

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 5, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

Fifth 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 – Prelude in G MajorJ.S. Bach
CHORAL INTROIT – “The Summons” Bell
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God.
People: We praise you in your holy temple.
Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 262 NATIONAL HYMN
“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and God of glory, we want glory for ourselves. We want to be strong and independent. We daydream about doing great things. We forget that we depend on you for everything:
for the very air we breathe;
for your strength that holds us together;
for life in the community you create in Christ;
for the forgiveness that makes new life possible.**

In your mercy, bind us together and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

* 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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CALL TO PRAYER – “O God of Every Nation” Reid
MORNING PRAYERS
THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN – No. 276 FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 48 (Page 518)*Russ Williams*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Mark 6:1-13 (Page 40)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Barbara Stoop*

“Traveling Lightly”

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 – “Open Thou Mine Eyes” Rutter

* 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. 426 CANONBURY

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE – “Lord, Your Summons Echoes True” Bell

* POSTLUDE – “God of Our Fathers” arr. Hughes

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: David Massey

SPONSOR: Catherine Whitmire

GREETERS: Tina Phillips, Trey Morrow,

Jim Gettys

LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

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

Marie Monroe & Jeff Dunlaevy

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, 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.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Amy Daniel* on the death of her father, *Conrad Hartzog*, on Thursday, June 25, 2009, in Greenville.

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 _____

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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: Thursday, July 9, 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

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 or by calling 918-2563. Give the gift of life.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, July 5**. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately following the **10:00 a.m. worship service**. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Joda Higgins* at 979-1486.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS

For five *Wednesday* mornings, **beginning July 8**, we will have Preschool Fun Days, **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

Wednesday, July 8 – Happy Birthday Day!

We will celebrate that God made you!

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

On **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.

THE FLOCK

The Flock, a group of those in their 20's - 40's, will meet on **Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *Jamie & Suzanne Moon* will lead the study. You may enter through the glass doors at 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 about The Flock or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact *Steve Phillips* at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

CSInfo

Tip: Reduce unwanted catalogs in your mailbox. Check out 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.

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*.

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 5 - 11, 2009

SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Health Ministry
8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anonymous

MONDAY
5:30 p.m. Uplift
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. **Preschool Fun Day**
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. The Flock
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUMMER, 2009 AT WESTMINSTER

July 8 **Preschool Fun Day**
The Flock

July 12-18 Sr. Highs to Montreat

July 15 **Preschool Fun Day**
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

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. Website sign-up is also available by visiting 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 _____



A Second Father's Day Message

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:13-15

As some might remember, about six years ago, I wrote a *Harbinger* cover that featured some early thoughts on our first daughter, Emily. What you might not know is that her existence was less than a 1% chance. Funny thing, as I learned, God has a way of ignoring percentages and along came another daughter, Morgan (less than an infinitesimal chance). It's amazing that I can love her to the same degree as I expressed about Emily in my previous cover. I promised myself that, if given the opportunity, I would include Morgan on a cover. So here goes...

Denise and I are participating in the ChristCare Parenting Group, and each time we meet we rely on Biblical equipping as one source for our growth. The verses I chose for our next meeting is Mark 10:13-15. After selecting these verses, I spent the better part of 10 days turning them inside-out and upside down. I was using my best academic approaches to decipher a meaning of receiving "the kingdom of God like a little child" and was not getting very far. Finally, I decided to ask Morgan her thoughts (those that know her can't wait for this). "Do you believe in God?" Answer: Yes. "Why do you believe in God?" Answer: Because He loves me. "Any other reasons?" Answer: Because He gave us Jesus. Amazing! I had struggled for an answer and all I had to do was ask our 3 year old!

In this topsy-turvy world in which we are always striving to refine our Christianity for the better, it appears that, at times, we can gain a great deal by simply not over-analyzing the scripture. In our daily lives, when we begin to get overwhelmed trying to understand and explain our thoughts on Christianity, let us simply remember that God loves us and He gave His only Son for us. Some day in the future when Morgan thinks she knows more than she thinks she knows now, I will remember to thank her for this reminder.

Scott Broderick