

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8, 2009

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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you are curious, and have come to see
If you are weary, and have come to rest
If you are grateful, and have come to share
If you are hurting, and have come for solace
If you are listening, and have come to pray
If you are seeking, and have come for answers
WELCOME*

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE – “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” Buxtehude

** CHORAL INTROIT – “All Who Hunger” Dunstan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In God be glad, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

People: You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance, O God most high.

People: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 481 LLANFAIR
“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs.

*** 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Buddy Puckett

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER FOREST GREEN
“Psalm 18”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.) – “Ain’t Got Time to Die” Dawson

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the anthem.

** HYMN – No. 272 ROEDER
“God of the Sparrow”

** **K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church after the last stanza.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Malachi 3:1-2a, 6-12 (Page 889) Mark Horner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 6:1-15 (Page 97)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“The Secret of Life”

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 (9:00 a.m.) – Rhosymedre Vaughan Williams

** “Jesus Call Us” Patterson

* 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. 414 FOREST GREEN
“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – FOREST GREEN
“O God of Righteousness Divine”

* POSTLUDE – Fanfare on ODE TO JOY arr. Phillips

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

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Ben Rigby
11:15 a.m. Buddy Puckett
SPONSOR: Joe Frasher
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Trey DuBose, Paul O’Neal
Jennifer Keir
11:15 a.m. Tod Hyche, Christopher Carsten
Vernon Anderson

LITURGIST: Dave Carlson

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.

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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, November 8** are:

9:00 a.m. *Tommy & Michele Hill*

11:15 a.m. *Jonathan & Marie Gardner*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are: *Nancy Smith*, organist

9:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Youth Choir

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Julie Poston, clarinetist

IN MEMORIAM

Minnie Greene “Metro” Johnstone

10/12/1915 - 10/29/2009

“He that hears my word, and believes in him that sent me has eternal life.”

BIRTH

A son, *John Houston Courtney Mills*, was born to Buddy & Leslie Mills on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, in Greenville.

NOMINATIONS FOR SESSION

The Nominating Committee will begin the task of nominating Session candidates for the Class of 2013 at their meeting this **Sunday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m.** Committee members include *Gayle Blouin, chair, Tiffany Boggs, Chas Key, Tina Phillips, Gretchen Reed, Susan Robbins, Amanda Sanders* and *Charlie Warth*. If you would like to nominate an individual, please contact any of the committee members *before Sunday, November 8*, with your recommendations.

CSInfo

Creation Stewardship is 100 counter cultural decisions to care for the creation. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 213.** All interested are invited to attend.

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: Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion,** *John Macrae*, *jmacrae126@aol.com* or 268-6569.

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion,** *Midge Williams*, *momsie10@aol.com* or 232-7728.

· **Spirituality Group: Thursday, November 12, 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams,** *courtenayw@charter.net* or 233-7254.

· **Hiking Group: Saturday, November 7,** meet in the WPC parking lot at **8:30 a.m.** *Ron Lawson*, *ronlawson2000@aol.com* or 963-1570.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, November 9, at 7:00 pm** in the Charter Room to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, *An Altar in the World: Finding the Sacred Beneath Our Feet.* *Lucy Stewart* will be the leader. All are welcome.

TNT

TNT will be meeting at the home of *Chas & Susan Key* (619 Carolina Ave.) on **Friday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m.** Please join us as we get together to discuss possible family mission projects and other upcoming events. For more information, call *Lisa Bryant* at 220-6629.

YOUTH YARD SALE

On **Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m.**, the youth of the church will have a yard sale in the green parking lot with the money raised going toward their “A Place for Everyone” campaign pledge of \$16,000. If you have anything you would like to donate, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 to arrange a time to drop it off or have it picked up.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Please mark your calendars for the next Adopt-a-Highway on **Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.** Call *Madeline Freeman* (271-4219) or *Scott Kilgore* (430-0583) for more information.

SENIOR HIGHS

TIME CHANGE... this Sunday November 8, we are going back to our normal time. Combined choir goes from 5-5:45pm followed by dinner, and then at 6:15, we will go up to the Sr. High room to watch a Rob Bell video, make our own game, and then create our own commercials which we will video tape and watch next week. Dinner is paid for with your youth meals, but please sign up by e-mailing michelle@wpc-online.org.

Lock-In and Yard Sale: On Friday, November 13, we will have a lock-in here at the church beginning at 7:00 pm with the hopes of getting things prepared for our Saturday, November 14 yard sale which will begin at 8:00 am. Everything we raise will go toward our building campaign pledge of \$16,000. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGHS

Over the next two Sundays we are on our November Nights schedule which means if you are in choir you will meet in the choir room from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner. If you are coming to dinner, your meal is paid for through your youth group dinners, but please sign up through the church office by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org or website to let us know you are coming. Our program will then follow dinner from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. This Sunday, November 8, we will have our Iron Chef competition with ice cream and other food being prepared. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SIXERS

We are changing our schedule for the next two Sundays because of November Nights. On November 8, and 15, we will meet as follows: all grades of Youth Choir will meet from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Sixers will then eat dinner downstairs, at 6:00 p.m., and have our meeting in our room from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. It will be the same fun activities, only a little later!

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, November 22, in Room 213. 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 Dave Carlson, associate pastor, (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) at 864-232-2424.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Tuesday, November 10

· **Circle #6:** Gretchen Reed, chair, will meet at 8:45 a.m. Call Gretchen at 232-1324 for meeting location.

