

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth 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 – “The Peace May be Exchanged” Locklair
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

People: We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Leader: Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

People: We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Leader: Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

People: We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Leader: Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

People: We trust in God, who endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 144 HYFRYDOL
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we’ve allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus’ sake.

* 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 *Chris Beard*

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SOLO – “The Summons” *Bell*

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

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Page 604)

Carl Muller

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – James 2:1-13 (Page 229)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Dave Carlson

“The Law of Liberty”

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 – “Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal” Southern Harmony

* 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. 339 SLANE

“Be Thou My Vision”

* BENEDECTION

* POSTLUDE – Hyfrydol from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes
Vaughan Williams

* *All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Charles Edmondson

SPONSOR: Tod Hyché

GREETERS: Wes Bryant, Denise Broderick,

Christine Edmondson

LITURGIST: Barbara Stoop

Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service 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 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.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 6** at 10:00 a.m. are:

Michael & Allison Freeland

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Greg Campbell, guest organist
Judy McKenney, alto*

BIRTH

A daughter, *Alexis Barron Murray*, was born to Pete & Lauren Murray, on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, in Greenville.

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, scorekeeping or being a score coordinator may also call Tommy. There will be a meeting for new and returning coaches on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion. *Sign-up deadline for players is September 25.*

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, September 6**. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Joda Higgins* at 979-1486.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Our schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. will continue through this Sunday, September 6. Beginning on **Sunday, September 13**, we will return to two services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.) with Church School at 10:00 a.m.

REBUILDING WHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP ENDS

“Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends” will be the title of a support group beginning this fall at Westminster for people who are separated or divorced. The classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 9**, in Room 210. You are welcome to join us for dinner at the church at 6:00 p.m., or just come for the group, which will last from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The group itself and childcare are free, but there is a charge for the dinners of \$6.50 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Church and non-church members are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office, or for more information, contact Associate Pastor Barbara Stoop at 232-2424 or at bstoop@wpc-online.org.

FAITHPOINT NCD

FaithPoint NCD would like to invite all of the Foothills Presbyterian Churches to send two representatives to the opening worship and celebration on **Sunday, September 13, 2009**. They will be gathering together for worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Brashier Middle College Charter High School (1830 W. Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC, 29680), followed by a celebration lunch on the grounds of the FaithPoint House (1713 W. Georgia Road). Come out and be part of an exciting start to a new church in the presbytery. If you would like to represent Westminster Presbyterian Church at this celebration, please contact Ludwig Weaver at 232-2424.

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.

YOUTH PARENT NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

On **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. Please sign up by *Wednesday, September 9*, by calling or emailing the church office or via the website. The cost of dinner is \$3.

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, **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!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

As youth Sunday School starts up, at 10:00 am, on **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 – 4th 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, audiovisuals, 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 5th and 6th graders and another combined class for 7th and 8th 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!

NEW GROUP COMING SOON

If you are a young adult (around 18-30), single or married, and looking for an opportunity to get involved, we are starting a new group just for you. On **Wednesday, September 16**, we invite you to join us for dinner which will begin being served in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., we will discuss what we might want this group to be and do. Think about how often you want to meet, what day of the week, what you want these meetings to consist of: studies, social gatherings, both? Bring all your ideas to help us build this group. To sign up for dinner, please call or e-mail the church office or sign up on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
September 6 - 12, 2009

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. W&S Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Health Ministry
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY
*Church Office Closed/
Weekday School Closed*
5:45 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
8:45 a.m. PW Circle 6
10:00 a.m. PW Circle 5
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m. PW Circle 3
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. TNT
ChristCare: Parenting Group
Divorce Support Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. Gittings Ministry

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. 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).



According to The Department of Labor, Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American worker. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. This year has been tough economically and we may ask ourselves what have we accomplished or what can we be thankful for? We dedicated our renovated sanctuary last Sunday. We may have been worshiping in it since April, but during the dedication I sat in the pew and thought "Wow, look at this place, truly God has blessed our church."

Labor Day is also a reminder that summer is coming to a close and the new school year is upon us. A time to get excited about the many activities that are available to us, Youth Groups, "It's Elementary!", TNT, The Flock, ChristCare Groups, Stephen Ministry, new Sunday School classes, new groups forming in the fall, plus many other opportunities, as well as the Discipleship Campaign.

Just sitting in the renovated sanctuary seems to bring us closer to God. This time last year our sanctuary was unrecognizable. We have a lot to be thankful for and by looking at the renovations, to not only the sanctuary but other parts of the church, we have accomplished much.

Labor Day, like the Sabbath, is traditionally a day of rest from our labor. Jesus did not "take the day off" on the Sabbath. Nor does he expect us to "take the day off" as a Christian just because we have a holiday. Jesus healed the sick and infirm on the Sabbath, we should continue to labor for Him on our day of worship and our holidays. We continue to serve in the Lord's name on these days just as on other days.

I think the last line in the last stanza of the hymn "Come, Labor On" sums it up best. "And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Will Edwards

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FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." All of us are on a faith journey, and we can benefit from new insights, Bible study, conversation and fellowship as we attempt to love God more deeply and follow Jesus more closely. Come join us in adult Sunday School and gain strength for your journey. The following classes will be offered from September 13 - November 22 at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

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Teacher: *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209
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Discussion Leader: *Judith Chandler-Huse* **Room:** 210
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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Tuesday, September 8

- **Circle #3:** *Becky Murphy*, chair, will meet at 6:45 p.m. at Becky's home (123 Buckingham Rd).
 - **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair, will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211.
 - **Circle #6:** *Gretchen Reed*, chair, will meet at 8:45 a.m. Call Gretchen (232-1324) for meeting location.
- Sunday, September 13**
- **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.

MIROSLAV VOLF, HERITAGE LECTURER

On **Sunday, September 20**, Dr. Miroslav Volf of Yale University Divinity School will be our guest speaker as a participant in the Heritage Lecture Series. In addition to leading worship services at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., he will speak at 10:00 a.m. at the adult Sunday School class and again Sunday evening at a 6:00 p.m. dinner gathering, with the lecture following at 6:30 p.m. Make plans to participate in these events.

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.

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 9, 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby**, btrigby@juno.com or 239-0435.
- **Spirituality Group: Thursday, September 10, 6:00 p.m., Courtenay Williams**, courtenayw@charter.net or 233-7254.

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 **Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 213. Everyone is invited to attend.

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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