

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

And you, my soul, dead in yourself, run under the wings of Jesus your mother and lament your griefs under his feathers.

Ask that your wounds may be healed and that, comforted, you may live again.

Anselm, 1020

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: And also with you.

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT "Wait for the Lord" Berthier

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

People: be gracious to me and answer me!

Leader: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

People: If all were to forsake me, I know the Lord will take me up.

Leader: I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord;

Leader: be strong, and let your heart take courage.

All: Wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 49 LEONI

"The God of Abraham Praise"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires. 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.

Children in K5-First grade leave for Children's Church.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27:1, 4-6 O.T., p. 437

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13:31-35 N.T., p. 849

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan

"Glitter"

ANTHEM "Great Creator" Marrolli

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* 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; he descended into hell; 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Offertory "O Day of Peace" arr. Smith

* 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. 434 BAYLOR

"Restore in Us, O God"

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 "O Day of Peace" Parry

* POSTLUDE "Thine Is the Glory" arr. Young

*All who are able may stand

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Alex Crigler
11:15 a.m. Todd Harward
SPONSOR: Steve Johnson
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Mike Hall, Grier Mullins
Parks McLeod
11:15 a.m. Elizabeth Palmer, Walter Hinton
Michael Hoffman
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Bill Ballinger
11:15 a.m. Suzanne Billings
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Amelia Kent
11:15 a.m. Cooper Ray, Kass Williams

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."

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist
9:00 a.m.
Chancel 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 worship, children in rising K5-1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

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!

LET US PRAY FOR:

The family of Joyce Kemp
Larry Gluck and family
The Bushey and Freeborn families
Elizabeth McElveen and family
Tricia Reid and family
The family of Edna Johnson

SURGICAL MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

This year's surgical mission trip to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic is scheduled for September 28 - October 5, 2019. Doctors, nurses, and medical professionals are encouraged to consider this important opportunity in the life of our church. Join us March 31 following the 11:15 a.m. service for an informational meeting in the Charter Room. This year's trip is being led by Chuck Marguet and Rob Morgan.

HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY OF SERVICE • MAY 4

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service at Carolina High on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Carolina High to help them clean up their campus. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org. Following our time at Carolina you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us to discuss the parables and enjoy good company on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at The Edwards home (216 Meritta Trl.). Childcare will be available at Westminster beginning at 6:15 p.m. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the home opener of Greenville's newest sports venture the MLS minors Greenville Triumph. We'll gather on Saturday, April 6 in the early evening to cheer on the Triumph. All are welcome.

In Memoriam

Edna Johnson

3/22/1920 - 3/11/2019

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

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**MEN'S GROUP
BOOK STUDY**

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, March 18**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We are studying the book, The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Sue Inman* will lead the discussion of A Light So Lovely: The Spiritual Legacy of Madeleine L'Engle, by Sarah Arthur. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, March 19
 • **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net), will meet at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.).

ADULT GROUPS

• **Hiking Group:** Will meet **Saturday, March 23**, at **8:00 a.m.** in the church parking lot for a hike to Devil's Courthouse on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hike Leader: *Anne Holleman* (holl2759@att.net).

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be **Sunday, March 31**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

This year, the Weekday School (Saturday, March 30) is calling on the wonderful cooks of Westminster to help make the casserole and bake sale a HUGE success! Frozen casseroles are the most popular items, but you may also chose to make something else like homemade pimento cheese, pasta, or soups. If you are interested in donating, please contact Cara Puntch at cpuntch@wpc-online.org, or at 232-5766. Thank you for your participation in supporting one of the biggest fundraisers of the Carnival!

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. Here is a list of the books we will be reading through the next months.

April 2 - Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward. An intimate portrait of three generations of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle.

May 7 - Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. A rich novel imagining the story behind the book, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

June 4 - Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. A murder mystery set on the North Carolina coast in 1969, involving a rumored "Marsh Girl."

July - no meeting

August 6 - The Overstory by Richard Powers. A bestselling, impassioned novel about trees and the way they impact the lives of nine strangers.

September 3 - Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover, Julia Whelan, et.al. A book about a young girl who leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD.

SUPPER WITH SEVEN

By popular demand, Dine With Nine is back, but it's now Supper With Seven with a new twist or two.

The new format is designed for smaller and more casual groups with a wide range of meal-sharing opportunities, ranging from a traditional dinner at a member's home to backyard barbecues, to meeting at the pizza parlor. Supper With Seven groups will be made up of couples and singles. Participants are encouraged to invite new Westminster members.