· **Circle #5:** Ilene Schlacht, chair, will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211. **Bible Study Leader:** Ina Ridgeway **Lesson #3:** Entry Into the Land; **Ministry:** Thornwell Child.

· **Circle #6:** Becky Murphy, chair, will meet at the home of Kay Smith (208 Robin Ln. 29605) at 6:45 p.m. Helping Hostess: Barbara Wallace.

YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

As most of you have heard, our Montreat Youth Conference week is moving to week five, which is July 25-31. We have found a great new house that will allow us all to be together instead of spread over multiple houses 2-3 miles apart, and we have been assured that this is our house for as long as we want it. With this move, our Middle School Mission week will also be moving. Our Middle School Mission week will now be July 12-16. Mark your calendars as we are already looking forward to a great summer ahead. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SPECIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

United Ministries is a site that offers the United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, an IRS-certified program that provides free income tax preparation assistance to individuals and families with a low to moderate income. Many in our community don't have access to affordable tax preparation services or are unaware of programs like Earned Income Tax Credits that could literally put thousands of dollars back in their hands and into our local economy. You can serve as a tax preparer, greeter, or interpreter. For more information, contact Susan McLarty at 232-2424 ext. 120 or smclarty@wpc-online.org or visit our church website.

NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our next two meetings for our new young adult group (aiming at those in their twenties or early thirties) will be Wednesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 18. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sr. High Lounge. Enter through the Entrance Pavilion doors (the four glass doors in main parking lot), take a right and take the elevator to the 3rd floor. If you want to come early for dinner, please sign up by Monday, November 9, by e-mailing michelle@wpc-online.org. If you have any questions about this new group or if you would like to get on our e-mail list please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The web based tool "my wpc" is a great way to have up-to-date contact information for all church members. As phone numbers, email addresses, or your home address change, these updates are automatically available through "my wpc" anywhere you have an internet connection. You can enter changes for yourself or your family as well as the church office adding updates. Family photos from the pictorial directory are available when you search by family. Directions for how to get your user name and password are on the church website home page at www.wpc-online.org or you can contact Susan McLarty with questions at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 8-14, 2009

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service New Member Assimilation Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
3:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting Cub Scouts
3:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsals
5:00 p.m.	November Nights Dinner & Activities
5:45 p.m.	Jr. High & Sixers Groups Sr. High Group Meeting
6:15 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 p.m.	

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells Rehearsal
5:45 p.m.	NAMI
6:30 p.m.	Weekday Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Bible Study Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

8:45 a.m.	PW Circle #6
10:00 a.m.	PW Circle #5
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m.	PW Circle #3 Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
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 JustFaith
6:30 p.m.	"New Group" Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
11:30 a.m.	Girl Scout Training Group
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Training Group ChristCare: Spirituality Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m.	TNT Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Lock-In

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.	Sr. High Yard Sale
8:30 a.m.	ChristCare: Hiking Group
9:00 a.m.	Adopt-a-Highway
10:00 a.m.	Gittings Ministry



When I think of church annual giving, several Bible verses immediately pop into my mind. Then I think: are these Bible verses or are they principles I've been taught since my youth?

Equal sacrifice not equal gifts

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had...." Luke 21:3-4

To whom much is given, much is expected

"...From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required..." Luke 12:48

The Lord loves a cheerful giver

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

It's our human nature to want to make sure our neighbor is doing their fair share. It's also our nature to want to know who has done what, if there was someone who gave a large check to make things work or we might say, "They don't need my help, because they have already raised enough money." Talking about money is very uncomfortable for most of us. Westminster is one place where our giving is private – it's between us and God. In these economic times, it is more important than ever to lean on God to decide how to support the church and its programs. Do we hurriedly complete our commitment card as we rush to church, or do we pray for God to show us how we can save, cut, or stretch our finances so we may joyfully contribute to Westminster what has so graciously been given to us?

In my experience with any type of financial campaign, no program is ever successful without broad community support. Here is where we have to remember the poor widow---are we giving from our abundance or are we truly experiencing sacrificial giving?

In our Presbyterian Women's Circle, we have been studying Joshua. In this study we discussed how we serve God in many different ways--large or small--but it's important to recognize our own inadequacies. While I feel inadequate writing, I feel drawn to encourage you to give because I know our monetary gifts to Westminster are only one small way to thank God for the blessings we have received by being a member of this church.

Some days I wish I were more able to be the life of the party---the one who doesn't worry about how things get done, the one who doesn't feel a sense of responsibility. My parents taught me through word and through action to be dependable, responsible, and honest. They wanted me to be trustworthy with my finances, to "dance with the one who brung you"---as my grandmother would say, to follow through on my word.

Most of us are feeling tight with money in these current times. We don't have to look far ---the evening news, the missions Westminster supports, or even a visit with some of our own neighbors to see we have it made at Westminster. We don't worry if we will eat a nighttime meal or if we will be cold. We know our children will have clothing, and they will receive an education. We are able to care for our elderly and will go to the doctor if we are sick. There may be a few exceptions, but we are the lucky ones.

What better place do we have to give our money than Westminster? Think about how it's spent and who provided for you along the way. We teach, coach, heat, feed, clothe, and more to nurture our members and those around us. So as you consider your commitment to Westminster for 2010, do it cheerfully and prayerfully.

Susan Reed

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