THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 16, 2018 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing. In and with you, we can do all things. Amen.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

	FRIENDSHIP, COMMON	CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
* CHORAL IN		
CALL TO W		(Psalm 19:1-4)
Leader:	The heavens are telling the	
	and the firmament procl	
People:	Day to day pours forth	speech,
-	and night to night decla	ares knowledge.
Leader:	There is no speech, nor a	•
	their voice is not heard.	
People:	Yet their voice goes out	through all the earth,
•	and their words to the e	
Leader:	Let us worship God!	
* HYMN OF PI	RAISE No. 475	NETTLETON
	"Come, Thou Fount	
* PRAYER OF		of Every Diessing
		d still our minds at this hour. Remind
		o ourselves, but have been claimed and
		Lord, for our illusions and idolatry. We
have convir	nced ourselves that we ha	ve arrived here by our own power. We
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Ephesians 2:4-10 (Page 192) Sam White, Jr. OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Genesis 28:10-22 (Page 25) PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION SERMON Ben Dorr

"A Good Night's Sleep"

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	"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" Forrest				
* Doxology (Hym	nal, No. 606)				
Praise God, f	rom whom all ble	essings flow; Praise	Him, all creatures		
here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son					
and Holy Gh	ost. Amen.				
* Prayer of Dedic	cation				
HYMN No. 307			CWM RHONDDA		
	"God of Grace	and God of Glory"			
CHARGE & BENE	EDICTION				
CHORAL RESPON	NSE "Amaz	ing Grace"	NEW BRITAIN		
POSTLUDE					
All who are able may	stand	** 11:15 a.m. servi	ce only		
HEAD USHERS: SPONSORS: GREETERS:	9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Charlie LeGrand	Elizabeth McElveen		

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HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Dick Allen
	11:15 a.m.	Charlie LeGrand
SPONSORS:	11:15 a.m.	Susan McLeod
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Pollock, Elizabeth McElveen
		Mike Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Becca Donohue, Stephen Woods
		Kristin Burrell
LITURGIST:		Mary Kathleen Duncan
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Rollins Beck, Emily Craddock
	11:15 a.m.	Laney Palmer, Louisa Palmer

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.

Commons Mall.

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.

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."

Sunday are:

Emily Sweezey, soprano 11:15 a.m.

Children who serve as acolytes each Sunday are part of our Senior Chorister program. Not only are they learning to sing their faith, but the also are leaders in our faith community by bringing the light of Christ into worship each Sunday.

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.

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

STREAMING

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this

Nancy Smith, organist <u>9:00 a.m.</u>

Junior and Senior Choristers Sanctuary Choir

ACOLYTES SERVING IN WORSHIP

NURSERY

In Memoriam Stanley Edward Von Hofe 1/4/1945 - 9/4/2018

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

LET US PRAY FOR: The Family of Betsy Wilson

The Family of Stan Von Hofe The Family of John Taylor

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This Sunday, September 16, we will resume our regular worship schedule:

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship

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. on Sunday, September 23. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on Sunday, September 23, during the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

CONNECTIONS

Come enjoy a late summer brunch with Connections on Sunday, September 16, at 12:45 p.m. at Passarelle Bistro (601 Main St.). RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst@aol.com or 201-6117) no later than Friday, September 14. Newcomers are welcome!

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Leigh Stuckey will lead the discussion of The Undertaking by Thomas Lynch. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle #7: Will meet Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr.) Circle Leader: Talitha Allen (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

In Memoriam

John Pickens Taylor

12/27/1936 - 9/6/2018

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

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YOUTH

This Sunday, September 16, we will begin our regular schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. • Middler Youth • Senior High Choir 5:15 p.m. • Combined Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Senior High Youth 6:30 p.m. • Middler Choir 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on Monday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209-C. We will study the book, Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact Rick Carpenter (608-1881).

ADULT GROUPS

Luncheon Group: Will meet Wednesday, September 19, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 211. Group Leader: Mary Ann Cox (1maryanncox@gmail. com).

