

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28, 2010

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

Passion/Palm Sunday

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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Lowe
 ** INTROIT "Hosanna! Save Mighty Lord" Sacred Harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
People: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
 Leader: I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.
People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
 Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to step forward in faith.

* 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 Sacred Head Now Wounded" J.S. Bach

MORNING PRAYERS
 THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) "The Holy City" Adams
 K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the solo.
 ** HYMN No. 78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" MARTYRDOM
 K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the last stanza.
 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 50:4-9a (Page 681) Pam Mills
 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Mark 15:25-37 (Page 54)
 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
 SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"When Chaos Reigns"

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

Solo (9:00 a.m.) "Saw Ye My Savior" Johnson
 ** Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Martin
 * 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. 371 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER
 * BENEDICTION
 ** CHORAL RESPONSE "Stay With Us" Hovland
 * POSTLUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" J.S. Bach

* 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
SPONSOR: Trey DuBose
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Gayle Blouin, Howard Boyd
 Christopher Carsten
 11:15 a.m. Will Quinn, Dorothy Dowe
 Suzanne Meece
LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

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.

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 28 are:
 9:00 a.m. Tommy & Michele Hill
 11:15 a.m. Bozzie & Tiffany Boggs

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.

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
 9:00 a.m.
 Emily Sweezy, soprano
 11:15 a.m.
 Sanctuary Choir

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Tom Leftwich on the death of his mother, Bernice Leftwich, on Friday, March 19, 2010, in Raleigh, NC.

HERITAGE LECTURER
 APRIL 18

On Sunday, April 18, Dr. Thomas H. Troeger of Yale Divinity School will be our guest. He will lead the worship services which will blend music, scripture and homily. Also, he will lecture at the Adult Sunday School class. These Sunday events will provide special worship opportunities.

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.

ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL
 MARCH 28

In January, Susan Stall made a week long visit to Nicaragua to learn more about Fair Trade and the lives of small-scale coffee farmers. She traveled with a delegation sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua. Representatives from Equal Exchange, a Fair Trade organization that imports coffee from small farmers in Nicaragua, also traveled with the group. Please join us in Room 209 at 10:00 a.m. to hear more about Susan's trip, learn a bit about Fair Trade and see pictures from Nicaragua.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 1, we will gather around the table in observance of Maundy Thursday, remembering that Jesus shared in this fellowship with his disciples, instructing them to do likewise with one another in remembrance of him. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we journey through the days leading up to the Holy Week events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

GOOD FRIDAY

Having shared his last meal with his disciples, Jesus went with them out to Gethsemane where he spent some time alone with God pleading that he might not have to suffer what was to come. Jesus is then arrested, put on trial, whipped and beaten, and nailed to a cross to die. On Friday, April 2 at 12 noon, we will join together in the Sanctuary for our Good Friday worship service focusing on what Christ went through out of love for you and for me.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 GENERATIONS BANQUET

April 11, 2010
 12:15 p.m.

Our speaker will be Diane Gluck. She will share about her travels to the Dominican Republic just after the Haiti crisis. The 2010 Life Membership Award recipient will also be announced. Please sign up by calling the church office at 232-2424.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Because of Spring Break for public schools, there will be no Wednesday activities this week at the church, including "It's Elementary!", Cherub Choir, Junior and Senior Choristers, Wednesday Dinner, or Sanctuary Choir. Our schedule will return to normal on **April 7th**.

JUNIOR HIGHS AND SIXERS

There will be no meetings for the next two weeks (**March 28 or April 4**) due to Spring Break and Easter. **Our next meeting will be on April 11.** Have a nice break. If you have any questions about the Junior High Group, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269. For our **Year End Retreat**, we will go to Camp Fellowship on **April 23 - 25**. The cost is \$85. *Please sign up by April 11 in the church office.*

SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, March 28**, following the 11:15 worship service, we will meet in the Senior High Room to build a bookcase and to reorganize our room. Lunch will be provided. There will be no evening meetings on **March 28 or April 5**. If you have any questions about the Senior High Group, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH INTEREST GROUPS

- **Every Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m.:** Senior High girls breakfast at Dunkin Donuts on Laurens Road.
- **Every Friday morning at 7:15 a.m.:** Senior High boys breakfast at Bojangles on Laurens Road.
- **Every other Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.:** Study and snacks in the Senior High room. Come at 6:30 p.m. for basketball beforehand. Next meeting **March 31**.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will rehearse **Tuesdays, March 30 & April 6** from **6:30 to 7:15 p.m.** in order to prepare to lead worship on **Sunday, April 11** at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in being a part of this choir with no audition, please contact Mark Kemp (232-2424).

