

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Fourth 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 – Trumpet Voluntary Stanley
CHORAL INTROIT – Psalm 30 Morgan
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God

People: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART
“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unflinching, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

* 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 – “Balm in Gilead” GILEAD
MORNING PRAYERS
THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN – No. 324 OPEN MY EYES
“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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 30 (Page 505) *Charles Reyner*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Mark 5:21-43 (Page 39)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Dave Carlson

“Reaching Out to Jesus”

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 – “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” Powell

* 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. 357 MARYTON
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE – “God Be With You” Tomer

* POSTLUDE – “God of Grace and God of Glory” arr. Page

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Phillip Kilgore

SPONSOR: Mary Ashmore

GREETERS: Chris Beard, Tod Hyche,

Tim Madden

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, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. are:
Chris & Lesley Usher

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
Sanctuary Choir directed by
Judy McKenney

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 daughter, *Ramsey Elizabeth Glidewell*, was born to Ross & Amber Glidewell on Thursday, June 18, 2009, in Greenville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

For Sunday School in the fall, we need to collect about 100 empty toilet paper rolls. If you have some you can bring in, drop them in the Education Office next to the church library. You will see a box there for collecting them.

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, June 28, 12:30 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., John Macrae**, jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.

· **Parenting Group: Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 p.m., Ben Rigby**, btrigby@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 or by calling 918-2563. Give the gift of life.

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 _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

It's Elementary, Tweens, Sixers, Junior Highs and Senior Highs are finished for the school year. You should have received a summer brochure in the mail with a listing of activities for all ages.

Some important dates:

June 27-July 4

Senior High Mission & Music Trip

July 8

Preschool Fun Days begin

July 12 - 18

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is expanding the number of people in its 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.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION

When:

Sunday, August 30

Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Brunch following the service

Mark your calendars!

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 take-out 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.

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

On **Saturday, June 27**, the Senior Highs will be going to New Orleans to help with home repairs, to feed the hungry, and to work with children in the area. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m., stopping in Birmingham for the night before continuing on to New Orleans. We ask you to pray for us as we travel and for our week. We will return on **Saturday, July 4**.

JOIN JUSTFAITH AT WPC!

When was the last time you had an experience that was truly "soul satisfying?" If you would like to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you to live the Gospel call to social justice, then JustFaith may be the program for you. For thirty weeks, a small group of 10-15 individuals will journey together through a weekly program that incorporates books, videos, conversation and encounters with those who live in the margins of society. If you would like to learn more about this transformational study, please call *Susan Stall* at 430-0637 or *Bill Holt* at 277-5287.

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2010

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Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

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Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
June 28 - July 4, 2009

SUNDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans
8:45 a.m. W&S Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anonymous

MONDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans
6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group

THURSDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY
Church Office Closed
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans

SATURDAY
Sr. High Mission/
Music Trip to New Orleans

SUMMER, 2009
AT WESTMINSTER

June 27-July 4	Sr. High Mission/Music Trip
July 8	Preschool Fun Day The Flock
July 12-18	Sr. High to Montreat
July 15	Preschool Fun Day
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 7	Centering Prayer
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



Genesis 1:21-22 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems...."

Psalms 148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths....

Psalms 104:25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

CODGER LESSON #3

Codger: An often mildly eccentric and usually elderly fellow.—*Webster*
Codger: Someone who is old enough, and experienced enough, to know where to go when he is ill (or just needs a little peppering up).—*Will Quinn*

I know I don't get there often enough, but God knows I surely try. It's that magic kind of medicine that no doctor can prescribe.
— Jimmy Buffet from "One Particular Harbor"

Islamorada in the Florida Keys is the "One Particular Harbor" for my son Woody and me. For years we have made a pilgrimage in May to the "Sports Fishing Capital of the World". While fishing is the explanation for these trips, they are more about a father and a son who love each other, enjoy time spent together, and share the same endearment for this skinny, salty piece of land separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic.

Sometimes we catch fish—sometimes we don't. This past May, Woody caught two tarpon on a fly, and Dad was skunked! Fishing results may vary, but one thing we love dearly never does. Beautiful and entertaining birds and sea animals are always there for viewing and to further cement our love for this part of the world. On a typical day we may see manatees, porpoises, and the magnificent site of Spotted Eagle Rays going completely airborne. It is also not unusual to see 10-12 foot Hammer-Head and Lemon sharks and 6-7 foot Bull Sharks.

For pure entertainment value nothing matches large sea turtles such as the Loggerhead. They are graceful and surprisingly quick under the water and cautious and downright humorous when they surface to breathe. On the old ones you'll see barnacles growing on their shells and a wizened, wrinkled face reminiscent of ET.

Apparently, Loggerhead Turtles are also smart. On Sunday, March 29th of this year, a 73 pound sub-adult Loggerhead swam to the Turtle Hospital on Marathon Key to check himself/herself (hard to tell with a sub-adult) in. How smart?—very smart. The Turtle Hospital is the only licensed veterinary clinic in the world that solely treats sea turtles! Kincaid, as the turtle was dubbed by the staff, knew he was sick and knew where to go. Suffering from Septicemia (Blood Poisoning) and malnourishment, Kincaid was treated with antibiotics, vitamins, and large portions of squid and TLC.

On June 14th, Kincaid's release into the ocean was televised live by the Fox Network. Now 10 pounds heavier, a healthy Kincaid hit the water paddling and never looked back.

I may not be the "sharpest knife in the drawer" but I'm at least as smart as Kincaid. And although my general health is fine, I chronically suffer the results of my sinfulness, the shame and guilt of misdeeds and shortcomings, frustration with not being able to accomplish what I believe I should, anxiety over current finances, fear of reaching retirement age unprepared, and despair of the state of bigotry, greed, and gluttony of resources at home and abroad. I'm not a well person!

But like Kincaid, I know the path to the "Clinic". The medicine I seek is found in our "Place For Everyone". My silent meditation at the end of each service is, "Thank you Lord for allowing me in Your home to sing Your praises and hear Your Word. Thank you also Lord for this community of fellow sinners all trudging down the same rocky road seeking to be who You would have us be instead of who we are. We all stumble and fall at times, but there is never a lack of helping hands and forgiving hearts among this community of the imperfect known as the membership of Westminster Presbyterian Church."

Being chronically ill, I must continue as I have for 25 years coming to the "Clinic" for medication and healing. I leave each Sunday feeling great, but by the end of the week I'm in dire need of another treatment.

How about you? Are you as smart as Kincaid?

*Will Quinn
Codger in Residence*