

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4, 2009
9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

World Communion Sunday
Eighteenth 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 – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Jones
** CHORAL INTROIT – “Surely” Langston
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

People: Shall I come with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Leader: God shows you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 150 MADRID
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander your mercy when we abuse your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not your peace. Nations rise up against nations, and threats of war fill the air. Those without work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ had compassion on all those who suffered. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters.

* 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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER – Cloninger
“If My People’s Hearts are Humbled”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 28:10-17 (Page 25)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 1:43-51 (Page 92)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“Come and See”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Anthem – “Come, Ye Disconsolate” Johnson

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Assembling of the Elders

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Partaking of the Elements

(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN – No. 357 MARYTON
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Amen” Lutkin

* POSTLUDE – “Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise” Pachelbel

* 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

SPONSOR: Joan Herlong

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Christine Edmondson, Gaye Sprague
Gayle Blouin

11:15 a.m. Tim Madden, Wes Bryant

Tina Phillips

LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

The Lord’s Table is 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, October 4 are:

9:00 a.m. Lee & Harriet Gray

11:15 a.m. Hank & Amanda Sanders

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

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, October 4. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately following both worship services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Joda Higgins at 979-1486.

“my wpc” Mobile

Did you know "my wpc" is available on your cellular phone or mobile device? Provided you're in a location that has mobile Internet access, you'll have access to an up to date church directory and events right at your fingertips without needing your computer. To get started, create your log in and password from the link to "my wpc" on the church website at www.wpc-online.org home page or visit the link <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=94965>. If you already have a user name and password for "my wpc" select the link for the mobile download information. There are no fees for this application. If you have any questions please contact Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room to discuss the book *Faith Beyond Despair: Building Hope in the Holy Land* by Elias Chacour. Alan Elmore will be the evening’s leader. Several area Palestinian Christians will be our guests at this meeting. All are welcome.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

This Sunday, October 4, we will be taking our annual Peacemaking Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster going to peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship books.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship: Thayer Fleming Brown, 125 Conestee Ave., 29605, 421-0902. Thayer comes by transfer from Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville. Thayer is married to member, Tom Brown.

David & Mary Frances Hartman, 321 Longview Terr., 29605, 271-7677. David comes by reaffirmation of faith. Mary Frances comes by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville.

Anne Maree Pressley, 1 Ottaway Dr., 29605, 421-9704, comes to us by transfer from Zion Presbyterian, Chester, SC.

Josh & Lauren Roach, 30 Augusta Ct., 29605, 293-6565, come to us by reaffirmation of faith.

Charles & Lisa Williams, 102 Faris Cir., 29605, 232-9989, come to us by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville, with their son, Hank (8 mos.) joining his brother, Connor (9).

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 and click on *Connect* and then *Small Groups*.

This week:

· Parenting Group: Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 p.m., Ben Rigby, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

· Spirituality Group: Thursday, October 8, 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CIRCLES

Sunday, October 4

• Circle #7: Talitha Allen, chair, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

We will be awarding Bibles to our third graders during the 11:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 11. Please plan now to join us on this important date.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SENIOR HIGHS

Let the games begin. This **Sunday, October 4**, we will take to the field for round two of Marshmallow Wars. Wear clothes suitable for battle and we will see you at **6:00 p.m.** in the Sr. High room for dinner. Next **Sunday, October 11**, we will make our horror movies. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Each year we offer a Confirmation Class for anyone in the 9th grade or older. Our first meeting is **October 4 at 9:00 a.m.** in the room next to the Sr. High lounge. Please contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop (bstoop@wpc-online.org) for more information or if you have not yet signed up.

JUNIOR HIGHS

Bring your tennis shoes because this **Sunday, October 4**, we are going to the gym for Dodgeball, Kickball, Basketball and so on. For those not wanting to go to the gym, we will open the Sr. High room for Wii. We'll see you at **5:00 p.m.** If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SIXERS

The Sixers, our youth group for those in the sixth grade, will head to the Computer Lab this **Sunday, October 4, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**, as we begin a unit learning about hunger in the world. The following **Sunday, October 11**, we will bring canned food and go on a canned food search with the food being donated to the United Ministries Food Pantry. Again, our meeting is from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir is from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. for those interested.

