and ethnic derivation -- Christs that spoke directly to people in the surrounding community. Whether there as a kind of "scarecrow" to discourage people from committing crimes, as part of a commercial message ("Mama's Chicken and Ice Cream"), or as someone's personal evangelistic expression, the power of Christ's image in the most unlikely modern settings moved Vergara profoundly.

Like the images documented by Vergara, it's not hard to find God in the details of everyday life. God is with us and in us, and every element of the world around us is suffused with His presence. I can find him in every human act of love and altruism, but He is just as visible in the ordered movement of the planets, in the mechanics of cellular division, or in the mathematical underpinnings of music.

My favorite poem, by Lucy Shaw, drives this point home for me:

*Reminders flicker at us from
odd angles, nor will he be ignored;
we sight him in unlikely places,
oaths and dates and empty tombs.
God. His print is everywhere,
stamped on the macro- and the microcosm.
Feathers, shells, stars, cells speak
his diversity. The multiplicity of
leaf and light says God. Wind,
sensed but unseen, breathes the old
metaphor again. Seasons are his
signature. The double helix
spells his spiral name.
Faith summons him, and doubt
blows only the sheerest skein
of mist across his face.*

Like Jose Camile Vergara, we should cultivate the habit of looking for God in the most unlikely places. We won't be disappointed in the search!

Richard L. Alexander