

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2019
10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

“Goliath stood 10 feet tall in his stocking feet, wore a size 20 collar, a 9 1/2 inch hat, and a 52-inch belt. When he put his full armor on, he looked like a Sherman tank. Even stripped to the bare essentials, he had plenty to carry around, and flesh and bones were the least of it. There was the burdensome business of having to defend his title against all comers. There were the mangled remains of the runners-up. When he tried to think something out, it was like struggling through a hip-deep bog. When he tried to explain something, it was like pushing a truck uphill. His dark moods were leaden and his light moods elephantine.” — *Frederick Buechner*

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Laura Williams, Liz Eleyne Capó

PREPARING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Jones

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes, greeting a new day feels like facing a lion.

All: **Keep me as the apple of your eye, O God.**

One: Sometimes, completing a task feels like eating an elephant, one bite at a time.

All: **Hide me in the shadow of your wings, O God.**

One: At times, the challenges of life seem to do us in.

All: **Yet, you, O God, wondrously show us your steadfast love.**

One: So, we call upon you, the living God —

All: **keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 620 LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There can be such giants in our lives, O God. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, O God. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray. 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.

Rising K5 & 1st Graders are invited to Children’s Church.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 17 O.T., p. 431

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 17:4-10, 24-27, 32-37 O.T., p. 227

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan

“The Living God”

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 *Hymn No. 473*

“Shepherd Me, O God”

*Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Offertory “If God Be For Us” Martin

* 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. 339 LIFT EVERY VOICE

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 700*

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER: Trevor Ream
SPONSOR: Scott Clark
GREETERS: Brian Blount, Ben Alexander
Brad Lucas
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READER: Derek Pitman
ACOLYTE: Madeline Barker

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 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 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
Summer 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.

This morning we welcome Liz Eleyne Capó, pastor of our sister congregation in Unión de Reyes, Cuba. Liz’s congregation recently welcomed our youth pilgrimage and will host the adult trip in October of this year.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Elizabeth Palmer Mowlajko*, was born to Andy & Julia Mowlajko on Monday, June 24, 2019 in Greenville.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room.** *Julia Bellew* will lead the discussion of [White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#), by Robin DiAngelo. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

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:

Whit Walker and family

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JULY 21, 11:00 A.M.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, July 21**, immediately following our **10:00 a.m.** worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the APNC’s recommendation for our new Associate Pastor for Children. Per Presbytery policy, the name of the proposed candidate cannot be revealed until the congregational meeting takes place. If you are in town on July 21, please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our church!

CONNECTIONS

Connections will meet for brunch/lunch at **Larkin's on the River** (318 S. Main), **Sunday, July 14 at 11:45 a.m.** New participants are welcome. Please make reservations with *Gretta Lawson* by July 13 (grettalawson@gmail.com or 430-4008).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Sunday, July 21, at 3:05 p.m.** to see the Drive take on the Fireflies. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by contacting Leigh (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined) – will meet **Friday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Connie & Whit Walker* (139 E. Tallulah Dr.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or, if you don't hear from us, please contact *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org) for more information. We hope to see you there!

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library**. For **August 6**, the group will read and discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers. For **September 3**, the book will be the very popular *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. For the **October 1** meeting, the group will read *Haunting Bombay*, a novel by Shilpa Agarwal. Join us!

UNITED MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

**"It's Elementary!"
& Tweens
begins August 28!**

Advanced Registration is required and now open to members!

Members may register their rising 1-5 graders at:

<https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/its-elementary-tweens-sign-up/>.

Deadline to register: Aug 12.

GREENVILLE LITERACY

Westminster is a collection site again this year for "*The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*." Businesses and individuals are asked to donate new or used books in good condition to the Book Sale. The collection bin is located by the office entrance. Deadline for drop off is **July 26**. For more information and *a listing of items that are and are not accepted*, visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Waffle Cone Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m. (*Middlers*)
7:30-8:30 p.m. (*Senior Highs*)
July 17
July 31
August 7

Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University
July 16-20

Senior High Youth Conference @Montreat (registration closed)
July 21-27

Drive Game for ALL Youth
August 2

Middler Bowling
August 8

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 14 - 20, 2019

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Witness & Service Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Youth Montreat Pre-Trip Meeting
11:45 a.m. Connections Group
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

3:30 p.m. Witness & Service Budget Workshop Meeting

THURSDAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

SATURDAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium



*"Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit."*

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right."

Psalm 17 is a plea from David to God. David is in trouble as others are seeking to cause him harm and he is asking for God's help. The Psalm begins with David in a worrisome state. He is reaching out to God with an open dialogue asking God to listen and act on his request. David tells God to look within his heart in the night. Telling God this shows that David has nothing to hide along with no evidence of transgressions. Asking God to do this at night symbolizes a time that no one else can see these truths but God.

David then describes how he has not strayed from the word of the Lord or fallen victim to listening to those with malicious intent. David has been faithful, only doing good, and what God has asked and expected of man. With this he asks God to listen to his message and protect him from those wishing to hurt him. David says to God, "*Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadows of your wings.*" David asks of God, by this statement, to protect him as his most prized possession and just as a bird hides its babies under its wing.

David then tells God about his enemies. He tells God about how they have closed their hearts and minds, and want to cause great physical harm to David. They are in search of David...wanting to ambush him. He needs God's protection now more than ever. He asks God to confront them, overtake them, and to protect him from these wicked people.

The Psalm ends with David telling God that his enemies' lives are only here on earth; that their only rewards are here in this life, and that they will receive nothing in the next life. David closes with telling God that he knows his rewards are in the next life; that he will rise from the dead and ascend to heaven. That is when David would see God.

Kelly Odom

VBS 2019

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

This summer's Vacation Bible School
will be here before you know it!

Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sign up soon so we will know who is coming!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/wpcvbs19>

Registration Deadline: **Monday, July 15.**

Classes for ages having completed 4K-5th grades
and volunteer opportunities for all ages.