

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 14, 2010

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 arr. Hustad
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"/ "To God Be the Glory"

** INTROIT "When the Poor Ones" Oliver

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 356..... NETTLETON
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you spread your table before us and invite us to dine. We judge some as unworthy to partake of your feast. You call us to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We close the doors of your household to those we deem unfit to come in. You desire mercy, not sacrifice, as a response to your grace. We expect others to be thankful that we accept them at all. Forgive us our arrogance in response to your love. Make us mindful of those whom you also hold dear.

* 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 WILLIAM WALTER WILKINS, IV and
MARY BURTON WILKINS (9:00 A.M.)

** BAPTISM OF MARY LANE LUCAS

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CALL TO PRAYER "When the Poor Ones" El Camino
When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others strength and healing: we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.) "Witness" Patterson

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Numbers 12:1-10a (Page 130)

... Tim Timmerman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 4:7-15, 25-26 (Page 95)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

"Disgusting"

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.

** WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory (9:00 a.m.) Intermezzo Brahms

** Anthem "Surely He Has Bourne Our Griefs" Graun

* 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. 370 WOODWORTH
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

* BENEDECTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Biery

* POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" arr. Page

* All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Keith Stevenson
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ridgeway
SPONSORS: 9:00 a.m. Neil Shurley
11:15 a.m. Courtenay Williams, Trey DuBose
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Jim Young, Trey Morrow
Chris Beard
11:15 a.m. Ben Alexander, Anne Holleman
Christopher Carsten
LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the 11:15 a.m. worship service for an opportunity to welcome our new members and for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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 14 are:

9:00 a.m. Ruston & Beth Anne Eads

11:15 a.m. Brandt & Luci Givens

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Junior and Senior Choristers

Martha Beaudrot, pianist

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Judy McKenney, soloist

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship:

William Walter Wilkins, IV, and Mary Burton Wilkins, son and daughter of Walt & Donyelle Wilkins.

Mary Lane Lucas, daughter of Brad & Sarah Lucas, sister of Bradley.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Tim Timmerman on the death of his mother, Margaret Timmerman, on Thursday, March 2, 2010 in Greenville.

In Memoriam

Donald G. Kilgore, Jr.

11/21/1927 - 3/8/2010

*"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."*

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The church's offering envelopes are dateless and can be used until they run out. If you need more offering envelopes, please call the church office at 232-2424.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour this Saturday, March 13.

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

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 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Charter Room. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator, (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.

HOTDOG COOKOUT FOR GRADES 1-3

Families with children in the 1st - 3rd grade are invited to a hotdog cookout at Cleveland Park (shelter #6) on Sunday, March 21 following the 11:15 a.m. service. Plan to bring a change of clothes and to join us for food, fun, and maybe even a kickball game. Contact Ellie Hammond at 346-9852 or elliehammond@bellsouth.net for details. Sign up online or call the church office at 232-2424 to make your reservation.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering on Sunday, March 21, after the 11:15 service at Harry & Jean's, 1034 Woodruff Rd. Please send reservations to Gretta Lawson, grettalaws@aol.com, or call 963-1570.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on Thursday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

SIXERS

The Sixers will meet this **Sunday, March 14, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, for a study on the media and body image. How does society distort body image, and how can we focus on the ways we are created in God's image?

Lock-In: The Sixers will also gather for a Lock-in at the church on **Friday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m.** You should be dropped off at the elementary wing door, in the curved driveway at the back of the church on Westminster Drive. Pick-up will be at the same location at **9:00 a.m.** on Saturday. There is no cost and you do not need to sign up ahead of time. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, a pair of socks, and anything else you will need for the night. Contact Barbara Stoop at 313-6956 or at bstoop@wpc-online.org with any questions. Because of the Lock-in, and because the youth are leading worship that day, there will be *no youth group or youth choir rehearsals* on **Sunday, March 21.**

SENIOR HIGHS

Youth Sunday is just a week away (**March 21**), so following dinner on **March 14**, we will be going to the sanctuary to work on our service. If you are going to be a part of the service, we need you to be here. On **Saturday, March 19**, we will meet in the Sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.** to walk through our service followed by lunch. If you have any questions about the Sr. High Group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH INTEREST GROUPS

We are trying to find new ways to connect outside of our normal Sunday Night meeting. **Each Wednesday at 7:15 a.m.**, a group of the girls meet with *Bryn Robison & Amanda Warren* for breakfast at Dunkin Donuts. The guys meet **every Friday at 7:15 a.m.** with *Rob Warren, Rodney Robison, & Will Edwards* at Bojangles. Both restaurants are on Laurens Road. Starting **March 17**, we will get together every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Sr. High room for a study and snacks. Come early if you want to play basketball beforehand.

