

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 23, 2010**

**10:00 a.m.**

**PENTECOST**

**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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Page

CHORAL INTROIT "Holy, Holy" Morris

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is spirit.

**People: And those who worship God**

Leader: must worship in spirit and truth.

**People: Let us worship God.**

\* HYMN No. 139 ITALIAN HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves. So we continue to pursue old patterns of living, and pretend that we can go it alone.**

\* 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.**

BAPTISM OF **EDWIN HOUSTON THOMAS MILLS, JOHN HOUSTON COURTNEY MILLS and BRICE CHRISTOPHER WIERSMA**

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Croly

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SOLO "I Feel the Spirit Moving" arr. Hayes

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Page 806)..... *Stan Von Hofe*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Acts 2:1-8, 12-21 (Page 119)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

"Change Agent"

**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 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" Hopson

\* 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. 130 LAUDES DOMINI

"Let Every Christian Pray"

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Morris

\* POSTLUDE Fanfare Lemmens

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

**HEAD USHER:** John Paylor  
**SPONSOR:** James Brice  
**GREETERS:** Trey DuBose, Bill Wallace  
Tod Hyche  
**LITURGIST:** Jean Weaver

*Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

**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 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

**STREAMING**

The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link under Worship called "Watch the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday Live."

**CHURCH NOTES**

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, May 23** are:

10:00 a.m. *Sheridan & Tracie Sanders*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist  
Sanctuary Choir  
Judy McKenney, alto*

**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.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Vacation Bible School will be **June 20 - 24** this year for rising K4-6th graders. If you would like to volunteer to help during the week, please contact *Janet Schultz* at [cd27escapade@juno.com](mailto:cd27escapade@juno.com) or *Stephanie Morgan* at [stephaniemorgan@bellsouth.net](mailto:stephaniemorgan@bellsouth.net).

In Memoriam  
*Eva Wilson Peden*  
8/31/1916 - 5/16/2010  
*"She that hears my word,  
and believes in him  
that sent me has eternal life."*

**BIRTH**

A son, *William Mason Donlan*, was born to Brian & Lindsey Donlan, on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in Greenville.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Begins May 23, 2010  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
No Church School  
Fellowship time after worship

**PENTECOST OFFERING**

This annual offering taken by Presbyterian churches goes to aid children, youth and young adults. The money helps children at risk both here and abroad. Plus, a portion of the gifts strengthens ministries nurturing the faith of our young people and developing leaders of tomorrow. Twenty percent of the offering is retained by the local church. We invite you to participate in this vital ministry. Envelopes are located in the Harbinger.

**BAPTISM**

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship:

*Edwin Houston Thomas Mills and John Houston Courtney Mills*, sons of Buddy & Leslie Mills and brothers of Grayson.

*Brice Christopher Wiersma*, son of Jeff & Anna Wiersma and brother of Lucas.

**MARRIAGE**

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, *Mollie Hardaway* and *Jay Sprague* were united in marriage at Westminster.

**EVENING**

**NEW-MEMBER CLASS**

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 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., **Wednesday, June 9**, in Room 209. Dinner will be provided and childcare available for those signed up in advance. Participants who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 13, or on any future new-member Sunday. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator at [smclarty@wpc-online.org](mailto:smclarty@wpc-online.org), 864-232-2424, ext. 120.

**PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS**

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org).

**ALL YOUTH**

With the school year coming to an end, we will not have our normal Sunday night youth programs again until August, but we do have a lot of fun activities planned for the summer. You should have already received a summer brochure in the mail with the details. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

**JUNIOR HIGHS**

If you are completing the fifth grade this year, this summer you will be an official member of the Sixers/Jr. High group. Our first event of the summer will be on **Thursday, June 10**. We will go out to lunch and to the movies. We will have the movie and movie time in next week's Harbinger.

**SENIOR HIGHS**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Our trip to the Dominican Republic is just around the corner. If you were not at the cookout to get your packet, contact Steve Phillips to get one. Just a reminder: On **Sunday, June 13** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will be commissioned for our trip.

**SENIOR HIGH**

**INTEREST GROUPS**

The girls will meet for their last breakfast of the school year on **Wednesday, May 26**. The guys will meet on **Friday, May 28**. The last Wednesday night meeting will be **May 26**. Breakfasts are both at **9:15 a.m.** and the Wednesday night study at **7:00 p.m.** Beginning **June 8**, we will meet most Tuesdays for lunch, Bible study and gym time from **11:30 - 1:00 p.m.** See you soon!

**CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS**

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. For more information, go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

• **Movie Group: Sunday, May 23**, at **4:00 p.m.** in Room 209. *Janie Little*, [jrlittle42@aol.com](mailto:jrlittle42@aol.com).

