

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 2009

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

Sixteenth 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 – Processional Shaw

** CHORAL INTROIT – “Lauda Anima” Goss

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 138 NICAIA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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 *David Rutledge*

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER – “O Lord, Our God” Este

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “Alleluia” Mozart

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

** HYMN – No. 251 WINCHESTER NEW

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 8 (Page 492) *Sam White, Jr.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 11:33-36 (Page 161)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Miroslav Volf

“Dancing for God”

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

Solo (9:00 a.m.) – “Simple Gifts” Walters

** Anthem – “And the Father Will Dance” Hayes

* 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. 288 ELLACOMBE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Grace, Love, and Peace Abide” Sims

* POSTLUDE – “The God of Abraham Praise” arr. Burkhardt

* *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: Howard Boyd

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Christine Edmondson, Chris Beard

Ben Alexander

11:15 a.m. Claude Cheatham, Mary Ashmore

Suzanne Meece

LITURGIST: Ludwig Weaver

*Following the 11:15 a.m. worship service,
visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium
for a reception to welcome Dr. Volf.*

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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 20** are:

9:00 a.m. *Neil & Jennifer Shurley*

11:15 a.m. *Kenya Taylor
and Amy Phillips*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, pianist
9:00 a.m.*

*Emily Sweezey, soprano
11:15*

Sanctuary Choir

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Jesse Stafford* on the death of his father, *Kenneth Walter Stafford, Jr.*, on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in Mobile, AL.

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, September 23, 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.

SMALL-GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

A training course is scheduled to begin the evening of **October 6** for our second class of ChristCare Small-Group Leaders. If you are interested in learning more about the training course or Westminster’s small-group ministry, please contact *Trey Morrow*, 414-1488, treyandbeth@charter.net, or Associate Pastor *Dave Carlson* at 232-2424, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

FLU VACCINES

Westminster’s Health Ministry Committee is partnering with Passport Health again this year, on **September 23** from **1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in room 211**, to offer flu and pneumonia vaccinations. This year Medicare is covered but no other insurances are accepted. The following vaccines will be available, \$25 for flu shot, \$30 for preservative free, \$35 for flu mist, and \$60 for pneumonia. For Medicare payment bring your Medicare card and proof of SC residency. Cash or check is due for all other immunizations at the time of service. A sign up sheet will be in the church office until September 21 or you can come between 1 - 5 p.m. on September 23. Please enter the building at the double glass doors from the Augusta Road parking area.

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 8:45-10:30 a.m. **Sunday, September 27**, 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.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN

It is time for children and youth to sign up for church league basketball. If you are a returning player, please contact your coach from last year. **NEW PLAYERS** call *Tommy Miller* at 230-1570 or call the church office at 232-2424. Those interested in coaching or being a score coordinator may also call *Tommy*. *Sign-up deadline for players is September 25.*

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SENIOR HIGHS

On **September 18-20**, we will be going to Camp Fellowship for our Fall Retreat. We will leave the church parking lot on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and we will return on Sunday by 11:00 a.m. for worship. Bedding is provided. Bring clothes for the weekend including clothes for worship Sunday morning and any personal items you might need. We will not be meeting for Sr. Highs on the 20th, but we hope you join us for dinner and to listen to our Heritage Lecturer, Miroslav Volf, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will be back on our normal schedule on September 27th. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGH AND SIXERS

This **Sunday, September 20**, we will be competing in some fun group challenges. We hope to see you at 5:00 p.m. Next weekend, **September 25-27**, we will go to Awanita for our Fall Retreat. There is still space available. The cost is \$140. Sign up by calling the church office 232-2424 asap.

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. In order to help Regina plan our meals, please give us some ideas of what you want her to make. If you have any questions or to help us plan the menu, please call or email Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or sphillips@wpc-online.org.

THE FLOCK

The Flock is moving days! Beginning **September 22**, the Flock will meet every other Tuesday for our studies. Dinner will be served at **6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, and our study will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the Sr. High Lounge. If you plan on joining us for dinner, please e-mail the church office (michelle@wpc-online.org) by **Sunday, September 20**. 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. We invite you to join us.

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) with the requested information. A sign-up table will be in the Friendship Court. *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).

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2010

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Christine Edmondson	Paul O'Neal
Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyché
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
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Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
September 20-26, 2009

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Membership Committee Meeting
 New Parent Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Reception in Sanctuary Atrium
 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
 Jr. High & Sixers Group Meetings
 6:00 p.m. Church Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Jr. High & Sixers Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
 9:15 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells Rehearsal
 5:45 p.m. NAMI
 6:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
 8:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 6:00 p.m. The Flock
 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Flu Shots (thru 5:00 p.m.)
 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
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 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 Meetings
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Moms In Touch
 6:00 p.m. Jr. Highs & Sixers to Awanita (thru 27th)



- ◇ "There are three things I always forget. Names, faces, and - the third I can't remember." Italo Svevo (1861 - 1928) Italian novelist.
- ◇ "My presence of mind is frequently absent." Rain Bojangles (1984-) Cherokee Artist.
- ◇ "Did you ever stop to think, and forget to start again?" A. A. Milne (1882-1956) English Author (best known for Winnie-the-Pooh)
- ◇ "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Isaiah 4:25
- ◇ "The Lord remembers us and will bless us..." Psalm 115:12a

Fourth and Final Codger Lesson

Codger-An often mildly eccentric and usually elderly fellow.- Webster

Codger-Someone who finds it harder and harder to remember not to forget.- Will Quinn

As I entered into the age where "codgerdom" struck without warning, I realized that if by some chance I had a half decent thought, I must write it down immediately. Otherwise, the thought vanishes, likely never to resurface. At work I always have a notebook with me and a notepad stays by my side at home.

Case in point: Hours were spent this weekend past developing several different themes for the final Codger Lesson. By last night I had four possible "lessons" one-half to two-thirds completed and wasn't really sold on any of them. As I flipped another page in my pad I found the below. What is frightening, at least to me (and likely Nancy as well), I have absolutely no recollection of writing this---none---zero. No idea of when or where or even why. I'm only taking credit (or blame) because the handwriting is mine.

The Top Ten Reasons I Believe in God

(Not in any particular order except for #1)

- #10 Labrador Retrievers.
- #9 The Florida Keys.
- #8 I've never come home and found that Nancy had changed the locks.
- #7 Rainbows.
- #6 Hummingbirds can fly backwards.
- #5 Hugs.
- #4 Woody and Liza still like to spend time with me.
- #3 The smell of a wood fire.
- #2 Falling stars.

And,

- #1 Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
 God bless us all. Amen!

Will Quinn, Codger Emeritus

"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." - Christopher Robin to Pooh, A. A. Milne

THE HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

Dr. Miroslav Volf



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