

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 21, 2019
10:00 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Attributed to Benedict of Nursia, 480-547 C.E.

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 "The Lord's My Shepherd" arr. Page

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 52*

Leader: Let us trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

People: **We will thank you forever, O God, because of what you have done.**

Leader: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim your name, for it is good.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 35 LOBE DEN HERREN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we have been blind to our idolatry and our pursuit of control. We have tied our lives to possessions, power, and our place in society. We are eager to be praised by other people, and we are reluctant to trust in your grace. Forgive us for our foolishness, O Lord. Help us to step forward even when the future is unknown. Remind us of our common identity as your beloved children, redeemed by your love and restored by your grace. We ask it all in Christ's 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Elizabeth Hazel Howell*

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

* Question to the Congregation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Congregational Response

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:37-38 N.T., p. 838

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 26:6-25 O.T., p. 236

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

"Out of His Hands"

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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Archer

* 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. 839 ASSURANCE

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

* 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: Bryant Puntch

SPONSOR: Lee Freeman

GREETERS: Brad Lucas, Pete Roe

Michael Hoffman

LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan

LAY READER: Sam White, Jr.

ACOLYTE: Libby Graves

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

Lynne Robinson, 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 worship, children in rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Elizabeth Hazel Howell*, daughter of George & Liz Howell, sister of George.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, *Anna Patrick* and *Stewart Brown* were united in marriage at Westminster.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 21-27

Forty-six of our youth will depart this **Sunday, July 21**, in the afternoon for their annual pilgrimage to Montreat, NC. Throughout this week in "a place set apart" they will explore the theme of "Let Love Lead" through worship, recreation, keynote, small groups, and back home group. Please keep them and their six adult advisors in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Carole Beam Howell

7/28/1942 - 7/13/2019

*"I am the resurrection
and the life."*

LET US PRAY FOR:

Whit Walker and family

The Family of Carole Howell

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JULY 21, 11:00 A.M.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this **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 this Sunday, please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our church!

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties, loosely defined – will meet **Friday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Ted & Mary Gentry* (26 Quail Hill Dr. - **note change in location**). 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!

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Plan to join us **Sunday, August 11**, at **noon** for an afternoon of bowling at **Stone Pin** (304 E. Stone Ave.). If questions, contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

IHN AUGUST 18-25

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families facing homelessness during the week of **August 18-25**. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down, act as hosts, and/or provide dinner to our guests. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2xHznHn>. For more information, contact *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com), *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), or *Julia Bellew* (juliabellew@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

VBS TEACHER PACKETS

VBS teacher packet pick up will be **Sunday, August 4**, from **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary Atrium**. If you are unable to come, please contact *Mae Todd Mullins* at maetoddmullins@gmail.com.

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.

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.

VASES NEEDED

Our Flower Ministry is in need of vases to distribute floral arrangements to shut-ins following memorial services and weddings. Please donate any medium sized vases that you have available to the church office.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Waffle Cone Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m. (Middlers)
7:30-8:30 p.m. (Senior Highs)
 July 31
 August 7
**move to new grades 7/31/19*

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

SIGN UP ONLINE:
Drive Game for ALL Youth
 August 2
Middler Bowling
 August 8

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21 - 27, 2019

SUNDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
 3:05 p.m. Youngish Adults to Drive game
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

6:15 p.m. NAMI
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting

THURSDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Montreat Youth Conference

7:00 p.m. Lightly Seasoned Event

SATURDAY

Montreat Youth Conference (returns 12 pm)



If you've ever been asked to write the Harbinger cover, then you know that you are given the scripture passages that will be shared the Sunday your cover is published. Though not specifically instructed to use them, the idea is that they will inform and inspire your Harbinger content. I have found that to be very helpful and for my previous two covers, I have enjoyed meditating on one of the verses and letting them inspire my writing.

This time, though, it has not been enjoyable at all. In fact, I've put this off until the very last minute, doing anything to avoid reading and thinking on the New Testament verses.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Please tell me that I am not alone in cringing when I read these red letter, quotation marked, straight-from-Jesus'-mouth words. Do I judge? Yes. Condemn? Yes. Forgive? Not always. Give? Not enough. I can all too quickly and easily think of plenty of examples of my judging, condemning, unforgiving, stingy ways. I don't want the measure I use to be used to measure me. I want a much more generous and forgiving measure to be used. And frankly, I'm going to be listening hard in the sermon today to hear the loophole for this whole measure thing.

But I bet there is no loophole. Throughout the entire 6th chapter of Luke, it is pretty clear that Jesus wants our hearts and minds to offer grace to others. Our words, our thoughts, and our actions matter. How we treat others - especially those who are difficult to love or even like - is important. So I pray that God will help me — and us — to use the measure that brings abundant grace to everyone in our lives.

Jennifer Shurley

It's Elementary 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: **August 12**