• **Bible Study Group: Sunday, May 23**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the Pavilion. *John Macrae*, [jmacrae126@aol.com](mailto:jmacrae126@aol.com) or 268-6569.

• **Simplifying Life Group: Monday, May 24**, at **7:45 p.m.** at the Starbucks on Fairview Rd. *Angie Coneybeer*, [angie@coneybeer.com](mailto:angie@coneybeer.com) or 281-7859.

• **SEA Group: Wednesday, May 26**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Trey Morrow*, [treyandbeth@charter.net](mailto:treyandbeth@charter.net) or 233-1212.

• **Knitting Group: Wednesday, May 26**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. *Midge Williams*, [momsie10@aol.com](mailto:momsie10@aol.com) or 232-7728.

**NEW MEMBER BBQ SOCIAL**

The New Member Assimilation Committee invites all new members who joined the church in the past 18 months for a fun evening of fellowship on **Sunday, June 6 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Brooks & Ashley Godwin at 16 Gossamer Place, 29607. Watch your mailbox for a special invitation. Regina is preparing BBQ chicken, sides, and dessert plus we will have fun activities for children. There is no charge for the dinner, but we do ask that you RSVP by *June 2* to Susan McLarty at [smclarty@wpc-online.org](mailto:smclarty@wpc-online.org) or 232-2424 ext. 120 so that we can plan appropriately. If you have questions, contact *Nicole Ream*, Chair of New Member Assimilation Committee at [npsascoe@aol.com](mailto:npsascoe@aol.com) or 269-8622.

**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 6 Harbinger**.

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

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**GREAT BOOKS AND COMPELLING VIDEOS**

Ready to read some really good books, watch thought provoking videos and then discuss them with a small group of caring Christians? Then the JustFaith group forming at WPC may be for you. This thirty-week program will begin in September and run throughout the school year to learn more about the Christian call to help those in need in the world. The group of 10-15 committed participants will study, read, pray and reflect together about our call to social justice. If you would like more information, please call *Susan Stall* (430-0637).

**NURSERY CHANGES**

This **Sunday, May 23**, as we change to our summer schedule, our children will "jump up" a grade. At Westminster we run our Sunday School rolls like the ones of the Greenville County schools. They will move to the grade ahead, as long as they will be the correct age by September 1, 2010. This will mostly affect our K-4s who will move up to K-5 and begin attending worship with their parents beginning on May 23. During the service they will then leave for Children's Church at the appointed time.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 23 - 29, 2010

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. After Worship Fellowship  
1:30 p.m. Brownies  
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
4:00 p.m. ChristCare: Movie Group  
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study Group  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch  
5:45 p.m. NAMI  
7:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game  
Rose Society Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

9:15 a.m. Sr. High Girls Breakfast  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group  
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: SEA Group  
7:00 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting

**THURSDAY**

3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop  
4:15 p.m. Daisy Troop  
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meal  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

9:15 a.m. Sr. High Boys Breakfast



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**BE JOYFUL IN GOD**

In Psalm 100 we read:

*"O be joyful in God, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with rejoicing, for the Lord he is God."*

We know that joy empowers, and shared joy empowers further. If our joy is grounded in the Christian faith and we are empowered in the ways of Christ, we have already found a direction as a religious people. And what is this empowerment prompting us to do as individuals and within our communities?

Looking at the life of Jesus, we see that Jesus' joy was being in right relationship with God, and in fulfilling His mission among us as our teacher, friend, and model of the ways in which God would have us live. And Jesus said: *"As my Father hath sent me, so I send you..."*

Joy for the Christian then is found in being loyal to the ministry we have inherited. Our joy is in actively deciding to obey the word of God as demonstrated in the life of Jesus. Thus, both as individuals and as a community of faith, we must continue to seek insight into how Jesus perfected his understanding of God and how he applied that understanding.

Jesus prayed. He prayed often and long -- once for forty days and forty nights. We must accept first that we are called to pray. Then we must seek to learn more about prayer and about how to pray. And all the while, we practice praying.

Jesus also read and knew His Bible. The Old Testament was the guidebook for His every day, and He observed and listened and questioned. Structuring more of our days to include time for religious study and reflection (squeezing from one of the non-essentials) follows the example Christ has given us.

And finally, as Jesus did, we must respond in concrete ways that express our understanding of God:

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*

Matthew 25:35-36

Paraphrasing Acts 20:24, we might offer the following prayer:

*Creator, sustainer and redeemer God, help us so to live that, with joy, we might finish our course embracing the ministry received through Jesus the Christ. Amen.*