Second Sunday of Easter

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

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CHORAL INTROIT

"Hine Ma Tov"

Ginsberg

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to God with joyful songs,

Tell the nations of God's wonderful deeds! People: Leader: For Christ has overcome the power of death, And opened for us the gate of everlasting life! People:

Let us worship God. Leader:

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 238

JUDAS MACCABEUS

"Thine Is the Glory"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you raised your Son Jesus from the dead, and filled with wonder the hearts of his disciples on Easter morning. Forgive us when we live as if we have not heard the good news. We claim to live by the resurrection faith, but often we find ourselves downcast and given to despair. We claim to serve you, but our busy lives and indifferent hearts allow us to turn away from those in need. We know of your Son who laid his life down for us, but we often give little back to your kingdom in return. Forgive us for our failures, and help us to live in joy and dedication as disciples of the risen Christ.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)

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

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

** ANTHEM "Peace I Give You" Courtney

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 23 (Page 501) Mark Matlock

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 21:1-17 (Page 115)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Barbara Stoop

"Calling Them By Name"

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

arr. Pinner Offertory "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

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. 722 **CANONBURY**

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

* BENEDICTION

*All who are able may stand

** CHORAL RESPONSE "Christ Is Arisen! Alleluia!"

* POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

** 11:15 a.m. service only

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HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Van McClenaghan
	11:15 a.m.	Stan Pendergrass
SPONSOR:	11:15 a.m.	Susan McLeod
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Sarah-Ann Davis, Howard Boyd
		Phillip Cox
	11:15 a.m.	Rita Barker, Kristin Burrell
		Christa Likes
LITURGIST:		Mary Kathleen Duncan
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Henry Horne, Laura Morgan

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.

11:15 a.m. Anna Puntch, Sarah Sanders

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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.

STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday

Nancy Smith, organist Tracy Ensley, violinist 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-vear 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.

During the worship service, children in K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, April 8:

9:00 a.m. Denny & Elizabeth Major 11:15 a.m. Craig & Pearce Ragsdale

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 8 9:00 a.m.

Clav & Brooke Jones

Rob & Kathy Sessions

Stephen & Allison Kitterman K2 11:15 a.m. Crib Trev & Stacy Warren Crawler Dan & Erin Kyser Toddler Jake & Elizabeth Rasor K2 John & Erin Hall K3 Gene & Liz Pate K4 Ben & Tricia Craddock

LET US PRAY FOR:

Crib

Toddler

The Family of Anna Haley Mike Smith and family

THANK YOU, SUSAN McLARTY

April 16 will be Susan McLarty's last day with us as our Mission Outreach Coordinator. We are grateful for her fifteen years of faithful service to Westminster and wish her well as she begins a new position with the Greenville Homeless Alliance.

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. on Sunday, April 29. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on Sunday, April 29 during the 11:15 **a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpconline.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606.

VBS 2018 - REGISTER NOW!

BABYLON: Daniel's Courage in Captivity Visit the ancient market place, and find out how Daniel and his friends showed courage and faith as they lived in this foreign land, as we all take part in this summer's Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 18-Thursday, June 21, from 9am-noon. VBS this year is for all those who will be rising 5K-rising 6th grade. We will have a class for younger children of parents who are volunteer helpers. Adult and teen workers are needed. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop at bstoop@wpc-online.org, or 313-6956 if you can help. Mark your calendar and register your child anytime at https:// vbspro.events/p/wpcvbs18.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Mike Smith on the death of his mother. Barbara Smith, on Thursday, March 22, 2018, in Pageland, SC.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, a fellowship group for adults and singles, will meet Sunday, April 22 for lunch at Limencello (401 River St.) at 12:45 p.m. New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with Gretta Lawson by noon on April 21 (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008).

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THEOLOGY READING GROUP

Exie Wilde Henson will be the guest speaker at the Monday, April 9, gathering of the Theology Reading Group. She will talk about her novel, Laurel's Choices, a family saga based on the lives of her parents who lived in the North Carolina mountains during the first half of the twentieth century. All are invited to the meeting in the Charter Room at 7:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA **HIGH CONNECTION**

You are invited to be part of the third and final day for this school year on Monday, April 23, from 8:30-11:50 a.m. Your help is needed with the ninth graders where you can assist an instructor teaching life skills such as changing a tire, managing stress, or learning basic self defense. To sign up visit the SignUpGenius from the events registration page at www.wpconline.org or contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org), or Meg Hyche (mhyche@charter.net).

