

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Hamlin  
\*\* CHORAL INTROIT "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Burkhardt  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy is the one whose help is in God.  
**People: I will sing praises to God as long as I live.**  
Leader: Trust in the Lord, and worship God's name.  
**People: Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

9:00 a.m. – Ashley & Ginger Sherman and Lee

11:15 a.m. – Josh & Jenna Howard, Avery, Caroline and Anna

The candle of hope is the first candle on the Advent Wreath. It symbolizes the hope of Israel for the Messiah and the Christian hope for the coming of Christ in final victory.

\* HYMN No. 2 HYFRYDOL  
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.**

**\* 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 AMELIA JOY KEY (9:00 a.m.)**

\*\* **BAPTISM OF DILLON PATRICK FAY and MARGARETTA FISHER TERRY**

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

\*\* CALL TO PRAYER "Wait for the Lord" Bell

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) "Every Valley" Beck

\*\* HYMN No. 13 "Prepare the Way" HERRAN

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

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 631) ..... Susan Key

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Matthew 24:36-44 (Page 27)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Left Behind"

**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.) Holst

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

\*\* Anthem Mendelssohn

"There Shall a Star"

\* 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. 15 LLANGLOFFAN

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

\* BENEDICTION

\*\* CHORAL RESPONSE "Prepare the Way" Price

\* POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

Overture from "Unto Us a Child Is Born"

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

**HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bozzie Boggs  
11:15 a.m. Billy Moore  
**SPONSORS:** 9:00 a.m. Chas Key  
11:15 a.m. Paul O'Neal  
**GREETERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bill Wallace, Chris Beard  
Ben Alexander  
11:15 a.m. Susan Robbins, Will Edwards  
Josie Williams  
**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.*

**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.

**STREAMING**

Both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Worship Services are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link under Worship called "Watch the Service on Sunday Live."

**CHURCH NOTES**

During the worship service, children who are in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 207. The leader for Children's Church this Sunday, November 27 is Anne Nuttall.

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

**9:00 a.m.**

Jim Wilkins, tenor

**11:15 a.m.**

Sanctuary Choir

**BAPTISM**

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- Amelia Joy Key, daughter of Bryan & Joanna Key.

- Dillon Patrick Fay, son of Chris & Kasey Fay, brother of Cooper.

- Margaretta Fisher Terry, daughter of Geordan & Meg Terry.

In Memoriam

**Jane Vaughn Posey**

12/9/1912 - 11/16/2011

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

In Memoriam

**Lamira Henley Sullivan**

11/27/1908 - 11/18/2011

"In my Father's House are many mansions."

**ONE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All adults are invited to a joint Sunday School class taught by Jean Weaver in Room 209 this Sunday, November 27.

**THORNWELL OFFERING**

The Thornwell Home for children provides a place for children who need a stable home life, a solid education, and spiritual nurturing. As members of Westminster, we have an opportunity to share in meeting this need. Envelopes are provided in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. Please make checks payable to Westminster and designate for Thornwell.

**NURSERY**

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

**THE FLOCK**

With the rush of the holiday season upon us, we invite you to join us for our upcoming events:

**Wednesday, November 30:** We will meet in the Senior High Room at **6:00 p.m.** to continue our study over Chapter 16 of our book. Sign up by Monday, November 28, if you are coming for dinner.

**Wednesday, December 7:** We will meet in the Sanctuary Atrium at **6:00 p.m.** to work with new members decorating the Sanctuary Atrium and Entrance Pavilion trees.

**Christmas Party:** We will meet at the home of Phillip & Laura Cox (15 N Brookwood Dr.) at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9.** More information will be sent out by email.

If you are interested in joining the Flock, want to get on our e-mail list, or just have questions, you can call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or e-mail at sphilips@wpc-online.org.

**2012 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

As of Tuesday, November 22, we have received \$1,481,669 in pledges toward our 2012 budget goal of \$2,162,386.

For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by e-mail to the Church Financial Secretary, Sherri Owens at secretary@wpc-online.org.

