

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

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

*Fifteenth 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 – Fanfare in D..... Soler  
\*\* CHORAL INTROIT – “Surely” ..... Langston  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.

**People: Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; let your good spirit lead me on level ground.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 447 ..... LANCASHIRE  
“Lead On, O King Eternal”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**O God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life’s journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception.**

\* 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 *MADLINE EVANS BARKER* AND *ANNA PARKS LEONARD*

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
MINUTES FOR MISSION ..... *Frank Dimmock*

..... *Neil Shurley/Trey DuBose*

\*\* CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER – “Be Still” ..... Nelson  
MORNING PRAYERS  
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SOLO – The Shepherd Psalm ..... Carter

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Exodus 3:13-20 (Page 50) *Ginger Mauney*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 8:28-39 (Page 158)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*

“Are We Predestined For Heaven or Hell?”

**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 – “God So Loved the World” ..... Nygard

\* 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. 442 ..... AURELIA  
“The Church’s One Foundation”

\* BENECTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE – Gaelic Benediction ..... Ulrich

\* POSTLUDE – “God of Grace and God of Glory” ..... arr. Thomas

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

**HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bubba Puntch  
11:15 a.m. Dick Stewart

**SPONSOR:** Christine Edmondson

**GREETERS:** 9:00 a.m. Gaye Sprague, Trey DuBose  
Cathy Bailey

11:15 a.m. Trey Morrow, Rob Morgan  
Will Quinn

**LITURGIST:** Jean Weaver

*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, September 13** are:

9:00 a.m. *Scott & Denise*

*Broderick*

11:15 a.m. *Bill & Kelly Taylor*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith*, pianist

*Alexandra Mauney*, soprano

11:15

*Sanctuary Choir*

This Sunday we are pleased to have Frank Dimmock, one of our longtime missionaries in Africa visiting. Frank & Nancy Dimmock have been under appointment as PC(USA) missionaries since June 1, 1985 and Westminster has supported them for over 23 years. The Dimmocks' latest appointment, which began in August 2007, is to Lesotho, where Frank serves as PC(USA)'s Africa Health Liaison. Frank and Nancy are both graduates of North Carolina State University and are parents of eight children. Frank is speaking at 10 a.m. in a Sunday School class (room 213) and giving a Minute for Mission in worship. We look forward to his insight and inspiring update of how the Presbyterian Church is working in African missions. Visit the mission page at <http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/dimmockf.htm> to learn more about the Dimmocks.

**BAPTISM**

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship:

*Madeline Evans Barker*, daughter of Jacob & Rita Barker.

*Anna Parks Leonard*, daughter of Lindsey & Parks Leonard, and sister of Logan.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CIRCLE**

**Sunday, September 13**  
· **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.

**PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS**

The pastor will teach a baptism class this **Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 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.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP**

Centering Prayer will meet in Room 213 from 6:00-6:50 p.m. this **Sunday, September 13**. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. If you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, [dcarlson@wpc-online.org](mailto:dcarlson@wpc-online.org).

**YOUTH PARENT NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER**

This **Sunday, September 13**, our youth programs will begin with our Annual Parent Night. The Junior Highs and Sixers will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with choir from 6:30-7:15 p.m. And our Senior Highs will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with choir from 5:00-5:45 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., we would like to invite all parents and youth to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a spaghetti dinner. The cost of dinner is \$3.

**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Barbara Von Hofe and Kathryn Algary will lead the discussion of the book, The End of Memory: Remembering in a Violent World by Miroslav Volf. Dr. Volf is this fall’s Heritage Lecturer and will speak at Westminster on Sunday, September 20. We invite you to join us.

**CSInfo**

**Tip:** *With Fall schedules back in force, make the effort to avoid unnecessary driving by consolidating trips and combining multiple errands.*

The next meeting of Creation Stewardship will be this **Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 213. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**SIXERS**

“Sixers” is the name of our special youth group for sixth graders. We meet on Sunday nights from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the 300 hall on the youth floor of the church. We ask parents and youth to come to our first meeting this **Sunday, September 13**. At that meeting you will meet the advisors, help us plan out the year, and find out about upcoming events. Also, mark your calendars for **September 25 – 27**. We will go on a start of the year retreat at camp Awanita. Call your friends, and plan now to join us!

**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:

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion,** *John Macrae,* [jmacrae126@aol.com](mailto:jmacrae126@aol.com) or 268-6569.

· **Luncheon Group: Wednesday, September 16, 12:00 p.m.,** *Dot Elmore,* [dotelmore@bellsouth.net](mailto:dotelmore@bellsouth.net) or 286-0036.

· **Knitting Group: Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.,** *Midge Williams,* [momsie10@aol.com](mailto:momsie10@aol.com) or 232-7728.

· **Hiking Group: Thursday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.,** *Ron Lawson,* [ronlawson2000@aol.com](mailto:ronlawson2000@aol.com) or 963-1570.

