

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25, 2009

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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 – Allegro in D Handel

** CHORAL INTROIT – “Lift High the Cross” Proulx

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear God, on those who hope in God’s steadfast love.

People: Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield. Yea, our hearts are glad because we trust in God’s holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have put our hope in you.

People: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 466 AZMON
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey by faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

*** 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 CARTER HATCH STAFFORD**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Tod Hyche*

** *Stan Reid*

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Psalm 121
“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “O Divine Redeemer” Gounod

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

** HYMN – No. 285 CWM RHONDDA
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Numbers 21:4-9 (Page 139)..... *Valerie Slade*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 3:1-17 (Page 93)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“Born Again – And I Don’t Mean Politically”

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.) – “This Is My Father’s World” arr. Page

** Anthem – “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Wolff

* 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. 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN
“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

*** BENEDICTION**

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Go Out with Joy” Davis

* POSTLUDE – “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Page

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

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Russ Williams
	11:15 a.m.	Will Edwards
SPONSORS:		Amanda Sanders, Gaye Sprague
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Denise Broderick, Joe Frasher
		Jennifer Keir
	11:15 a.m.	Dorothy Dowe, Paul Schutz
		Mary Ashmore
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.

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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, October 25** are:

9:00 a.m. *Roger & Traci Beasley*

11:15 a.m. *Lee & Leeann Carroll*

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

9:00 a.m.

Kathryn Knauer, soprano

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Carter Hatch Stafford*, son of *Asa & Nikki Stafford* and brother of *Whit*.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, *Meghan Nooney* and *Chris Bradley* were united in marriage at Westminster.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Sonny Graves* on the death of his mother, *Margaret Hall Graves James*, on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 in Easley.

TRICK OR TREAT

This **Wednesday, October 28**, we will go to the Westminster Retirement Center for our annual children’s trick or treating. We will eat dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. and we will cross over to the retirement center around 6:15 p.m. If you plan to come just for the trick or treating, please meet us there at 6:15 p.m. If you plan to eat, please sign up by *Monday, October 26*, by emailing the church office at *michelle@wpc-online.org* or by using our website at www.wpc-online.org and go to the “fellowship dinners” link. If you have any questions, please call *Steve Phillips* at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS

The pastor will teach a baptism class on **Sunday, November 1, at 6:30 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.

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. this **Sunday, October 25**, 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.

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.

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:

· **Spirituality Group: Sunday, October 25, 12:30 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, *courtenayw@charter.net* or 233-7254.

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.** in the Entrance Pavilion, *Midge Williams*, *momsie10@aol.com* or 232-7728.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE FOR ADULT DR TRIP

The deadline to ensure your spot on the Adult DR Mission Team is **October 26**, as we need to release reserved airline seats after that date. Any future sign-ups will be subject to additional costs depending on airfares. The trip is scheduled for **January 30-February 6, 2010**. Anyone is able to join the team and there are no special skills required. Service projects include supporting the medical team, proving hygiene education, working on construction, and leading kindergarten activities for our partner schools and churches. Cost of the trip is \$1,400 per person, and there are a limited number of need-based scholarships available. To join the Mission Team or if you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor *Dave Carlson* at *dcarlson@wpc-online.org*, 232-2424, ext. 115. *A \$500 deposit is due by Oct. 26 to the church office.* Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, noting Adult Mission Trip in the memo line.

SENIOR HIGHS

Are you ready for Halloween? On **October 25**, we will begin our night promptly at **6:00 p.m.** watching our movie we made two weeks ago, while we eat dinner, followed by a good old-fashioned scary movie. For those who don't like scary movies, we will have another option next door. Due to the length of these movies, we will finish around 8:00 p.m.

Lock-In: With our yard sale being on Saturday, November 14, we will have a lock-in on the 13th to get ready. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, October 25**, we will watch the movie we made followed by some fun Halloween activities. Try to get there as close to **5:00 p.m.** as possible so we can begin on time. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SIXERS

Join us this **Sunday, October 25**, at **5:00 p.m.** for an evening of Halloween fun! See sights you have never seen before, and get ready for a scary adventure!

THE FLOCK

This **Sunday, October 25**, we will get together at the home of *Trey & Beth Morrow* (407 Cleveland St.) to carve pumpkins and to share dinner. Bring your own pumpkin and we will see you at **3:30 p.m.** If you have any questions about The Flock or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS

The Jr. and Sr. Choristers (grades 1-5) are now preparing for the annual Christmas Musical. All elementary aged children are invited to be a part of this wonderful retelling of the Christmas story. Rehearsals are **each Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:15**, following "It's Elementary!" Joining the Choristers for the program will be the Cherub Choir, ages 4-5. Rehearsals for this group are from **3:30 to 4:00 each Wednesday**. For more information about any of these choirs, please contact Ellie Hammond (elliehammond@bellsouth.net) or Mark Kemp (mkemp@wpc-online.org).

YOUTH YARD SALE

On **Saturday, November 14**, 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.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

We need updated addresses for our college students in order to send out care packages and keep them informed of what is happening at WPC. Please call or email the church with that information. Call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 with any questions.

NOMINATIONS FOR SESSION

The Nominating Committee will begin the task of nominating Session candidates for the Class of 2013 at their meeting on **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.

