



As I was leaving the office one Friday, I strolled by my partner who would be taking call for the weekend. As I noticed the pained look on his face, I repeated the joke about him being the happiest person to return to work on Monday (no more call, somebody else's turn!). As I walked away, he turned to me and said "I just think of every call as an O. T. H." Of course, I then asked, "What is an O.T.H?" He replied "an opportunity to help." We laughed, knowing that he/I hoped these opportunities didn't come in the middle of the night, during family time, etc.

Our opportunities to help don't always present themselves at convenient times. Who are we serving when we only look for these convenient opportunities? I hope my desire to be like Jesus stimulates, motivates, and activates me to serve when the self says "I can't, I don't want to, or it's not convenient." When I think/live in terms of these simple opportunities, I think that is the faith living. When these opportunities become burdens, there are often opportunities missed.

About 2 years ago I was in drive-through with my family at KFC after church. As we waited, an unkempt man approached my widow. Worrying about my wife and kids, I turned him away when he asked for money. I never have cash, ask my wife, so it wasn't a lie when I told him I had no money. But, it would have been simple to add an extra chicken dinner with my credit card at the window. Opportunity missed.

As Christians we should keep our eyes open to find our "O.T.H."

Jay Culclasure

*And the King will answer them,
"Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one
of the least of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me."*

Matthew 25:40

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 1, 2009

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

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 – “Meditation” Bach/Gounod
Movements from Suite No. 1J.S. Bach

** CHORAL INTROIT – “The Lord is In His Holy Temple”Root

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord gives me strength and he guides me in the right paths.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valleys, I fear no evil for the Lord is with me.

Leader: Let us worship God.

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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. They allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to your genuine renewal in Christ.

* 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 - “Were You There?”arr. Crawford

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

DUET – “How Great Thou Art” arr. Crawford

Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church after the duet.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 23 (Page 501)..... *Gary Hill*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 3)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Stephen Phillips

“The Devil Couldn’t Make Jesus 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 (9:00 a.m.) - “Sarabande/Allemande”J.S. Bach

(11:15 a.m.) – “Psalm 23” Basler

* 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. 447 LANCASHIRE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Amen” Danish

* POSTLUDE – “All Praise to Thee” Evatt

* *All who are able may stand.*

****11:15 a.m. service only**

HEAD USHERS:

9:00 a.m. Jim Wilkerson

11:15 a.m. Charles Edmondson

SPONSOR:

Anne Holleman

GREETERS:

9:00 a.m. Jason Farmer, Pete Roe

Trey DuBose

11:15 a.m. Mary Gentry, Tim Madden

Vernon Anderson

LITURGIST:

Vernon Miller

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, March 1:**

9:00 a.m. *Jody & Sandra Howard*
11:15 a.m. *Charles & Mary Catherine Reyner*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, pianist
Brawley Crawford, cellist
McKoy Crawford, violinist
William Crawford, pianist

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

This morning we welcome The Reverend Vernon Miller as our liturgist. Vernon is a retired Presbyterian minister having previously served churches in Virginia and Hilton Head, SC. His wife, *Edna Ruth*, joined Westminster on April 22, 2007. We are grateful for their ministry among us.

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.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, March 1**. The screenings will take place in the Entrance Pavilion immediately following the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Joda Higgins* at 979-1486.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet this **Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m.** in the room beside the Sr. High Room.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

DINNER

All of our Westminster women are cordially invited to attend a dinner on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm**. It will be held in coordination with the regular Wednesday dinner. Please pick up your plate and come to Room 209 for our time together. *You will need to call the church and make a reservation by Monday, March 2*. Our first speaker will be Julie Dunson Meredith, Volunteer & Communications Director of SAFE HARBOR. Also we will get some tips on self-defense from Sensei Tommy Hood owner of Carolina Karate & Fitness Center. It will be an interesting, helpful and enjoyable evening for all ages. Please plan to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S

CIRCLES

Sunday, March 1

- Circle #7: *Catherine Whitmire*, chair, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.

LENTEN STUDY

The Trinity: Did the Author of the Shack Get It Right or Get It Wrong?

On **Wednesdays, March 11, 18 and 25** a Lenten Study will be offered by *Jean Weaver* in **Room 209**. The class will run from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** with dinner available at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Using the beautiful but complex concept of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — the class will ponder how to better understand this central Christian idea and ask if the book, *The Shack*, helps or hinders our understanding of God. Nursery and childcare through fifth grade will be available. Please call the church office (232-2424) to sign up or register online at the church website (www.wpc-online.org). *Please be sure to make dinner reservations by Monday, March 9 at noon.*

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SIXERS

The Sixers will be in the computer lab this **Sunday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m.**

JUNIOR HIGHS

We had a great discussion about where we want to go with Youth Sunday. This week we will begin to assign parts and work on how the service will flow. If you are going to be a part of Youth Sunday, we need you to be here this **Sunday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m.** Our walk-through for the service will be on **Sunday, March 8**, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful chance for us to lead the congregation in worship. We will see you Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

Everyone did a great job last week and we've got a great start for Youth Sunday. This **Sunday, March 1**, we will begin assigning parts and continue to work on the elements of the service. If there is time left, we will pass our bucket of questions and have some fun. We hope you will join us at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner. On **Friday, March 13**, we will have a lock-in at the church and our walk-through will be on **Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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 *Congregational Life* and then *Adult Groups*.