**DINE WITH NINE**

**October 2009-January 2010**

Sharing a meal is one of the best ways to establish and renew relationships with members of the Westminster church community. "Dine with Nine" is nine (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three dinners on an evening convenient to the group.

To sign up, return this form to the church office or call/email the church office (232-2424, [wendy@wpc-online.org](mailto:wendy@wpc-online.org)) with the requested information. The deadline to sign up is September 21, 2009.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate yes or no:

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of nine or so people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in a "Singles" group (if available).

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

As youth Sunday School starts up, at 10:00 am, this **Sunday, September 13**, we will be using a new Presbyterian curriculum which is based on our new catechisms. These Presbyterian catechisms are learning tools which ask and answer questions of faith. In our Sunday classes, Bible stories will be used to examine some of these questions. Those who are in the K2, K3, and K4 classes will use “Wee Believe Toddler,” and “Wee Believe Preschool,” which come quarterly, and have take home pages for parents. Children in K5 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will go down to the Elementary floor and use “We Believe: Workshop,” a curriculum where they move to a new classroom each week to study catechism questions through the Bible story using art, audio-visuals, games and puzzles, drama and storytelling, music & worship, computers and more. Up on the 300 youth wing of the church we will have a new combined class for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and another combined class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They will be using the We Believe book called “FAQ: Faithfully Asking Questions.” Youth in grades 9 – 12 will meet in the Senior High Room and be using various studies. A great line up of adult classes begins that morning as well. Plan now to join us!

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**YOUTH KICK-OFF RETREATS**

**SENIOR HIGHS**

On **September 18-20**, we will be going to Camp Fellowship to kick off our year right. If you can't come up for the whole weekend, you can join us for one night. The cost for two nights is \$70. The cost for one night is \$45. Please sign up by calling the church office 232-2424 asap.

**JUNIOR HIGH AND SIXERS**

Let's go to Awanita! On **September 25-27**, we will be going to the mountains for our kick-off retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$140. Please sign up by calling the church office 232-2424 asap.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
September 13 - 19, 2009**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:30 p.m. PW Circle 7  
 1:30 p.m. Brownies  
 Girl Scouts  
 Baptism Class  
 Sr. High Choir Rehearsal  
 Jr. High & Sixers Parent Night  
 6:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting  
 Dinner for all Youth & Parents  
 Centering Prayer Group  
 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sixers Choir Rehearsal  
 Sr. High Parent Night  
 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

5:15 p.m. NAMI  
 5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. ChristCare: Bible Study  
 Theology Reading Group  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
 8:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

**TUESDAY**

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. DAR

**WEDNESDAY**

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. ChristCare: Luncheon Group  
 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. New Group Planning Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group  
 ChristCare: Knitting Group  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop  
 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Training Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Hiking Group  
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch  
 6:00 p.m. Sr. Highs to Camp Fellowship (*thru Sunday*)



**Teaching Parents Well**

It is tough being a kid these days.

Our culture places mind-numbing demands on our children. The same culture demands that we parents hold our children to standards we could never imagine in our youth. They are expected to compete in a world far less certain and far more daunting than we ever had to confront.

With the heavy burdens our children face, do we sometimes wonder whether we are pushing too hard on moral and ethical issues? "Maybe I should go a little easier. Maybe I shouldn't try to tell them how to live their lives."

But is such a hands-off approach really fair to our children? We know that a life lived without restraint is one destined for pain and futility. We have learned this from observation and experience. And we want to spare our children the disappointment that flows from a life without limits or principles.

Yet, as we are so painfully aware, we are weak and imperfect. How do we have standing to counsel our children on how to live good and decent lives when we are so flawed? And where will we find the wisdom?

God will give us that wisdom, and tells us where to start. Our Father sets the example by publicly honoring His Son (e.g., Matthew 3:17; 17:5). Jesus himself preaches of his relationship with the Father ("For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that He is doing." John 5:23) - a relationship of mutual respect and honor.

Do we treat our children with a dignity due someone made in the image of God? Or do we need to learn more about encouraging and even correcting in a way that conveys love and maintains self-esteem? I know that I have much to learn.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians gives guidance as well: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

So that's it. We are to honor our children and, with God supplying what we lack, we can teach them well. Perfection will not be required - just our best shot. With our words and by example, we can help our children in their struggles with the foes of righteousness, and the sin that would so easily entangle them. If we learn to teach them with honor, perhaps the path they walk will be straighter than the one we have taken.

*Phillip Kilgore*

**Prayer:** *Lord, please give me the wisdom and strength to help my child grow in grace, compassion and love. Let me not hold too tightly, nor neglect my responsibilities. Help me to understand the balance. Let my child be raised for the glory of Your name and be a living testimony to Your faithfulness. Amen.*

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