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 Study Group: Sunday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, John Macrae,** jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.
- **Knitting Group: Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, Midge Williams,** momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.
- **Parenting Group: Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 213.** Those attending will need to bring their own take out that night and we will meet in the room to eat and have our group time. *Ben Rigby,* btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

Mark your calendars for the ChristCare Hiking Group April hike on **Saturday, April 10** (rain date is April 17). We will meet at the WPC parking lot at **8:30 a.m.**, returning 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER PRAYER CHAIN

Within our community of faith there is an informal group of caring members who offer up prayers individually for those who request them in times of need. The requests are kept confidential within the group. If you, a family member, or friend have a prayer request, please call Lesley Usher at 233-5590 or email her at theushrs@charter.net, or contact any of the pastors or office staff. (Make sure you have the approval of anyone on whose behalf you call.) Feel free to leave a message and include your name and number in case the message needs clarification. Prayers are lovingly offered for all who request them, so please do not hesitate to call in times of need.

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PW SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Presbyterian Women of Westminster offer a scholarship to promote financial aid for higher education to a qualified person. Any Westminster member who will be a college student next year is eligible to apply. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the church office. **Sunday, May 16** is the deadline for applications to be received in the church office. All church members are reminded that memorials may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 28 - April 3, 2010

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
5:45 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

7:15 a.m. Sr. High Girls Breakfast
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. JustFaith
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Memoir Class
5:30 p.m. Pastor's Baptism Class
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

7:15 a.m. Sr. High Boys Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday
April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
April 2nd at 12 Noon

Easter
April 4th
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.



PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

From our youth up all of us have heard about the key figures surrounding Jesus at the time of his entry into Jerusalem and his death by crucifixion: the betrayal by Judas, the scattering of the disciples after Jesus was arrested, the denial by Simon Peter of his Lord three times before the cock crowed twice (just as Jesus had warned him). Yet, there are other people mentioned in the four gospels who also deserve our attention.

This week called by the church Holy Week or Passion Week encompassed such dramatic intensity and eternal significance that the gospel writers named people who stepped forward at crucial moments with unexpected responsibility, courage, persistent love, or utter astonishment as witnesses, and we read about them 2,000 years later. Who are they?

Simon of Cyrene: Matthew, Luke, and Mark record his unlikely participation in the scene of Jesus on the way to the execution. Mark calls him a passer-by in Jerusalem from the country, compelled to carry the cross for Jesus up the hill to Golgotha. Mark also identifies Simon of Cyrene as the father of Alexander and Rufus, two men who have disappeared from the collective memory of 21st Century Christians. Perhaps early readers of Mark's gospel knew the sons. They may have become followers of The Way after hearing their father's story of his close proximity to Jesus and how Jesus conducted himself as he faced death by crucifixion.

Joseph of Arimathea: All four gospels point out the role of this respected member of the Council (the Sanhedrin) in the burial of Jesus. Luke records that this good man had not agreed to the ruling of the Council; John calls him a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one. Mark reports that he took courage and went to Pilate to ask for the body of the crucified Jesus. After Pilate was assured that Jesus was indeed dead, he released his body to Joseph of Arimathea who buried him in a tomb hewn from stone. What happened to this man Joseph later and who was he? Many legends have grown up over the millennia, connecting him with taking the gospel to Britain and Gaul (France). Go online and you will find 241,000 entries about him.

The Women: Various named by the gospel writers--Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Salome, Joanna, and several other Marys--these women followed Jesus throughout his ministry and followed him not just to Jerusalem, but stuck by him to the end, prepared to anoint his body after burial, after the Sabbath. Unlike most of the disciples, these followers stayed close-by.

The Centurion: With terrible darkness at noon, the earth quaking, the curtain of the temple ripping from top to bottom, one witness, a centurion on guard at the cross, cried out in utter astonishment and awe--"Surely this man was God's son!" His words come down to us today with great power.

A question to ponder: Where are we standing during this week called Holy?

Sue Lile Inman