Movie Group: We welcome those who enjoy seeing good movies and having lively discussions. Members attend a movie and have dinner together for a social time to discuss the movie. Occasionally movies are shown at the church. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 23. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Robbins (jamrobbins@aol.com). The details of the movie (unknown at this time) will be e-mailed and you may RSVP at that time.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us to kick off our Youngish Bible study and fellowship series on Wednesday, September 19, from 6:15-8:00 p.m. at the home of Kathleen & Jeff Reynolds (43 Wedgewood Dr.). Watch your email for more details. Childcare will be available at WPC. No need to RSVP! Questions? Contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online. org).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Get your day started right with the "It's Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus" study and discussion group, meeting again Tuesday, September 25, at 6:00 a.m. in the Women's Lounge. This semester we will study Rachel Held Evans's New York Times bestseller, A Year of Biblical Womanhood (available in the WPC library). Ouestions? Contact Kathleen Reynolds (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo. com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Westminster's Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, in the church library, at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, October 2, our book will be Speak No Evil, by Uzodinma Iweala, a novel about what it means to be different in a conformist society. New members are always welcome.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday, October 7 5:00-7:00

Adults \$7.00 Children (3-11) \$3.00 Children (2 and under) Free

Join us for the Women of Westminster's Chili Cook-Off! All proceeds benefit the Women of Westminster Scholarship Fund.

Got a mean chili recipe? Grab a team and enter below. Entry fee is \$25 per team. Teams will be responsible for providing their famous chili and their own table decorations and theme. Awards will be given in many different categories. We will provide the table, taste cups and spoons!

Don't cook but love to eat? Join us for a Chili Church Dinner and become one of our many judges. Taste cards will be for sale for \$5 each (or 5 for \$20) and get you 5 tastes per card. Come judge your fellow WPC members as they compete for this coveted award! Voting will close at 6:30 and winners announced at 7 p.m. To keep the check-in lines moving on October 7, we ask that you sign up online and pay online by going to https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/. Menu: baked potato and salad bar with all condiments, rolls and dessert.

Questions? Comments? Contact Katherine Mattice at kmmarketingservices@ gmail.com.

. WOW CHILI COOK-OFF TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Name: Contact Name: _____ Contact email/phone: \$25.00 Registration Fee:

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THE HARBINGER		CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 16-22, 2018	
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2310 Augus		9.00 u .m.	Committee Meeting
Greenville, South Carolina 29605			Library Committee Meeting
(864) 232-2424		9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
www.wpc-online.org		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
THE HARBINGER: (USPS No. 764160)		11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
Published weekly by the Westminster		12:45 p.m.	Connections Group
Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta Street,		5:00 p.m.	Middler Youth Group
Greenville SC 29605. Pe	eriodical postage paid	5:15 p.m.	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
at Greenville SC 29605.		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Dinner
CHURCH	STAEE	6:30 p.m.	Middler Choir Rehearsal
Church 232-2424	School 232-5766		Senior High Youth Group
Pastor Phone	Ben Dorr 214-704-6427	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	bdorr@wpc-online.org	MONDAY	
Associate Pastor Phone	Barbara Stoop 313-6956	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	bstoop@wpc-online.org	6:15 p.m.	NAMI
Associate Pastor Home Phone	Leigh Stuckey 451-7688	7:00 p.m.	Theology Reading Group
Associate Pastor	lstuckey@wpc-online.org	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Phone	Mary Kathleen Duncan 283-0092	TUESDAY	-
n Parish Associate for Older Ad	nkduncan@wpc-online.org ults Amos Workman	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Phone	423-0070	12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting
a Pastor Emeritus	workman@wpc-online.org Zane Moore	6:30 p.m.	PW Circle #7
Director of Music	Mark Kemp	-	
Children's Choir Coordinator	mkemp@wpc-online.org Kathryn Knauer	WEDNESDA	
	kknauer@wpc-online.org	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon Group
Volunteer Coordinator	Jennifer Dillard jdillard@wpc-online.org	3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" & Tweens begins
Organist	Nancy Smith nls1949@aol.com	1.20	Junior & Senior Choristers
Weekday School Director	Cara Puntch	4:30 p.m.	
	cpuntch@wpc-online.org	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Youngish Adult Group
Financial Secretary	Sherri Owens sherri@wpc-online.org	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Office Manager	Michelle Little michelle@wpc-online.org	THURSDAY	
Secretary	Wendy Bagley	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
Director of Nurseries	wendy@wpc-online.org Janell Pitman	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
	jpitman@wpc-online.org		
Director of Hospitality	Lisa Ridge lisa@wpc-online.org	2010	
Building Supervisor	Steve Phillips		8–2019 CHURCH
	stevep30@bellsouth.net	• E	BASKETBALL •

MENS GROUP FALL **MISSION TRIP** October 10-14

Clean up and maintenance of Camp Thornwell is our ongoing project for the third vear. The camp is owned by the Thornwell Home in Clinton and is a youth camp and respite place for the Thornwell community. The camp is one hour away (435 Sugar Likker Rd, Sunset, SC). There are facilities to stay overnight with good food and fellowship. Volunteers are encouraged to stay several days, but also may come for the day. Workers with all levels of skills and ability are needed. For more information contact Paul O'Neal (paulmoneal@aol.com).