NEW GROUP

Our next meeting for our new adult group (aiming at those in their twenties or early thirties) will be on **Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.** If you want to come early for dinner, please sign up by *Monday, October 26*, by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Our study will follow dinner in the Senior High Lounge. Please enter through the Entrance Pavilion doors (the four glass doors in the main parking lot), take a right and take the elevator to the third floor. If you have any questions about this new group or if you would like to get on our email list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN THE NURSERY

E-mail communication for the Sunday morning nursery schedule has changed and is now using "my wpc." Once logged in to "my wpc," you will see links under "My Groups" called "Parents of ..." The link will correspond to the room(s) where you have a child or children. There are several options, such as group email, individual email, or view the roster and details about the group. A link to the church website with the current nursery schedule is accessible from the roster page as well as suggestions on how to swap with other parents when there is a conflict. We encourage all parents to go ahead and log in to "my wpc" if you have not already by clicking on the icon from the church website home page at www.wpc-online.org. If you have questions please contact Mark Lindahl at nursery@wpc-online.org or Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org.

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"WILD ABOUT READING"

Westminster Weekday School invites you to our annual Book Fair starting **November 1 and running through November 5, 2009**. Come browse our selection of books for children and adults. We will be open before and after November Nights on November 1. Come do a little Christmas shopping while supporting the Weekday School. 25% of all proceeds come back to the school.

SERVICE OF MEMORY & CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, November 1**, Westminster will gather in worship to remember and celebrate the life and resurrection of loved ones who have died in the past year. Those wishing to make memorial contributions for this service should do so by *Sunday, October 25*. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian and mark "Music Fund." These gifts help to fund special music events throughout the year. Memorials will be listed in the November 1 worship bulletin.

Donor _____
 Donation Amount _____
 In Memory of _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 25-31, 2009

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. New Member Class
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:30 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group
 1:30 p.m. Brownie Troop
 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
 Jr. High & Sixers Groups
 Youth Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High & Sixers Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Group Meeting
 Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
 5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells Rehearsal
 5:45 p.m. NAMI
 7:30 p.m. Rose Society
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
 8:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game
 9:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 p.m. 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
 6:15 p.m. Trick or Treat at Retirement Center
 ChristCare: Knitting Group
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



Growing up in a tiny church in a tiny village is a lesson in responsibility. For one thing, you have a nagging fear that if you don't go to church on Sunday that there will be nobody there. When the grass needs cutting, well, it's your job to cut it. Otherwise, it'll just be taller next week. If someone needs a ride to church, you give them one. You make the calculation of whether you're needed in the choir or the congregation. It's a matter of numbers. Every child plays church league basketball or softball depending on the season. If you can walk, you can usher. Also, you'd better prepare for the Sunday School lesson as there is no one to hide behind in the discussion. Besides, you may end up teaching. It goes without saying that if the offering plate is empty as it passes, it will probably stay empty.

At my little childhood church, participation in its life and work had nothing to do with talent, skill, education, or inclination. Our music director couldn't read music and we had a few profoundly tone-deaf choir members. You brought something to the covered dish dinner whether you could cook or not. Teaching was something at which almost everyone took their turn. We all went to bat at the softball game whether we could hit or not. You knew that if you didn't do it or give it, it probably wasn't getting done or given. That's responsibility.

Westminster is truly amazing in its membership. We are richly blessed with many very talented, skilled, and well-educated people. The more members I get to know, the more I am impressed with the dedication, commitment, and energy that is here. With this embarrassment of human riches, however, comes an excuse that we didn't have in my youth. It's easy to think that here at Westminster someone smarter, sharper, richer, more "suitable" should accept a particular task or give to a particular cause. It's never hard to think of someone in our church that would be better at something than you. It is easy and very tempting to hide.

I noticed something recently while sitting in the new transept one Sunday morning. In the arch behind the minister, there is a brick that has been milled to be more triangular in shape. I assume it was necessary in construction to complete the arch. As far as I can tell, it's the only such brick in the whole church. It's different and a little odd but it has a role to play in the building of our church. So do we all.

Stephen Ridgeway

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NOVEMBER NIGHTS

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CLASSES AVAILABLE

- Bible Study on Mary* (November 1, 8 and 15)
- Discussion of the book Uncommon* written by Tony Dungy (November 1, 8 and 15)
- Caring Classes*
 - Caring for the Spiritual Needs of Older Adults (November 1)
 - A Taste of ChristCare (November 8 and 15)
- Creation Stewardship Movies*
 - “The Story of Stuff” (November 1)
 - “An Inconvenient Truth” (November 8)
 - “The Next Industrial Revolution” (November 15)
- Hands on Christmas*
 - Holiday Decorating with plants (November 1)
 - Holiday Foods (November 8)
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- Pastor’s Baptism Class* (November 1)

MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- November 1:** Visit the Weekday School Book Fair
- November 8:** A Cake Walk, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women, to raise money for the college scholarship fund
- November 15:** Displays will show alternative Christmas Giving items

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Dinner for All 5:45 p.m.
- Senior Highs (grades 9-12) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal (grades 6-12) 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
- Jr. Highs & Sixers (grades 6-8) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

Each week our Elementary children can choose one of the following options: a gift making workshop, time in the computer lab, or fun and games in the gym.

PRESCHOOLACTIVITIES

Each week our preschoolers will have crafts and stories about fall, Thanksgiving and the Christmas story.
K4-K5 in Room 207
K2-K3 in Room 206

NURSERY

Nurseries will be provided each week for children not yet in K2.

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November 1 at 5:45 p.m.

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