

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2009

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In this place where Your Name, O God, is above every name, where Your truth is sought and Your faith cherished, grant Your blessing upon all who worship You in sincerity and truth. Here may the weary find rest; the lonely, friendship; the saddened, comfort; the fearful, courage; the discouraged, hope; the weak, strength; the strong, discipline; and all of us the reassurance of Your forgiving and empowering mercy, and the desire and opportunity to invest our lives for the good of all people and the glory of God.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE – “Let All Praise the Lord” Karg-Elert

CHORAL INTROIT (9:00 a.m.) – “Shout to the Lord” Zschech

** “God, Whose Love is Reigning o’er Us” Grove

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My soul magnifies the Sovereign One.

People: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: For God who is mighty has done great things for me.

People: And holy is God’s name.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 263 ST. DENIO

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of the covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good tidings. The brokenhearted would have their wounds bound. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ’s call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name.

* 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 ANNA CATHERINE PUNTCH (9:00 A.M.)

** **BAPTISM OF HARRINGTON VANN WILLIAMS**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Becky Murphy and Kathryn Freedman*

** CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER – “Through Our Lives” Iona

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

DUET (9:00 a.m.) – “The Word” Card

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

** HYMN – No. 442 AURELIA

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 1:1-5 (Page 1) *Cris Crain*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 1:1-14 (Page 91)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“What Does God Look Like?”

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

Anthem – “The Word Was God” Powell

* 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. 388 ANGEL’S STORY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

* BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Smith

* *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

SPONSORS: 9:00 a.m. Bubba Puntch

11:15 a.m. Gaye Sprague, Jim Gettys

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Paul O’Neal, Amanda Sanders,

Paul Schultz

11:15 a.m. Dorothy Dowe, Amy Grace

Tod Hyche

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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 27** are:

9:00 a.m. *John & Molly Dunlap*

11:15 a.m. *Ben & Cathy Alexander*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
9:00 a.m.

Emily Sweezey, soprano

Judy McKenney, alto

Jr. & Sr. Choristers

11:15

Sanctuary Choir

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship:

Anna Catherine Puntch, daughter of Bryant & Cara Puntch.

Harrington Vann Williams, son of Charles & Lisa Williams and brother of Connor.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Deaver Clark
4/26/1920 - 9/20/2009

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

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Jeff Dumpert* on the death of his father, Robert Dumpert, on Monday, September 21, 2009 in Spartanburg.

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.

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, 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.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Centering Prayer will meet in Room 213 from **12:00-12:50 p.m. on Friday, October 2**. 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.

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:

· **Spirituality Group: Sunday, September 27, 12:30 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

· **Bible Study Group: Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion, Bob Macrae**, jmacrae126@aol.com or 268-6569.

· **Knitting Group: Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. in Room 212, Midge Williams**, momsie10@aol.com or 232-7728.

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SENIOR HIGHS

Can you make a bridge out of popsicle sticks that can support ten books? Can you put a brick and an egg in a shoe box and drop it out of the window without the egg breaking? On **Sunday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sr. High room, we'll find out who is up for the challenge. See you then. If you have any questions about the Sr. High group, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

JUNIOR HIGH & SIXERS

Let's go to the mountains! On **September 25-27**, we are going to Awanita for our Fall Retreat. There is still space available. The cost is \$140. Sign up by calling the church office 232-2424. We will leave on Friday at 6:00 p.m. from the church and return by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in time for worship. You need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, money for dinner on the way, and any personal items that you might need. Because of our retreat, we will not be meeting for Jr. Highs or Sixers on Sunday night. Youth Choir for all ages will still meet at **5:00 p.m.** in the downstairs choir room. If you have any questions about the Jr. High group, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269. For questions regarding Sixers call Barbara Stoop at 232-2424 or 313-6956.

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will rehearse **Tuesday, September 29**, as well as **October 6 from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.**, to prepare to sing in 9:00 a.m. worship on October 11. This choir sings once each month after two rehearsals and is open to anyone that enjoys singing and wants to be part of an energetic and enjoyable choir. Find more information, as well as the extended rehearsal schedule, at wpc-online.org.

YOUTH CHOIR

All Youth Choirs will be meeting together this **Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m.** in the downstairs choir room. For those of you that do not have youth group meetings following rehearsal, please arrange to be picked up by 6:00 p.m.

ADULT TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Adult Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic is scheduled for **January 30-February 6, 2010**. You are invited to be a part of the 2010 Mission Team as we work with the people living in the bateys to improve their quality of life. Anyone is able to join the team and there are no special skills required, as we bring Christian hospitality, basic medical care, hygiene education, and kindergarten activities to our partner schools and churches. Cost of the trip is \$1400.00 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 October 26 to the church office.* Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, noting Adult Mission Trip in the memo line.

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THE SESSION The Class of 2010

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Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyche
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
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Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

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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 27-October 3, 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
12:15 p.m.	Reception in Sanctuary Atrium
12:30 p.m.	ChristCare: Spirituality Group
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells Rehearsal
5:45 p.m.	NAMI
6:30 p.m.	Men's Softball Game
7:00 p.m.	ChristCare: Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m.	Rose Society Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.	AI-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	ChristCare: Knitting Group
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
6:30 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
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer
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John 1:14

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

Scott and I joined the church sixteen years ago (don't you feel old Lud?). Due to residency and fellowship taking each of us out of state, we attended Westminster when we could. Once we FINALLY completed our medical training, we were able to move back to Greenville together to "start our lives." It took us a while to get to know people, and we gradually became more involved in the church. Then we had children which immediately put us in a different category of involvement. We have met some amazing people through the years and have become much more involved in the life of the church. However, we were never really out of our "comfort zone."

This year we joined a Christ Care group and are definitely testing the boundaries of our comfort zone. We are getting to know a small group of people in our church we may never have had the pleasure of meeting had it not been for our church forming the Christ Care groups. We are sharing and discussing our faith on a very personal level and thus growing in our faith journey with our fellow Christ Care group members. We are studying the Word of God on a different level than I have ever done in the past. As I read John 1:14, I began to realize that our small groups and our church as a whole are demonstrating the grace and truth of God's Word every day, touching the lives of so many people both within our church and throughout the world.

Denise Broderick