

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 15, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 35 LOBE DEN HERREN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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. 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.

BAPTISM OF JOSEPHINE ROSE McKERNAN and JACK PARKER SIVERTSON

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

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) *Lisa Bryant*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — John 9:1-11, 24-25 (Page 102)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Ludwig Weaver

"Blackballed"

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

Offertory "Soon and Very Soon" Dilworth

* 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. 649 AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Glory to God" Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*

HEAD USHER: Ron Tate

SPONSOR: Lee Freeman

GREETERS: Rita Barker, Pete Roe, Michael Hoffman

LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan

ACOLYTES: Madeline Barker, Sarah Sanders

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 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 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 are:

*Nancy Smith, organist
Summer Choir*

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.

During the worship service, children in rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in **Room 206**. The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, July 15** are *Charlie & Heather Reynolds*.

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 15

Crib	<i>Evan & Caitlin Ullom</i>
Toddler	<i>Joey & Susan Maxwell</i>
K2	<i>Rob & Kathy Session</i>
K3	<i>Jay & Mollie Sprague</i>

LET US PRAY FOR:

*The Family of Ruthe Ballard
The Family of Margaret Murphy*

BIRTH

A son, *Keller Pressley Woodard*, was born to Chris & Kelly Woodard on Friday, July 6, 2018, in Greenville.

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- *Josephine Rose McKernan*, daughter of Frank & Kristin McKernan, sister of Adrienne.

- *Jack Parker Sivertson*, son of Erik & Lawson Sivertson.

CONNECTIONS

Connection will meet this **Sunday, July 15**, for brunch/lunch at **City Range Steakhouse Grill** (615 Haywood Rd.) at **11:45 a.m.** New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with *Mary Ann Cox by Saturday, July 14*, at 1maryanncox@gmail.com or (home) 232-8163 (cell) 979-1480.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us this **Sunday, July 15**, after worship for **World Cup Brunch**. We'll meet at **Yee Haw Brewing Co.** (307 E. McBee Ave.). Kids are welcome! And don't forget to let Leigh Stuckey know if you'd like to claim a ticket to the **August 5 Greenville Drive game**.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

You are invited to walk down memory lane with other WPC senior adults. Join us **Tuesday, July 17**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 209**. Lunch is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made **by Wednesday, July 11** with the church office. Bring an item from your past that you can share with the group. For example, Amos Workman will be bringing his Dodger's pennant from 1960.

In Memoriam

Margaret Tudor Murphy

3/20/1918 - 7/6/2018

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
PACKETS

Pick up a new Children's Worship Packet each week to find puzzles and activities that go along with the sermon for that week. There are activities for children of all ages, plus a little surprise in each packet. You will also find a sheet with ideas for your family to do during the week to think more about the sermon and scripture from each worship service. Get them before worship, or pick one up after worship to take home with you.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB
Westminster's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at **7:00 p.m.** We will not meet in July. On **August 7**, we will discuss the novel, The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah, a bestselling book about two sisters during World War II. In September, our book will be Lincoln in the Bardo, by George Saunders, a Booker prize winning novel about Abraham Lincoln and the death of his son, with a cast of characters, living and dead in an original, unique novel. For October, the group will read Speak No Evil, by Uzodinma Iweala, a novel about what it means to be different in a conformist society. New members are always welcome.

FIND WPC ONLINE

Visit us online to find up-to-date photos, videos and information about our programming:

- <http://www.wpc-online.org>
- [facebook.com/wpcgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/wpcgreenville)
- twitter.com/wpcgreenville
- [instagram.com/wpcgreenville](https://www.instagram.com/wpcgreenville)
- [youtube.com/wpcgreenville](https://www.youtube.com/wpcgreenville)
- [gplus.to/wpc](https://www.gplus.to/wpc)

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Middler Mission Days
August 1-2 (overnight)

Taco Tuesdays
July 17 Papi's Tacos
August 7 Tippy Taco
(Pelham Rd.)

Senior High Montreat Youth Conference
July 22 - 28 (registration closed)

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Large print hymnals and large print copies of *The Harbinger's* worship pages are available in the narthex. The hymnals contain only the words and not the music. An usher can provide you these items that are very helpful with their larger type.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual youth kick-off retreat is scheduled for **August 25-26 at Look-Up Lodge**. This retreat is open to all **6th-12th graders**. Note that it is only one night, but don't worry, we'll be sure to pack in lots of fun, sun, fellowship, and worship! Start off your school year right by spending your first weekend with the WPC Youth Group! *More information will be coming to your mailboxes soon.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site again this year for "*The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. Deadline for drop off is **July 27**. For more information and **a listing of items that are and are not accepted**, visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 15 - 21, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. After Worship Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Connections Group Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Youngish Adults
- World Cup Brunch
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting
- Senior Adult Luncheon

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Summer Supper Soirree

THURSDAY

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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

The Class of 2020

Ben Alexander	Michael Hoffman
Rita Barker	Steve Johnson
Roxanne Cromartie	Coleman Kirven
Becca Donohue	Christa Likes
Lee Freeman	Jon McKnight
Mike Hall	Parks McLeod

The Class of 2021

Kristin Burrell	Elizabeth McElveen
Phillip Cox	Grier Mullins
Ted Gentry	Pete Roe
Philip Land	Gaye Sprague
Brad Lucas	Catherine Stoddard
David Massey	Freddie Williams



Sheep are helpless without their shepherd. If a sheep falls and ends up on its back with his feet in the air, he will not be able to flip himself over. A sheep stuck in this position is vulnerable to prey and its own biology. Learning the nature of sheep can help us understand more about ourselves.

Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known Psalms. Once you read or hear the first verse, "*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want,*" you can recite the rest from memory. This Psalm teaches us that the Lord is our Shepherd and we are his sheep. He cares for us when we are sick and he comforts us when we are in trouble. When we enter a valley he will direct our way. With the Lord as our shepherd we never have to fear for he will guide us all the days of our lives on this earth, and lead us safely into his kingdom to live with him forever.

At times we may take things for granted and how lucky we are that God is our Shepherd and we can trust him with our lives. For he is our leader who gives us peace, strength and protection so that we do not have to fear as we follow. Each day may we strive to walk in peace and joy knowing that our Shepherd is faithful and will guide us in our ways.

Mae Todd Mullins