To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Supper With Seven page. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 1.**

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check one:

- _____ I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.
- _____ I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.
- _____ I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17-23, 2019

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Confirmation Class meeting
Library Committee meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. APNC 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

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- 6:30 p.m. PW Circle 7

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:15 p.m. Youngish Adults Group
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Hiking Group

SAVE THE DATES

Sadly for us, the time has come for Barbara Stoop to retire. We will be celebrating the wonderful ministry of Barbara. Please mark these dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, June 24 5:45 p.m.** Church dinner celebrating Barbara. We are creating fun activities for all ages in honor of Barbara's ministry.
- **Sunday, June 30** Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster.

For the church dinner, the retirement committee is collecting mementos of Barbara's time at Westminster. Please send in any photos you have and share any special memories. Photos can be dropped off at the church office and will be returned. We will have a table displaying artwork created by Barbara, so if you have anything you can loan us, we would enjoy sharing it with the congregation. Special memories can be e-mailed to Susan Robbins at jamrobbins@aol.com.

Barbara's ministry at Westminster has touched all of our lives. We hope you can join us in celebrating her 31 years with us.



Three years ago, Susan and I partnered with our neighbors and set out to become chicken farmers. But before we could get our enterprise going, we needed a chicken coop. We sourced ours the way all titans of the poultry industry do – we bought it at Costco. The more we learned about keeping chickens, the more we realized that our coop needed to be enhanced. So, we added square footage, improved the roof, modified the system of entry and most importantly fortified it against predators. Soon thereafter we welcomed Martha, Mary Mag, Ruth Esther, and Leah to the rocky confines of our backyard.

It has been a learning experience and I am happy to say that we have provided them a safe and secure time on the 01/05 Chicken Farm. The time has not been without its threats though. Fugitive dogs, meddling raccoons, terrifying hawks and owls have all had their eyes on our hens. Hens are not equipped with much in the way of self-defense. Roosters possess spurs and the inclination to fight to defend. Hens have neither. When threatened, a hen will generally react one of two ways – awkwardly scampering away with wings futilely flapping or she will just kind of huddle down in place and span her wings out like a cape. Of course, the latter reaction is preferable if you are trying to get her back to the coop as it makes her quite easy to pick up. Turns out, that reaction is an instinctive defense mechanism, but not for the benefit of the hen, but the chicks she gathers under her wings.

In Luke 13:31-35, Jesus reacts to a warning from the Pharisees that Herod seeks to kill him. Jesus shrugs off this threat by Herod, who he labels a fox, and insists that he will go about his business until his work is finished. On the people of Jerusalem, Jesus laments, "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you were not willing!"

In a recent middle school Sunday school lesson on this verse, the sixth, seventh and eighth graders questioned why Jesus, surely with knowledge of all the animals in the world, would select the lowly hen as the protector of the children of Jerusalem. We listed the obvious - lions, tigers, and bears – before we got to the obscure – octopus, penguin, and elephants. All these enjoy reputations as fierce, motherly protectors and were clearly better choices. It was observed that the hen's reaction was to just give up and not try to fight back. This was troubling. There was concern around the idea of giving up, of not putting up a fight and how that seems contrary to so many instructions we receive in life.

As the conversation continued, we focused on the fact that Jesus was the one doing the talking. We decided that the hen does not give up, she sacrifices in order to protect the chicks. We agreed that the illustration was perfect. In the biblical sense, Jesus knew he was headed to Jerusalem and would sacrifice himself so that we may be saved. In our own lives, Jesus gives the example for us that there are things worthy of sacrifice and people who need our help and protection. And even when it doesn't seem like we have anything to offer, like the hen, we all do.

Scott Clark

March 3, 2019 – Room 301

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| <i>Chloe Draganic</i> | <i>Cara DuBose</i> | <i>Grayson White</i> | <i>Dargan Culclasure</i> |
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| <i>David Lowe</i> | <i>Jason Farmer</i> | <i>Meredith Partridge</i> | <i>Jay Culclasure</i> |
| <i>Scott Clark</i> | | | |

Sunday's Anthem

Great Creator

Music and Words by Karen Marroli
based on Isaiah 65:17-25

*Great Creator, ever speaking,
teach us you are weaving, still,
painting heaven in its newness,
sculpting earth with finest skill.*

*What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn,
bringing daylight into darkness:
heaven and earth will be reborn.*

*Great Creator, ever listening to our prayers and to our plight,
write in us your new creation,
when our weeping turns to sight.
Let us see the daylight dawning,
when the wolf lies with the lamb,
when all people join their voices,
singing of the great I Am.*

*Jerusalem, our happy home,
when shall we come to thee?
When shall our sorrows have an end?
When shall your joys we see?*

*Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave,
let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save.*

*Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth,
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Wednesday, 3/20	2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, 3/21 - Friday, 3/22	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 3/23	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, 3/25 - Tuesday, 3/26	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: **Fellowship Hall**

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