THE JUNIOR HIGHS

On **Sunday, March 14**, we will meet in the Sanctuary at **5:00 p.m.** to walk through our service. If you are planning to be a part of Youth Sunday (**March 21**), we need you here. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

YOUTH SUNDAY

On **Sunday, March 21**, the youth of our church will be leading both of our morning worship services. The Jr. High group will lead parts of the **9:00 a.m.** service, but the Sr. High group will be giving the message for both services. This year we are asking how new technologies such as texting, Facebook and YouTube are affecting us and our relationships with each other and with God.

CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to www.wpc-online.org and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*. This week:

- **Bible Group: Sunday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, John Macrae, jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.**
- **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, March 17 at noon in Room 211, Dot Elmore, dotelmore@bellsouth.net or 286-0036.**
- **Parenting Group: Wednesday, March 17 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.**
- **Knitting Group: Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, Midge Williams, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.**
- **Hiking Group: Saturday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m. in church parking lot, Ron Lawson, ronlawson2000@aol.com or 963-1570.**

WESTMINSTER BLOOD DRIVE

The first blood drive for 2010 will be **Monday, March 15** from **3:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 209.** Contact *Stephen Demosthenes* at jstephendemosthenes@gmail.com or 918-2563 to reserve a time. Reservations are on each quarter hour. Give the gift of life.

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THE SESSION

The Class of 2011

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Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	David Massey
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

The Class of 2012

Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

The Class of 2013

Will Edwards	Becky Murphy
Carroll Farmer	Anne Nuttall
Lydia Kellett	Ben Rigby
Clara Lawson	Neil Shurley
Stuart Mauney	Russell Stall
Parks McLeod	Bill Wallace

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 14 - 20, 2010**

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. New Member Class
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Creation Stewardship Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. New Member Reception
12:30 p.m. Just Faith Poverty Simulation Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Brownies
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
5:00 p.m. Junior & Sixers Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
ChristCare: Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms in Touch
3:00 p.m. Blood Drive
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
5:45 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. DAR

WEDNESDAY

7:15 a.m. Senior High Breakfast
11:00 a.m. NAMI Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" and Tweens
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Choristers Rehearsal Dinner
5:30 p.m. JustFaith
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Group
7:00 p.m. Divorce Support Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Study Group

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Memoir Class
3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

7:15 a.m. Senior High Breakfast
8:00 p.m. Sixers Lock-In

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group
10:00 a.m. Gittings Ministry



FATHER, FORGIVE THEM...

Of the very few words Jesus said during the Crucifixion, it seems to me that these must have been the hardest to say. "Father, forgive them for they don't know what they are doing."

He had been betrayed, lied about and now was suffering intense physical pain. He appeared to be at the mercy of jealous religious leaders, mob mentality and political cowards. Seemingly unforgivable acts were being committed against Him. So what lessons should we take from this extraordinary statement? Was this the kind of superhuman behavior that it is beyond us mere mortals and therefore unrealistic ultimately? Or is learning to forgive in this manner essential for any of us to live a "successful" life?

I can't begin to answer these questions in depth. But here are four realizations that have been of great help to me in learning both the necessity of forgiving and how to do it.

1. While there may be unforgivable actions, there can be no unforgivable people. We all have lessons to learn.
2. It is not given to us to know how much good or how much bad we've done in our lives. (This thought keeps me humble.)
3. Holding on to grievances or perceived wrongs done to me is toxic. How to dispense with this toxic material? A friend suggested that I write out a list by name of all who I believe have wronged me. Review what they did to me and then forgive them by giving up my anger and hurt to God. Believe me it has taken many trips through the list for me to begin to feel that I was truly forgiving and releasing the burdens...or at least on my way to doing so.
4. It is necessary on a daily basis to empower myself to forgive others. I use an affirmation I learned a number of years ago to direct my thoughts properly. It goes, "Today I forgive all those who have ever offended me and give my love to all thirsty hearts, both those who love me and those who do not love me."

Forgiveness is an ongoing project...so let's all get to work...the world can actually become a better place if we imitate Jesus Christ on this difficult subject.

Stan Smith

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WRITING OUR STORIES:
A FIVE-WEEK CLASS
IN MEMOIR**

**(March 11, 18, and 25,
April 1 and 8, 2010)**

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NURSERY

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LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$11.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. Deadline for ordering is *Sunday, March 21*.