This week's groups are:

- **Simplifying Life: Wednesday, March 4, 12:30 p.m.,** Angie Coneybeer, angie@coneybeer.com, 281-7859.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, March 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. We invite you to join us for a discussion of the book, March, by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion leader is *Sue Inman*.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 4**. Dinner is served at **6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall followed by our study at **6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. *If you are coming to dinner, please don't forget to sign up by noon on **Monday, March 2***. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

CREATION STEWARDSHIP

The regular meeting of the Creation Stewardship group has been changed to the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 213.

SUNDAY CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet from 6:00-6:50 p.m. on **Sunday, March 8**, in Room 213. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. The **Friday Prayer Group** will not be meeting in March. If you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

WRITING OUR STORIES:

A Five-Week Class in Memoir (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, & 9)

Have you been intending for *way too long* to write special memories of people, places, and events in your life, but just haven't given the time to it? Beginning **Thursday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 211**, all those interested in putting pen to paper are asked to come together for a time of writing and lunch. The class, led by Sue Inman, will run between 11:30 and 1:30. Come with a notebook and pen and be ready to have some fun in a supportive workshop environment. Call the church office (232-2424) to sign up for the class and also to reserve a lunch (\$5.50) by Tuesday prior to the class on Thursday.

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THE SESSION
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Wes Bryant	Rob Morgan
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 1 - 7, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Witness & Service Committee Meeting Confirmation Class
9:50 a.m.	Health Ministry
10:00 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:30 p.m.	PW Circle #7
12:50 p.m.	Health Ministry
3:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m.	Sixers and Jr. High Group Meeting Sr. High Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sixers and Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
	Sr. High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
5:30 p.m.	Men's Recreational Basketball Uplift
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	PW Leader Meeting Administrative Committee Meeting Al-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts ADK

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m.	ChristCare: Simplifying Life Group
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" Tweens
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
6:00 p.m.	The Flock PW Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

During the season of Lent, join us in our rotational style of adult Sunday School. Come for a time of reflection, conversation, faith sharing and fellowship. Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The following classes will be offered from **March 8 – April 5**.

1. **Dancing Girls, Loose Ladies and Women of the Cloth – The Women in Jesus' Life.** While the New Testament consistently portrays Jesus as single and in close company with twelve male followers, there were numerous women in his earthly life. This lecture style class will explore some of the notable women — those most active and influential, provocative and controversial — and how their relationship with Jesus affected them and Jesus. Should we strive to be more like these women or less like them?
Teacher: *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209
2. **The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.** Marcus Borg, a New Testament and early Christianity scholar, shares his understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus in this video-based class. Using the videos and discussion questions, the class will ponder how the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the world and how they continue to challenge, change and transform us as people of faith.
Teacher and Discussion Leader: *Russ Madray* **Room:** 213
3. **Leap Over a Wall.** Based on a book by Eugene Peterson, the Nautilus class will examine the life of King David from the Old Testament. Exploring David's story, fraught with struggles, shortcomings and joys, the discussion will focus on how the divine is often hidden within the ordinary, and how God's purposes are often worked out in the ordinariness of our human lives.
Leader: *Judith Chandler-Huse* **Room:** 210
4. **The Faith Forum Class** will use the book The Best American Spiritual Writing 2008 [Philip Zaleski (editor), Jimmy Carter (Introduction)] as the basis for class discussions. The book is an assembly of penetratingly thoughtful pieces that range from memoir to diatribe to travel essay to reflection on the Holocaust. Authors included are Wendell Berry, Pico Iyer, Maxine Kumin, Robert Pinsky, Oliver Sacks, and John Updike. All are welcomed to drop in and participate in our contemplative discussions.
Co-coordinator: *Henry Chaskelis* **Room:** 212

CHURCH BASKETBALL CHURCH DINNER

March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the church basketball season on March 11. Please come join us to watch a fantastic slide show program of our Westminster teams! Coaches, if you have not submitted any pictures of your team please contact *Wes Bryant* (477-0006) as soon as possible. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The menu for adults and children will be hamburgers, fries, fruit, and salad. 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 (232-2424) or emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. *Sign-ups for dinner end on Monday, March 9.*

Name: _____

Adults \$6.50 _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00 _____

Nursery (ages 3 and under) _____

