

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 28, 2018
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right, if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr

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

Mark Kemp

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE A Festal Fanfare J.S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32:1-2, 11)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 804 MARION

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have let our pride take over, choosing to be right instead of reconciling our relationships. We have been stubborn when you asked us for flexibility, we have been talkative when you asked us to listen, we have been closed when you asked us to be open. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Remind us once again that the grace we have to offer pales in comparison to the grace we have received. Give us the courage to live like a new people, a redeemed people, and a forgiven people. We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, 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)

Arthur Rowan Giguere

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Question to the Congregation

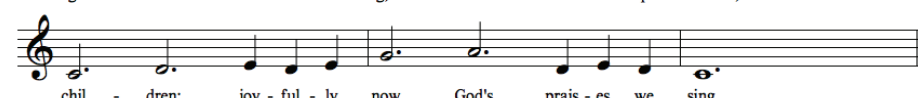
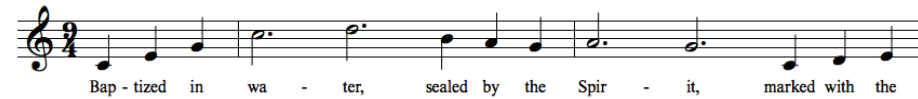
Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Congregational Response



At 11:15 a.m. worship, K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:29-32 (N.T., p. 194)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-22 (N.T., p. 20)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ben Dorr

“The Heart of the Matter”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, *Traditional*

(see insert)

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Spirit of the Living God”

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

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

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

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

Iverson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Anthem (9:00)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Choplin

Anthem (11:15)

“Kyrie”

Haydn

* 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. 444

AZMON

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

(sung to the tune of “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE (11:15) “Glory Be to the Father”

Stanford

* POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

arr. Lowe

**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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Brandon Coker
	11:15 a.m.	Will Edwards
SPONSOR:	11:15 a.m.	Nancy Giguere
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Ted Gentry, Howard Boyd
		Paul Grier
	11:15 a.m.	Catherine Pollock, Steve Johnson
		Brad Lucas
LITURGIST:		Mary Kathleen Duncan
LAY READERS:	9:00 a.m.	Cooper Kemp
	11:15 a.m.	Libby Holleman
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Clarissa Hart, Sarah Katherine White
	11:15 a.m.	Laney Lucas, Anna Puntch

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 are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Westminster Youth Choir

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary 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**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this **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 *Arthur Rowan Giguere*, son of Kent & Caroline Giguere, brother of Tripp.

BIRTH

A son, *William Henry Ballinger, IV*, was born to Bill & Erin Ballinger on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Dan Kyser* on the death of his mother, Janet Kyser, on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in Greenville.

GRAB A NAMETAG

THIS SUNDAY!

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!

In Memoriam

Clarence “Hots” Easley

9/24/1925 - 10/17/2018

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

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of June White

The Family of Jack Miller

The Family of Nina Daniel

The Family of Hots Easley

Dan Kyser and family

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 HIGH/

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).

ADULT GROUPS

• **Movie Group:** Will meet **Sunday, November 4.** Contact leader, *Susan Robbins* (jamrobbins@aol.com) for more information.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Senior Adults are invited to wear your school colors and join together for Fan Appreciation Day. Join us **Thursday, November 8, at 12:00 p.m.** in **Room 209.** Lunch is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made by **Monday, November 5** with the church office.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will complete their book study on **Monday, October 29**, 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).

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.

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, November 13**, 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 28 - November 3, 2018

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Education Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting
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

12:00 p.m. Carolina High Connection
Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
5:30 p.m. Trick or Treating at
Westminster Retirement
Center
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

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>

The Class of 2021

<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>



The theme of our stewardship campaign this year is, "I'm in!" Being "in" for me means being ready to give time and resources and making a commitment to the church.

Throughout the various phases of my life in the church, there are times when I thoroughly enjoy and reap the benefits of giving my time and resources. Then there are other phases where life gets hectic, and it seems there is a constant take, and take, and take. There is something about the "taking" phase that feels inherently selfish and uncomfortable. But I think there is actually something very natural and beautiful about this give and take cycle.

In the book *Give and Take* by Adam Grant, he illuminates how reluctant people are to ask for help, despite the willingness and resources of their network. He encourages groups to go through an exercise called the "Reciprocity Ring." During this exercise, people are encouraged to ask the group at-large for help, even if the request feels outlandish. Everyone posts one request on a board, and each participant commits to helping at least three people fulfill their requests. Some examples include asking for an extra hand with an upcoming move, with childcare, or even something more selfish like tickets to a football game. As the requests are made, group members quickly jump at the chance to help others where they know they have the time, connections, and resources. The exercise made me keenly aware of the overlooked resources I have access to that others could benefit from. It also made me aware of how it takes courage to simply ask or accept help.

The church is a place to grow in faith together. Sometimes we grow by giving and helping others. Other times we grow by feeling the support and encouragement from our church family. As long as there is a commitment to the church family, finding the right balance of giving and receiving is a worthwhile pursuit and important as we develop healthy and meaningful relationships in our church family. I encourage you to consider what resources you have to give, but also how church members may be able to support you in your faith journey. Be ready to say "I'm in!" as the pendulum of life swings between those periods of giving and receiving, and know that both are an important part of the commitment we make to WPC.

Beth Land

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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**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
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A Note from Ben about the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is probably the best known of the creeds and confessions in our PC (USA) Book of Confessions. It is also the oldest creed, taking its first form in the 2nd century as a response to the heresy of Marcionism. From its earliest days, the Apostles' Creed has been the baptismal creed of the church, which is why we say it any time we have a baptism.

During worship we will recite the creed as it appears in our Book of Confessions, which includes the phrase "he descended into hell" immediately after "crucified, dead, and buried."

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.

In Christ,
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NOVEMBER 11 5:45 P.M. CHURCHWIDE DINNER

Join your church family for dinner, followed by activities for all ages and interests. The menu for our first November Night will be baked spaghetti, peas, salad, garlic bread and brownies. Childcare will be available for children under two. To keep the check-in lines moving on November 11 we ask that you sign up and pay online by visiting www.wpc-online.org and registering under *Upcoming Events. Sign ups for the November 11 dinner end on Monday, November 5.*

Name: _____

Adults (\$7.00): _____ Children ages 3-11 (\$3.50): _____

Nursery: # in crib _____ # in crawler _____ # in toddler _____

NOVEMBER NIGHTS November 11 and 18, 2018

What is November Nights? It is **two Sunday nights** full of dinner and fun activities for everyone age nursery through adult. A **Vespers Service** begins in the Sanctuary at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by dinner starting at **5:45 p.m.** The rooms for ages K2-5th grade will be open at 6:20 p.m. but programs and classes for all will begin at 6:30 p.m. We are all finished by **7:30 p.m.** A nursery is available for those who are not yet in K2.

ADULT CLASSES AVAILABLE

- **“Won’t You Be My Neighbor”**
Leader: *Leigh Stuckey (Fellowship Hall)*
Join us for this two part documentary that takes an intimate look at Presbyterian pastor and beloved cultural icon, Fred Rogers.
- **“What Does the Bible Say About Christmas?”**
Leader: *Ben Dorr (Room 209)*
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