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY LUNCH

October 11, following the 11:15 a.m. service

Please join your church family for an all-church lunch on October 11! The menu will be fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, corn muffins and dessert. 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 end Wednesday, October 7.*

Name: _____
 Adults (\$6.50) _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00 _____
 Nursery # in Crib: _____ # in Crawler _____ # in Toddler _____

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Our Director of Hospitality, Regina McMahan, will be cooking dinners for us each Sunday night again this year. This means that parents do not need to sign up and prepare meals, but we are asking for a \$100 donation per youth to help cover the cost of the meals. This will take care of the entire year, including November Nights. As always, there is financial help available for anyone who needs it. You can pay in the church office during the week. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

THE FLOCK

Join us on **Tuesday, October 6**, for our study led by *Tiffany & Bozzie Boggs*. If you are coming for dinner, please sign up by email at michelle@wpc-online.org by *Sunday, October 4*. We will see you in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 p.m.** If you are just coming for the study, we will see you in the Sr. High Lounge at **6:30 pm**. Either way, you can enter through the bridge entrance on the back side of the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions about The Flock or if you would like to get on our e-mail list, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

NEW GROUP

Our new young adult group (aiming at those in their twenties or early thirties) will have its first official meeting on **Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 pm** in the Sr. High Lounge. Please enter through the glass door across the bridge on the back side of the gym. At this first meeting, we will introduce ourselves then watch a Rob Bell video called "Rain" and have a group discussion. 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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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 October 4 - 10, 2009**

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 W&S Committee Meeting
 Confirmation Class
 9:15 a.m. PW Board Meeting
 9:50 a.m. Health Ministry
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Health Ministry
 12:30 p.m. PW Circle #7
 1:30 p.m. Brownies
 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
 Jr. High & Sixers Groups
 Youth Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High & Sixers Choir
 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal
 Sr. High Group Meeting
 Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
 9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 5:30 p.m. Uplift
 5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells
 Rehearsal
 5:45 p.m. NAMI
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
 9:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Girl Scout Leader Training
 12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee
 Meeting
 AI-Anon
 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 6:00 p.m. The Flock
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. ADK

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
 6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting
 Group
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

10:30 p.m. Gittings Ministry



Lud's sermon last week was titled "What Does God Look Like?" As I sat listening to his sermon I began wondering how I would respond to this question; how my children would respond; how others would respond. So, I decided to do a little research. I started with my children.

I called my ten year old son, Tres, into the room and asked him, "What does God look like?" He responded immediately, "Jesus". He then said, "That is what he [Lud] said. Were you trying to figure out if I was listening in church today?" I laughed and then told him that I just wanted to know what he thought. Tres then responded, "I have no idea what he looks like."

I then called my seven year old daughter, Morgan, into the room and asked her the same question. She said, "He has a robe on like most of the people. He has brown hair and he may have a beard. He wears sandals."

I decided to do a little research on the internet. I typed in "God's appearance" into a song lyric site and got 448 hits, so I started reading through the lyrics. The one that most jumped out at me was "That's What God Looks Like to Me" sung by Frank Sinatra.

*One day as I walked with my son hand in hand,
 He said, there are things I don't understand.
 How high is the sky? What makes it so blue?
 And tell me, dad, what does God look like to you?
 I said, He looks like the rainbow, just after the rain.
 He's as golden as wheat dancing over the plain.
 He looks like the star when the night's crystal clear,
 He looks like baby when mother is near.
 His face is the moonlight reflected on snow,
 His hair like a garden where all flowers grow,
 His heavenly eyes are as true as the sea,
 My son, that's what God really looks like.
 His heart like a mountain so vast and so strong,
 That's why all of his children have room to belong.
 His smile is the morning we waken to see
 But you, my son, you are what God really looks like to me.*

So what does God look like to me? Many things. I share my daughter's thoughts of flowing robes and sandals that she has obviously seen in pictures; my son's thought of "I have no idea;" and Frank Sinatra's thoughts of the glorious aspects of nature and his beautiful child. Which brings up my last thought, can God look like love, truth, wisdom, and generosity? Because that's what God really looks like to me.

Susan Key