ALL YOUTH

There will be NO youth meetings this **Sunday, November 27**. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break. We will see you on **Sunday, December 4**, when we will be back to our regular youth group meetings: Middle School at 5:00 p.m. and Senior Highs at 6:00 p.m.

**Senior High Winter Retreat:** On **January 20-22**, we will go to Camp Fellowship for our annual Winter Retreat. The cost is \$90 for the entire weekend or if you can only come up for one night, it is \$45 per night. This will cover all meals and room (including bedding). **Sign up by December 18**. If you have any questions, call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

LATINO HEALTH CLINIC

Nurses are needed for the **December 10** Latino Health Clinic from 9:00–2:00 p.m. at Russell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Berea. **Also needed are 2 – 3 people to explain referral information to patients.** Training for the referral will be provided by WPC member, *Susan Fender*. Spanish skills are a plus, but not required as translators will be available. Please contact *Ann Fuller* (asf82@aol.com) or *Susan McLarty* (smclarty@wpc-online.org) with questions or to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEED YOUR HELP

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting hygiene products to distribute to children at two of our local Title I schools until **Friday, December 2**. We appreciate the generous support that we have received so far, but we still need a few items to reach our goal of 170 hygiene bags. We especially need *deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner* and welcome the donation of grocery store gifts cards and/or monetary donations so that the hygiene products may be purchased for these children. Please drop items in our collection box or drop gift cards or monetary donations by the office. During this holiday season, thank you for helping us to serve the children with the greatest needs in our community. For more information, please contact *Kathryn Freedman* at 233-4038 or kgrepass@aol.com.

MEN'S GROUP

We invite all the men of the church to join us **Wednesday, December 7**, at Gourmet Pizza at **7:15 p.m.** for dinner and fellowship. If you have any questions or want to get on our e-mail list, call or write Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 or e-mail at sphillips@wpc-online.org.

2012 MALAWI MISSION TRIP

Plans are underway for a Mission trip to Embangweni in Malawi, Africa from **July 14 – 29, 2012**. The mission work will focus on serving the Embangweni Hospital and the School for the Hard of Hearing as well as visiting our missionary, Martha Sommers. If you are interested learning more, please contact *Susan McLarty* (smclarty@wpc-online.org or 232-2424 ext. 120,) Mission Outreach Coordinator.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship: **Lindsey Batavia**, 139 Longview Terr., 29605, 569-4447, joined by transfer from Chapin United Methodist, Chapin, SC. Lindsey is married to Neil and they have a daughter, Lela, age 1.

**Aaron & Paige Cizon**, 40 Sunset Dr., 29605, 370-1388, joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two daughters, Eliot, age 3, and Addy, age 5 mos.

**Ben & Tricia Craddock**, 11 Faversham Cir., 29607, 239-2027, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville. They have a daughter, Emily, age 4, and a son, Reid, age 2.

**Michael & Ruthie Ivester**, 110 Rockwood Dr., 29605, 630-8270. Michael joined by reaffirmation of faith and Ruthie joined by affirmation of faith. They have two sons, Rivers, age 11, and Carter, age 10.

**Denny & Kelli Myers**, 106 Brookview Cir., 29605, 709-5454, joined by reaffirmation of faith.

**Ben & Becca Rook**, 110 Huckleberry Ridge, 29609, 242-1353, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S  
ADVENT LUNCHEON

All women of the church are invited to join us for the Presbyterian Women Advent Luncheon as we enjoy fellowship and focus on the meaning of the season.

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

11:30 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

(lunch at noon)

\$8 per person/childcare provided.

