

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them out from this place may follow him in the way of the cross, that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom, through Christ’s eternal grace and love. Amen.

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

PRELUDE “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Teschner

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Zechariah 9:9*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 197 ELLACOMBE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, in your tender love for your children, you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death by crucifixion. We confess that we have avoided his path, for we are afraid of suffering and have put comfort before the cross. Forgive us for following other gods, for being fickle with our faith, and for placing our hope in illusions. Remake us and transform us this day, so that we would walk through this week with courage, and go to Golgotha with trust and confidence in your redemptive power. We ask it in Christ’s holy name. 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 and first grade leave for Children’s Church.

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:19-29 O.T., p. 493

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40 N.T., p. 854

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“If These Were Silent”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed *Hymnal, p. 34*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving & the Lord’s Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

Offertory 9:00 “Lamb of God” arr. Hamlin

Anthem 11:15 “Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love” Fauré/Hopson

* 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. 198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” ST. DROSTANE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 Dubois

“Christ We Do All Adore Thee”

* POSTLUDE Improvisation for Palm Sunday Guilment

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Joe Frasher
11:15 a.m. Bo Mullins
SPONSOR: Talitha Allen
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Ben Alexander, Scott Clark
Jon McKnight
11:15 a.m. Rita Barker, Ben Edwards
Christa Likes
LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Howard Boyd
11:15 a.m. Sarah Beasley

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.

Mark Kemp, tenor

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:

Brad Wingate and family

Suzanne Schemm and family

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*Maundy Thursday with communion
April 18 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Good Friday
April 19 at 12:00 p.m.*

Easter

April 21

Worship Services

9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

(No Sunday School)

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

fellowship time with donuts, coffee, juice and a children’s activity.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Specific envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

For those who are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact Amos Workman (423-0070).

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Suzanne Massey Schemm* on the death of her stepson, Kasey Schemm, on Sunday, April 7, 2019, in Charleston.

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CONNECTIONS

Connections will meet **Palm Sunday, April 14, at 12:45 p.m. at Iron Hill Restaurant** (741 Haywood Rd. - next to Barnes & Noble). Singles and couples are welcome.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, April 15, 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, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** *Cathy Grills* will lead the discussion of Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, by Diana Butler Bass. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, April 16

- **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., 29605).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us to discuss the parables and enjoy good company on **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.** at *The Weaver-Patterson's* home (132 Corrine Dr., 29607). Childcare will be available at Westminster beginning at **6:15 p.m.** All are welcome. Questions? Contact Leigh Stuckey at lstuckey@wpc-online.org.

CUBA PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP

After a successful exploratory trip last year, Witness and Service is excited to offer an adult trip to Matanzas and Union de Reyes in central Cuba from **October 9-16, 2019.** While in Cuba we will formalize our partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Union and join them in programming and education. We will also visit the seminary in Matanzas. If you are interested in the trip, we will offer an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Contact Leigh Stuckey for more details.

IHN APRIL 21-28

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families facing homelessness during the week of **April 21-28.** We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down, act as hosts, or provide dinner to our guests. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2W9ydhV>. If you have any additional questions or want to learn more, please contact *Holly, Beth* or *Julia* at hollyv04@hotmail.com, bethholladay73@gmail.com, or juliabellew@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

A six week Divorce Support Group will be offered **Wednesdays, April 24 – May 29, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church library. This small group, led by associate pastor Barbara Stoop, will discuss the book Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends. We welcome anyone going through the process of separation or divorce. Childcare is available upon request. To sign up for the class, contact Barbara at 313-6956 or bstooop@wpc-online.org.

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 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.

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. We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 7,** and will be reading from Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. This is a rich novel imagining the story behind the book The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop if you have questions (bstooop@wpc-online.org).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 14 - 20, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

8:45 a.m.	Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:45 p.m.	Connections Group
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Weekday School Spring Break

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

Weekday School Spring Break

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

WEDNESDAY

Weekday School Spring Break

6:30 p.m.	Youngish Adults Bible Study
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Weekday School Spring Break

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

GOOD FRIDAY

Weekday School Spring Break

12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
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WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

GENERATIONS BANQUET

Women of Westminster will be hosting their annual Generations Banquet on **Sunday, April 28** following the **11:15 a.m.** service. Women and young ladies of all ages are invited as this is a special time to invite your mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, or dear friends, to help celebrate the many wonderful generations at WPC. We also will honor our 2019 PW Lifetime Membership Award recipients and induct our new Women of Westminster board members.

Our speaker this year will be *Barbara Stoop* as she reflects on her thirty plus years at WPC, the creation of "It's Elementary!", and her upcoming retirement.

A menu of lemon chicken (with dill cream sauce), roasted potatoes & broccoli, green salad, croissant, and pound cake will be served for the adults (\$9) and chicken fingers, potatoes and broccoli for our younger ladies (\$5). **Please RSVP online by Wednesday, April 24, at www.wpc-online.org.** Childcare will be provided for children three and under.

We also will continue to support Serenity Place by asking everyone to bring an item for their toiletry welcome kits that are provided to the women when they first arrive. Suggested donations include full-size shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion, and reusable grocery bags.



Spring is finally here! I can honestly say that I was beginning to feel a bit

down in the dumps with all the gloomy weather we've experienced over the past few months. It is amazing how a little bit of sunshine can change the way you feel. It is also amazing what God gifts to us this time of year. Things that have laid dormant are now in bloom, sights and smells having not been as brilliant or fragrant, now make us take notice more.

Spring is a time for new beginnings. We begin this holy week, on Palm Sunday, and we are reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. The reign of Christ is far greater than anything mankind could ever conceive or plan. We are gifted the blessings of His sacrifice for our lives to be renewed. And what a sacrifice indeed.

Maybe each of our lives are to lie dormant at times in order to recharge our minds, body and spirit? Life certainly has cycles, but by God's incredible design.

As stated in Psalm 118 verse 24: *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Tonya Cochran

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Photography/viewing sessions:

Tuesday, 4/23 2:00-8:10 p.m. & Wednesday 4/24 1:30 - 8:10 p.m.

Location: **Fellowship Hall**

Receive a **FREE** 8 x 10 portrait and church directory for participating.

Sign up NOW online to reserve your preferred day and time.

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LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$15.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. *Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 14.*

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