SPRING MEN'S MISSION TRIP APRIL 27, 28 & 29 **CAMP THORNWELL**

Join us for a few hours, a day, or for the entire four day endeavor. Whatever time you can volunteer is valuable and helps to achieve our specific mission goals. It will be helpful in knowing, beforehand the day(s) and times you plan on joining us. Make your commitment known by contacting the church office (232-2424) by Monday, April 23. Questions: contact Terry Foster (twfoste@ilstu.edu). Mission Leaders: Paul O'Neal, Jeff Reynolds & Scott O'Neal. Camp Thornwell: 435 Sugar Likker Rd (camp sign on Hwy 178), Sunset, SC - 36 miles from Westminster Church, a one hour drive.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue a new book study on Monday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209-C. We will study the book, Vanishing Grace, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact Rick Carpenter (608-1881).

ADULT GROUPS

- Hiking Group: Will meet in the church parking lot on Tuesday, April 10, at 8:30 a.m. for a hike at Pearson Falls. Hike Leader: Terry Gentry (tmgentry@charter.net).
- Needle Arts Group: Will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm in the Entrance Pavilion. Leader: Terry Gentry (tmgentry@charter.net).
- Couples Bible Study (ages 50+): Will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Leaders: Dick & Mary Sargent (mfsdesigns95@) yahoo.com).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Tuesday, April 10

- Circle #5: will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the **Choir Room.** Circle Leader: *Ilene Schlacht*, rischlacht@att.net.
- Circle #3: will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Becky Murphy (123 Buckingham Rd.) Circle Leader: Joanne Sweeny, swejoa38@gmail.

Wednesday, April 11

Circle #6: will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Liz Einstein (223 Camille Ave.) Circle Leaders: Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@ gmail.com) and Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Generations Banquet Sunday, April 15 12:15 p.m.

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the annual Presbyterian Women's Generations Banquet on Sunday, April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal of Chicken Marsala, chive mashed potatoes, wilted spinach, salad, roll and dessert will be served. Children will be served chicken fingers, chive mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. Childcare will be provided for children ages three and under. In an effort to continue supporting the women and children at Serenity Place, we will be collecting current, uplifting fiction books/dvds or easy to read children's books. All donations may be brought to the luncheon or dropped off in the church office prior to the 15th. RSVP to the church office (232-2424) or the website (www.wpc-online.org) by Wednesday, April 11.

Name:	
Adults(\$8.50)Child 4-11(\$5)	
Names and Ages of those needing childcare (3 and under):	

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"\$2 A DAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

As we continue to explore the rise in extreme poverty for people living on almost nothing in America, Jerry Blassingame with Soteria, CDC, will share his personal story of serving a 20-year sentence, where he gained an understanding of the challenges men and women face when they are released from prison. Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 209 to hear how Soteria's mission of creating opportunities for previously incarcerated men to reenter society through transitional housing, life skills, and job training closely parallels the recommendations from the book.

CALENDAD OF EVENTS

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1	CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 8-14, 2018			
I	SUNDAY			
I	8:15 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting		
I	8:45 a.m.	Witness & Service		
I		Committee Meeting		
I	9:00 p.m.	Worship Service		
I		Creation Stewardship		
I	10.00	Committee Meeting		
I	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School		
I	11:15 a.m.	Worship Service		
I	12:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous		
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	MONDAY			
	9:30 a.m.	Weekday Chapel		
	9:45 a.m.	Weekday Chapel NAMI		
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Softball Game		
	6:30 p.m.	Men's Book Study Group		
	7:00 p.m.	Theology Reading Group		
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous		
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	TUESDAY 8:30 a.m.	Hilring Crown		
	10:00 a.m.	Hiking Group PW Circle #5		
	12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting		
	6:00 p.m.	PW Circle #3		
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
	WEDNESDAY			
	9:00 a.m.	PW Circle #6		
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting		
	3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" & Tweens		
	3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir		
	4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Choristers		
	1	Rehearsal		
	6:30 p.m.	Needle Arts Group		
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THE SESSION The Class of 2019

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Couples Bible Study (50+)

Thursday Bible Study

Narcotics Anonymous

Howard Boyd Collin Mackie Sarah-Ann Davis Susan McLeod Beri Draganic Elizabeth Palmer Kathryn Freedman Joanne Sweeny Paul Grier Rob Warren Walter Hinton Stephen Woods

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The Class of 2021		
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Ted Gentry	Pete Roe	
Philip Land	Gaye Sprague	
Brad Lucas	Catherine Stoddard	
David Massey	Freddie Williams	



A TIMELESS TREASURE

Psalm 23, "The Lord is My Shepherd", is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. I have turned to it during some of the most important times of my life. From my confirmation into the church as a teenager to my dad's open heart surgery, the passage has always offered comfort and support.

> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Psalm 23 has become such a familiar and "routine" part of my life that I often need to challenge myself to look closely at and reflect on the true meaning behind the powerful words. While the words do bring great comfort – they are also very challenging words. Words which challenge us to have complete confidence and total trust in God's ability to shepherd us. Words which challenge us to give God full control of our lives. Words which challenge us to have a real personal relationship with God knowing that we belong to Him and are safe and secure in His care.

Jacob Barker