• Youth ages 5K–12 grade and WPC men • • are invited to participate in Christian • • fellowship and recreational basketball • • for the upcoming season, which will • • begin the week of November 10. WPC • members interested in being a coach or assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (bryant puntch@ucbi.com or 915-5686). Online player registration ends Sunday, October 7. Registration and schedules may be accessed on the • church's website at www.wpc-online.org • • (https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/ • • vouth-basketball/).

of divine origin."

grace in similar times.

I appreciate it in the workplace with peers and clients when diplomacy and restraint are tested. And even in over exuberant excitement, when I start to talk my daughter's ears off or get on my soap box or wave my hands around (Becca's favorite). Even in great joy there is a grace in observation and quiet appreciation I am still working hard to practice. Becca and I use the term "steady eddy" to describe this more reflective, leveled sense and balance of emotion, and at certain times in my life this becomes my aim. As the definition says, "it is by grace you have been saved..." I believe these moments in my own life require a constant striving for both forgiveness and appreciation. Only when I catch myself long enough to truly appreciate my blessings do I feel moments of grace.

I also believe that grace is the power to (as the wiki definition describes) "inspire virtuous impulses," those moments when a higher hand nudges us in directions not commonly taken. It inspires us to reach out to those less fortunate, volunteer for things not easy, and put ourselves in uncomfortable situations. I pray that my children are fortunate enough to have many virtuous impulses in their future and that grace, in both forgiveness and strength, comes early and often in their lives.



As I prepared for this week's Harbinger cover I started my research on all the definitions I could find on GRACE. The scripture for this week is Ephesians 2:4-10,

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved..."

In reviewing and reading the numerous definitions and various Bible translations the one for me that personally stood out the most (ironically from Wikipedia) was as follows: "Divine Grace has been defined as the divine influence which operates in humans to regenerate and sanctify, to inspire virtuous impulses, and to impart strength to endure trial and resist temptation; and as an individual virtue or excellence

Having been raised an Irish Italian son of a strict Catholic influence and being an extraverted artist with ADD you can only imagine there might be some emotional and extreme highs and lows in my past and most assuredly, future (Thank God Becca is along for the ride). So, when I reflect on my experiences, both good and bad, at times when I felt maybe less in control of my emotions, behaviors, and responses in these situations, I think of people in my life that have modeled real

When I am challenged as a father by my boys and teen daughter, only then do I appreciate the fleeting moments of grace my father mustarded for me, the quiet moments my grandfather wrangled into a story that captured a rambunctious boy, and the calming nature of my mother's touch and voice.

Bill Donohue — a striving steady eddy

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

We at Westminster believe that education is essential for discipleship, and hope that what you learn in this place will transform your living beyond our doors. Each quarter we offer four classes, covering topics that range from theology and Biblical literacy to culture. This quarter began on Sunday, September 9, and will run each Sunday through October 28. You are welcome to join any class at any point!

1. Confirmation for Adults

This class will study the same curriculum our 9th grade confirmation students study each spring. It would be a great experience for parents whose children will go through confirmation anytime in the next few years, but we welcome adults of any stage to refresh their faith by remembering what it means to belong to God and to be Presbyterian!

Mary Kathleen Duncan, is an Associate Pastor at Westminster Teacher: whose work focuses on the education and spiritual upbringing of youth and their families. 211 [note room change] Room:

2. Wisdom Calls

This class will study the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes and the Apocryphal books of Sirach and Wisdom of Solomon). In addition to exploring the texts of the books, we will try to apply their lessons to contemporary life using a recent book by Paul Lewis, Wisdom Calls: The Moral Story of the Hebrew Bible (available in the WPC library).

David Rutledge, a scholar of religion, is a member of Teacher: Westminster, who recently retired from Furman University after vears of teaching. Room: 213

3. What the Bible Doesn't Say

Where are all the windows God is opening after closing the door? Or the sins we hate that don't reflect back on the sinner? Did God "say it" so we have to believe it, and does God prefer to help only those who are getting after their own good? This lecture-based class will examine the cultural sayings that have settled into our religious vocabulary. We'll ask what we can learn from popular religion and where we might diverge in our own faithfulness.

Teacher:	Leigh Stuckey, is an Associate Pastor at Westminster who works in
	education, communication, and mission.
Room:	209 [note room change]

4. Visionaries, Idealists, and Creative Geniuses

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