

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**

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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..... Larson  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**People: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

INTROIT – “Antiphonal Praise” ..... Hopson

\* HYMN – No. 293 ..... TERRA BEATA  
“This Is My Father’s World”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

**Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.**

\* 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 – “Lord, You are Near Me” ..... Patterson

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church.**

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 6:1-8 (Page 635).....

ANTHEM – *Ubi Caritas* ..... Duruflé

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*The love of Christ has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice and delight in Him.*

*Let us fear and love the living God,*

*And let us honor Him with a sincere heart.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 2:23-28 (Page 36)

MEDITATION – “...and keep it holy.” ..... Mark Kemp

ANTHEM – “Sing to the Lord a New Song” ..... Barnett

**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

Offertory – “Fantasia on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ....McChesney

\* 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

ANTHEM – “The Grandeur and Glory of God” ..... Rentz

\* HYMN – “Unless This Day be Holy” ..... LANCASHIRE  
*see insert*

\* BENEDICTION

ANTHEM – “Go and Tell John” ..... Fleming

\* POSTLUDE – “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” ..... Stanford

\* **All who are able may stand**

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|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>HEAD USHERS:</b> | 9:00 a.m.  | Susan Key                   |
|                     | 11:15 a.m. | Meg Hyche                   |
| <b>SPONSOR:</b>     |            | Vernon Anderson             |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Paul O’Neal, Tim Reed       |
|                     |            | Rob Morgan                  |
|                     | 11:15 a.m. | Will Quinn, Claude Cheatham |
|                     |            | Amanda Sanders              |
| <b>LITURGIST:</b>   |            | Barbara Stoop               |

*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, May 17:**

9:00 a.m. *Jay & Brooke*

*Culclasure*

11:15 a.m. *Charles & Christine*

*Edmondson*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

*Chancel Choir, Junior Choristers,*

*Senior Choristers, Youth Choir,*

*Sanctuary Choir,*

*and Westminster Bells*

**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.

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

All senior adults are invited to the church for a Spring Luncheon on **Thursday, May 21, at noon.** Entertainment will be provided by the Fountain Inn Repertory Experience. The menu is chicken & broccoli casserole, sliced tomatoes, fruit, rolls, and strawberry pie. The cost will be \$6.00. Sign-up by calling the church office at 232-2424.

**PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS**

The pastor will teach a baptism class on **Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please call the church office at 232-2424 if you are interested in having yourself or your child baptized. A nursery will be available.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

On **Sunday, June 14**, some of our returning college students will help with the leadership of worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Beginning May 24, 2009

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

No Church School

Fellowship time after worship

**ALL CHURCH SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**May 31, 2009**

**following the 10:00 a.m. service**

Please join your church family for summer Sunday brunches! **Mark your calendars for May 31, July 19, and August 30.** The menu on May 31 will be quiche, grits casserole, sausage, fruit, and pancakes for the children. 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 May 31 brunch end on Wednesday, May 27.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nursery # in Crib: \_\_\_\_\_ # in Crawler \_\_\_\_\_ # in Toddler \_\_\_\_\_

**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](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*. This week:

- **Simplifying Life: Wednesday, May 20, 12:30 p.m., Angie Coneybeer**, [angie@coneybeer.com](mailto:angie@coneybeer.com) or 281-7859.
- **Spirituality Group: Thursday, May 21, 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, [courtenayw@charter.net](mailto:courtenayw@charter.net) or 233-7254.
- **Hiking Group: Thursday, May 21, 6:30 p.m., Ron Lawson**, [ronlawson2000@aol.com](mailto:ronlawson2000@aol.com) or 963-1570.
- **Movie Group: Friday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., Cathy Bailey**, [cbailey@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:cbailey@greenville.k12.sc.us) or 288-7869. The movie group will meet at the home of *Jim & Susan Robbins* (1117 Parkins Mill Rd.). Please rsvp to Cathy at the address or number above or Susan at [jamrobbins@aol.com](mailto:jamrobbins@aol.com) or 288-3156.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

It's Elementary, Tweens, Sixers, Junior Highs and Senior Highs are finished for the school year. Look for our Summer Brochure in the mail for summer activities for all ages.

**Some important dates:**

- June 15-19:** Middle School Missions & More
- June 21-24:** Vacation Bible School
- June 27-July 4** Senior High Mission & Music Trip
- July 8** Preschool Fun Days begin
- July 12 - 18** Sr. High Montreat Youth Conference

**GRADUATING SENIORS**

On **Wednesday, May 20**, we will get together at the home of *Clair Dias* (73 Rock Creek Dr.) at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner to celebrate your upcoming graduation. Please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 to let us know if you will be able to join us.

**SANCTUARY DEDICATION**  
*When:*  
**Sunday, August 30**  
*Time:*  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
*Brunch following the Service*  
**Mark your calendars!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 21 - 25, 2009**

**DISCOVERY CANYON**

It is hard to imagine, but Bible School is just around the corner! Be on the lookout for the registration form in the summer program brochure mailed to your house. You can also find the form on-line at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). But remember, this wonderful week cannot happen for our children if there are not enough volunteers to help them experience the Discovery Canyon. From decorating, teaching, shepherding, or even bringing snacks, if you are willing to help in any way, please contact *Elizabeth Clark* at [keithandelizabeth@att.net](mailto:keithandelizabeth@att.net) or *Kelly Kemp* at [kellykemp@charter.net](mailto:kellykemp@charter.net).

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**May 17 - 23, 2009**

**SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Technology Committee Meeting
- Membership Committee Meeting
- Library Committee Meeting
- Church School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Church Picnic
- 3:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs
- 8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anon.

**MONDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anon.
- 9:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

**TUESDAY**

- 12:00 p.m. Ai-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**WEDNESDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Simplifying Life Group
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Graduate Dinner TNT

**THURSDAY**

- 12:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Luncheon
- 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
- 4:30 p.m. Heritage Lecture Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
- 6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

- 7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Movie Group



**Make a Joyful Noise**

Today is Church Music Sunday – when the worship service is taken up greatly by the Word set to music. One of today's lectionary readings comes from Psalm 98, which begins, Sing to God a brand-new song. He's made a world of wonders! (The Message). As we worship today by taking in the sounds of our choir and organ, do the words and music resonate within us in a new way? Composers are given the task of singing to God a new song. How do we sing God's word in our lives? How does it resonate in what we say and do?

The Psalmist commands us to shout your praises to God! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!... Fill the air with praises... This we can all do, regardless of how musical we are.

I am reminded of a simple man of faith named Brother Lawrence, a 17th century French monk, whose work at the monastery consisted mostly of work in the kitchen, such as the washing of pots and pans. In the volume entitled *The Practice of the Presence of God*, we read how he was able to commune with God amidst all the clanging and clatter often associated with the kitchen.

What is your "instrument"? What God-given talent does God want you to employ to God's glory?

In whatever way, in all circumstances, may God empower us to lift our praises as a reflection of all God's goodness to us this and every day.

*Yuri Ito*

*O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song...  
 By His holy power our God has done wonders...  
 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets...  
 and sing to our God.*

*Hymn 472, Cantad al Señor*

**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 7 Harbinger**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_