

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you are curious, and have come to see
If you are weary, and have come to rest
If you are grateful, and have come to share
If you are hurting, and have come for solace
If you are listening, and have come to pray
If you are seeking, and have come for answers
WELCOME*

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE – Variations on Lobe Den Herren Shoemeyer

CHORAL INTROIT – “Surely” Langston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,

People: but that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 482 LOBE DEN HERREN
“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name.

* 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 COLEMAN O’NEIL MEDFORD

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER – “Dear Lord and Father” Maker

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN – No. 261 O QUANTA QUALIA
“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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 124 (Page 572) Hunter Reid

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 7:15-25a (Page 157)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“The Devil Made Me Do It!”

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 – “My Eternal King” Marshall

* 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.411 FESTAL SONG
“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE – “God Be with You” Tomer

* POSTLUDE – Kerr
Prelude and Toccata on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Phillip Kilgore

SPONSOR: Trey Morrow

GREETERS: Ben Alexander, Jennifer Keir

Mary Ashmore

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

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

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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 9:30 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 26 at 10:00 a.m. are:

Paul & Janet Schultz

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Greg Campbell, guest organist
Sanctuary Choir

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.

BIRTH

A son, Cooper James Fay, was born to Chris & Kasey Fay, on Sunday, July 19, 2009, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Coleman O’Neil Medford, son of O’Neil & Christy Medford and brother of Katie.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Gwyn Anderson on the death of her mother, Grace Foushee, on Sunday, July 19, 2009, in Greenville.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Mark your calendars!

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 and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

This week:

· **Spirituality Group: Sunday, July 26, 12:30 p.m., Courtenay Williams,** courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, July 27, 7:00 p.m., John Macrae,** jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.

· **Parenting Group: Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 p.m., Ben Rigby,** brtrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

NEW MEMBER SURVEY DINNER

The New Member Assimilation Committee invites all new members who joined the church over the past eighteen months for dinner and an evening of fellowship and discussion on **Wednesday, August 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Childcare is provided and there is no charge for the dinner. *Please RSVP by August 5* to Susan McLarty at 232-2424 ext 120 or smclarty@wpc-online.org.

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.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *Ben & Cathy Alexander* will lead the study. Please enter through the four glass doors by the Entrance Pavilion, turn to the right, and take the elevator upstairs. Bring your own takeout for dinner. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list for this group, 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.

EVENING NEW MEMBER CLASS

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 **6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, in Room 209.** Dinner will be provided and childcare available for those signed up in advance. Participants who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, August 16*, or on any future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at dcarlson@wpc-online.org, 864-232-2424, ext. 115.

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 29 –
Music Fun Day**

**Wednesday, August 5 –
Water Day!**

Wear your suit!

SUMMER, 2009 AT WESTMINSTER	
July 29	Preschool Fun Day
August 5	Preschool Fun Day
August 12	The Flock 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

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26 - August 1, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:15 p.m. NAMI
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
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group

THURSDAY

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 _____



I was clueless as the deadline for the Harbinger front loomed near. Prayer hadn't helped, nor had chocolate. Feeling ill, I reviewed a stack of recent Harbinger covers, all rich with wisdom and commitment. I am grateful to you, the people of Westminster. In this company I will surely grow spiritually, but probably not by Friday afternoon.

We are all works in progress. Like me, others may sometimes have more good intentions than commitment, more wonderings than wisdom. Having no great insight to pass on, I'll simply share some things that have been on my mind.

Communicating with God involves both offering prayers and listening. The telling and asking part isn't a problem. Silencing the chatter in my head in order to hear God is hard. Centering prayer, a technique for attaining stillness, is a discipline that takes practice. I've made a few baby steps.

God also speaks to us through the scriptures. In-depth study takes more time and discipline than I have yet been willing to invest. At our church, we benefit from the scholarship of others; but that shouldn't take the place of personal Bible study.

Because I have been blessed, I want to give. Our church programs require funding, but are financial gifts enough? We are told to bear one another's burdens. Writing checks is easy, and I am untouched by anybody's hardship. I'd like to explore other ways to give.

We have been taught to expect a perfect existence after death, one without tears. I miss my parents, and sometimes I long to tell them a bit of happy news; but there are also things I'd prefer they did not know. Some people are sure they have received comforting messages from departed family members. Wouldn't an awareness of earthly concerns bring sadness? Perhaps the assurance of God's final victory permits perfect joy in spite of the pain and turmoil in our temporary reality. No one knows everything about eternity, but I wonder.

Sometimes I limit myself by laziness, and many things will always be beyond my grasp. These things I know. God understands our special gifts and our shortcomings, wherever we are in our spiritual journeys, and He loves us all.

Mary Ann Cox