

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21, 2018  
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen.

*Augustine of Hippo*

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

*The Beasley Family*

### PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Purifoy  
CHORAL INTROIT (11:15) "Be Still and Know I am God" Berthier

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 104)*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, you are very great.

**People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all.

**All: Let us worship God!**

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 611

HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### \* 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.**

*At 9:00 a.m. worship, K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church.*

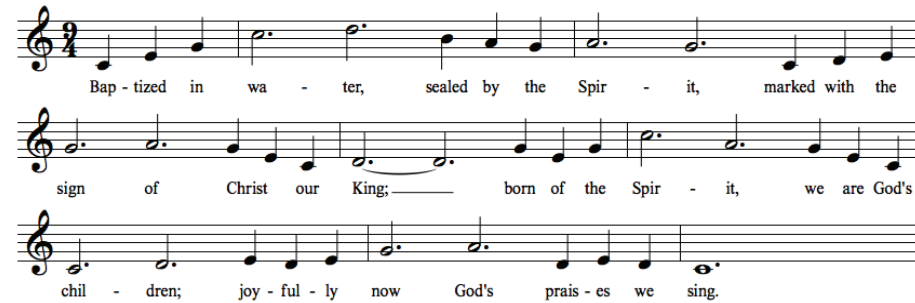
#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15am)

*Katie Ray Thomas and Anna League Thomas*

Presentation  
Questions to the Parents  
Question to the Congregation  
Thanksgiving over the Water  
Baptisms  
Prayer

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## Welcome and Congregational Response



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### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON I Thessalonians 5:14-18 (N.T., p. 205)

ANTHEM "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:1-13 (N.T., p. 72)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Without Ceasing" Ben Dorr

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, *Traditional (see insert)*

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER Iverson

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

#### OFFERING

Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Hustad

\* 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. 543 GREEN TYLER

"O Christ, Surround Me"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE (11:15) "God Be With You" Tomer

\* POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

*\*All who are able may stand*

*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.*

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**HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Brian Blount  
11:15 a.m. Will Quinn  
**SPONSOR:** 11:15 a.m. Becky Warth  
**GREETERS:** 9:00 a.m. Collin Mackie, David Massey  
Mike Hall  
11:15 a.m. Lee Freeman, Brad Lucas  
Coleman Kirven  
**LITURGIST:** Leigh Stuckey  
**LAY READERS:** 9:00 a.m. Bryce Nelson  
11:15 a.m. Fred Carpenter  
**ACOLYTES:** 9:00 a.m. Amelia Kent, Lilly Rayneri  
11:15 a.m. JP Hartman, Amelia Key

### 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](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

### CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Jim Wilkins, tenor*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Derek Pitman, directing*

### 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.**

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for next **Sunday, October 28**, immediately following the **11:15 a.m.** service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect this year's Nominating Committee. The proposed names for this year's Nominating Committee are the following: *Howard Boyd (chair), Pete Roe, Christa Likes, Elizabeth McElveen, Ilene Schlacht, Julia Bellew, Jason Farmer, Kristen Blumer, and Trey Morrow.* The Nominating Committee will have two responsibilities: to consider members to nominate for the Session, and to consider members to nominate for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

### BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Katie Ray Thomas* and *Anna League Thomas*, twin daughters of Drew & Amy Thomas.

### BIRTH

A daughter, *Fiona Sawyer Grace*, was born to Joseph & Erika Grace on Monday, September 24, 2018, in Greenville.

### GRAB A NAMETAG

#### THIS SUNDAY!

Due to the overwhelming response in the last month, we will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

### CONNECTIONS GROUP

Connections will meet **Sunday, October 21**, at **12:45 p.m.** at **Soby's** (207 S. Main St). RSVP to *Ruth Johnston* ([ruthjohnst@aol.com](mailto:ruthjohnst@aol.com) or 201-6117) **by Friday, October 19.** Newcomers are welcome!