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**POVERTY SIMULATION
THIS SUNDAY**

All church members, high school age and older, are invited to join in a poverty simulation led by the Reverend Beth Templeton. It will take place after the worship service this **Sunday, March 14**. We will join together for lunch at **12:30 p.m.**, followed by the simulation which will begin at **1:00 p.m.** Participants experience one month of poverty compressed into less than two hours. The cost for the program, including lunch, is \$22 per person, but financial help to attend is available if needed. Space is limited, so sign up now to join us and share in this eye opening look at poverty. Contact *Russell Stall* at 235-4809 or rstall@greenvilleforward.com for more information.

SPECIAL SCOUT AWARD

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance, as Christians across the globe prepare for Jesus' passion and death, which then lead to the joy and wonder of Easter. Join us in adult Sunday School where we share, discuss and grow in our Christian faith. The following classes will be offered during Lent and Eastertide **March 7 - May 16 at 10:00 a.m.** each Sunday:

- 1.) **Jesus the Savior - The Meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian Faith**
Using William Placher's book, this lecture class will ponder what is distinctive about Christianity and its founder, Jesus. What does Christian faith have to say about Jesus and what does it mean to follow him? The course will discuss the unexpected and discomfiting aspects of Jesus, and that truly following him is exciting, dangerous, perplexing and life-changing.
Teacher: *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209
- 2.) **Nooma Series:**
In an attempt to make the Christian faith understandable, love-filled and powerful, the Reverend Rob Bell created a video series especially aimed toward young adult believers. Each video asks important life questions, such as: "What's up with the word LOVE?", "Do our lives really matter?", "Are we debating the right things in Christianity?", and "Why are we so concerned with what other people say, think or look like?" If you would like to explore these questions and more, and get to know more young adults within Westminster, all young adults are invited to join this new class.
Discussion Leader: *Steve Phillips* **Room:** 213
- 3.) **Our Lent, Things We Carry**
The Faith Forum Class will be reading and discussing David Crumm's book, "Our Lent, Things We Carry." The book is a forty chapter journey with Jesus, reflecting on each day a specific lesson and connecting those timeless concepts with life today. David Crumm is best known nationally as a journalist. For more than thirty years, he has specialized in reporting on the impact of faith and culture on people's daily lives. The book is readily available and you may also visit the website www.readthespirit.com. This is a discussion based class and leadership participation is encouraged.
Discussion Leader: *Ellen Stevenson* **Room:** 211
- 4.) **The Possibility of a Peaceable Kingdom?**
The Nautilus Class continues its series "The Possibility of a Peaceable Kingdom?" We will be looking next at the influence of sports in our culture and then at the power of the media, especially as they relate to family life.
Discussion Leaders: *Howard Boyd, Julie Wilkerson, Judith Chandler-Huse and other Discussion Leaders*
Room: 210
- 5.) **The Questions of Faith Class** will be considering issues of social justice during the Lenten season. We will be sampling from the JustFaith curriculum.
Discussion Leaders: *Russell & Susan Stall* **Room:** 212

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance, as Christians across the globe prepare for Jesus' passion and death, which then lead to the joy and wonder of Easter. Join us in adult Sunday School where we share, discuss and grow in our Christian faith. The following classes will be offered during Lent and Eastertide **March 7 - May 16 at 10:00 a.m.** each Sunday:

- 1.) **Jesus the Savior - The Meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian Faith**
Using William Placher's book, this lecture class will ponder what is distinctive about Christianity and its founder, Jesus. What does Christian faith have to say about Jesus and what does it mean to follow him? The course will discuss the unexpected and discomfiting aspects of Jesus, and that truly following him is exciting, dangerous, perplexing and life-changing.
Teacher: *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209
- 2.) **Nooma Series:**
In an attempt to make the Christian faith understandable, love-filled and powerful, the Reverend Rob Bell created a video series especially aimed toward young adult believers. Each video asks important life questions, such as: "What's up with the word LOVE?", "Do our lives really matter?", "Are we debating the right things in Christianity?", and "Why are we so concerned with what other people say, think or look like?" If you would like to explore these questions and more, and get to know more young adults within Westminster, all young adults are invited to join this new class.
Discussion Leader: *Steve Phillips* **Room:** 213
- 3.) **Our Lent, Things We Carry**
The Faith Forum Class will be reading and discussing David Crumm's book, "Our Lent, Things We Carry." The book is a forty chapter journey with Jesus, reflecting on each day a specific lesson and connecting those timeless concepts with life today. David Crumm is best known nationally as a journalist. For more than thirty years, he has specialized in reporting on the impact of faith and culture on people's daily lives. The book is readily available and you may also visit the website www.readthespirit.com. This is a discussion based class and leadership participation is encouraged.
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