Please RSVP to 232-2424 or [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org) or online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
November 27 - December 3, 2011

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
5:30 p.m. GAIHN  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymus

**MONDAY**  
**GAIHN**  
7:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymus  
9:15 a.m. Moms In Touch  
5:15 p.m. NAMI  
5:40 p.m. Westminster Bells  
7:00 p.m. Rose Society Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymus

**TUESDAY**  
**GAIHN**  
11:30 a.m. PW Advent Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
2:40 p.m. Daisy Troop  
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. ChristCare: Spirituality Group

**WEDNESDAY**  
**GAIHN**  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" and Tweens  
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 p.m. The Flock  
Just Faith  
6:15 p.m. ChristCare: Parenting Group  
6:30 p.m. ChristCare: Knitting Group  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**  
**GAIHN**  
7:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymus  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymus

**FRIDAY**  
**GAIHN**

**SATURDAY**  
**GAIHN**

**CHRISTCARE GROUP MEETINGS**  
• **ChristCare: Spirituality Group** will meet **Tuesday, November 29**, at **6:00 p.m.** **Leader:** *Courtenay Williams*, [courtenaywilliams66@gmail.com](mailto:courtenaywilliams66@gmail.com).  
• **ChristCare: Parenting Group** will meet **Wednesday, November 30**, at **6:15 p.m.** in **Room 213.** **Leader:** *Jennifer Shurley*, [jbshurley@gmail.com](mailto:jbshurley@gmail.com).  
• **ChristCare: Knitting Group** will meet **Wednesday, November 30**, at **6:30 p.m.** in **the Entrance Pavilion.** **Leader:** *Midge Williams*, [momsie10@aol.com](mailto:momsie10@aol.com).  
• **Hiking Group: December 10, 2011**, Hike on Jones Gap Trail- Hike leader: *Bob Vannoy*. Meet at the church parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** If you are going please let hike leader Bob Vannoy know by **Thursday, December 7**, [bobvannoy47@gmail.com](mailto:bobvannoy47@gmail.com) or 425-213-4577.



Thanksgiving week...so much of this week will be devoted to preparation — the shopping, the turkey, the pies, the table decorations, football games, parades...so many details. Many of us get more involved in the whole preparation for the season than in celebrating the real meaning of the season. What about the preparation for giving thanks? Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and be thankful for all that God has given us. It is one week, one day, out of the year that we have elevated for giving thanks but in the whole preparation theme should it not be preparation for us to celebrate our blessings throughout the year. This is not just a holiday for parades and turkeys. It is a time to stop and take inventory of all the blessing God has bestowed on our lives. It is a time to get together with your family and friends, and it is a time to get together with God.

Many will say grace over the holiday meal. Many will list things that they are grateful for. But we should also remember WHO we are thankful to not just what we are thankful for.

It is God who has created all of us and has provided all the necessary things in the form of nature for our survival in the world. No matter how tough our life can be, God is always there to take care of us and to give us the good things. So during this Thanksgiving time, let this be a preparation...a launch for everyday to express our gratitude and thanks to God for the kindness and blessing that have been bestowed upon us.

Let's not only do this one day of a year but celebrate the greatness of God with thanks everyday.

Roxanne Cromartie

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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**CONNECTIONS**

Connections will meet **Sunday, December 4**, at City Range Steak House Grill (615 Haywood Rd.) at **12:45 p.m.** Please make reservations with *Dolores Lester* (lesterdolores@gmail.com or 297-0471) **by Saturday, December 3.**

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

A Divorce Support Group will begin on Wednesday nights, from **6:30 – 7:30**, beginning on **January 4, 2012.** This group will use the book “Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends,” and is open to all those who are going through separation or divorce. There is no cost, and child care is available upon request. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop for more information, or to sign up to attend. bstoop@wpc-online.org, or 313-6956.

**SENIOR ADULTS DO YOU NEED A LIFT?**  
When your regular transportation is not available and you need a lift, call Ellen Miller at 627-0725. She has people on standby ready to be your transportation.

**LIBRARY/POINSETTIA MEMORIALS**

Those who wish to remember loved ones during the Christmas Season may do so in two ways. Poinsettias for the sanctuary may be purchased for \$15.00, or money may be given to buy library books. Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary at the Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve Services. *Orders must be placed by Monday, December 12.* Please fill out the slip below or contact the church office, 232-2424. Donors may pick up their poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service you choose to attend.

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**ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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