### In Memoriam

*Nina O. Daniel*

10/10/1921 - 10/12/2018

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

### LET US PRAY FOR:

*The Family of June White*

*The Family of Jack Miller*

*The Family of Nina Daniel*

ADULT GROUPS

- **Hiking Group:** Will meet in the church parking lot on **Wednesday, October 24**, at **8:30 a.m.** for a hike of Jones Gap Trail. **Hike Leader:** *Durden Collins* (durden.collins@gmail.com).
- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 24**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. **Leader:** *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 24**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Group Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (ages 50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, October 24**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

TRICK OR TREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Tuesday, October 30**, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. Arrive at the church at **5:30 p.m.** for a quick pizza dinner in the **Fellowship Hall**, then walk across the street at **6:15 p.m.** to begin our visit which will be finished before **7:00 p.m.** **There is no cost, but we ask that you please sign up on the church website under the event registration so that we know how much pizza to buy.** Contact Associate Pastor Barbara Stoop (bstoop@wpc-online.org) for more information.

IT'S ADVENT DEVOTIONAL TIME

Volunteers are needed to write a short devotion for the annual Presbyterian Women's Advent Devotionals. Email Presbyterian Moderator, *Katherine Mattice*, (kmmarketingservices@gmail.com) if you are willing to help. All submissions are due **Friday, November 2**.

CAROLINA/WESTMINSTER CONNECTION

Calling all Carolina High/Westminster Connection volunteers (old & new)! If you are planning to be involved this year, please come to one of these informational meetings: **Sunday, November 4 at 9:00** or **Sunday, November 11 at 9:00**. Both meetings will be held in **Room 209**. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, October 22**, 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).

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, October 23**, 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). Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

LIGHTLY SEASONED GROUP

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for WPC members in their fifties (loosely defined), will meet **Friday, October 26**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Sherry & Ron Tate* (207 Camille Ave.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or if you don't hear from us, please contact *Jean Atkins* (jean@indconinc.com) or *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see 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.** On **Tuesday, November 6**, our book will be a memoir, *Born A Crime*, by South African author and comedian Trevor Noah. We will not meet during the month of December, but will discuss the book *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith at our meeting in January. Newcomers are always welcomed.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
 October 21 - 27, 2018

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Library Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Connections Group Event
- 5:00 p.m. Middler Group Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
- Senior High Group Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- Weekday School Closed*
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group Event
- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Lightly Seasoned Group Event

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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

The Class of 2020

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

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



WHY WE ARE IN

After moving to the Augusta Road area several years ago and visiting several churches, Jill and I literary walked across the street to visit. We were deeply moved by the open and welcoming spirit of the community. We appreciated the inclusive spirit, outwardly focused missions, and intellectually stimulating sermons and Sunday school lessons. The weave of inspiring leadership, beautiful space, and wonderful music was the perfect fit for us.

There are many opportunities for us to engage here at WPC. Jill supports the church's effort to help the homeless ministry in GAIHN. My intellectual curiosity attracted me to volunteer in the church library...and what a hidden gem this is! It has been a blessing to work with Pat Shufeldt and my library colleagues.

After reflecting on what we have received from being part of Westminster and the theme of "I'm in," Jill and I are both committed to supporting WPC both with our finances and our time. When we give to WPC, we know that our dollars are thoughtfully used for both church and community needs. We are moved by the Maya Angelo quote, "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." Please consider all the blessings you have received from being part of the Westminster community and thoughtfully consider your pledge this year.

*Phil McCreight*



**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; he descended into hell;  
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Why would we include this phrase in the creed when Westminster hasn't been saying it that way for many years? One reason is that this is the full version of the creed, but the rationale goes deeper than that.

I do not understand the phrase "descended into hell" as referencing the cartoonish place with fire and the devil and demons of every sort. Nor is it a statement that says some people go to heaven and some to hell after they die. Theologically, this part of the creed tells me that there is no place in this world that the love of God won't go. In other words, there are many people in this world who live in their own personal "hell"—because of violence, because of illness, because of fear, because of poverty. When we recite the phrase "descended into hell," it affirms for me that Christ is determined to go there too. It is a phrase that echoes the Apostle Paul's affirmation that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Through the years, I have known many church members who had trouble saying this or that part of the Apostles' Creed. That is perfectly fine. We don't say the Creed because we are required to believe every last idea within it. We say it because it represents the faith of the larger church to which we belong, a church that has existed for centuries before we arrived on the scene. In a day and time that emphasizes individual identity, reciting any confession or creed is a way of saying that we belong to something much larger than ourselves.

In the not-too-distant future, I plan to preach a sermon on the Apostles' Creed and its value to the church today. As always, please feel free to ask any questions you have about this creed or any other. My hope is that the small changes we are making to our worship will spark a good conversation for all of us about why we worship the way we do.

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