

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 4, 2019
10:00 a.m.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

He had feet of clay like the rest of us, if not more so — he was self-serving and deceitful, lustful and vain — but on the basis of that dance alone, you can see why it was David more than anybody else that Israel lost its heart to and why, when Jesus of Nazareth came riding into Jerusalem on his flea-bitten mule a thousand years later, it was as the Son of David that they hailed him.

— Frederick Buechner

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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Limbaugh

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remember us, O God.
All: We, like David, have our eyes open, eager to see you.
One: Rise up, O God, among us.
All: We are your servants, here to praise you.
One: Remain with us, O God, and continue to choose us as your people.
All: Let us worship and rejoice at the very footstool of God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 81 AUSTRIAN HYMN
“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have tried to hide from you our own self-concern, deceits, and dirty hands. Because we do not see great evil within us, we turn away from confession of sin. We gloss over our minor flaws, fail to accept responsibility for the iniquities that plague our world, and even try to control you. Convict us of our responsibility and our need for your salvation in Christ, in whose name we pray for forgiveness and insight. 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.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 149 O.T., p. 508

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 O.T., p. 244

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan

“The Heart of Worship”

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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

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, & 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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Solo “Hallelujahs” Rice

* 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. 500

ST. FLAVIAN

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

* CHARGE & BENECTION

* POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Limbaugh

*All who are able may stand

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HEAD USHER: Ross Glidewell

SPONSOR: Becky Warth

GREETERS: Parks McLeod, Michael Hoffman

Grier Mullins

LITURGIST: Lauren Ghighi, Summer Youth Intern

LAY READER: Gaye Sprague

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:

Matt Limbaugh, guest organist

Mark Kemp, tenor

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 Carole Howell

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.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, August 4. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller (627-0725).

BIRTH

A daughter, Mary Caroline Sprague, was born to Jay & Mollie Sprague on Sunday, July 28, 2019, in Greenville.

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

August 1-4

Forty-seven WPC members departed on Thursday, August 1 for a pilgrimage to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Montgomery. They will be visiting sites pertaining to the Civil Rights Era. Please keep these adults and children in your prayers.

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!

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).

VBS TEACHER PACKETS

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

RISE AGAINST HUNGER CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

In town this Labor Day weekend? Join us to pack 15,000 meals for communities worldwide. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. On Sunday, September 1, they will bring the elements necessary to pack food kits following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All ages and stages are invited. We'll have refreshments. The event should take 1.5 hours. Sign up online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/rise-against-hunger/>.

CONNECTIONS GROUP

Connections will meet at Carrabba's Italian Grill (1022 Woodruff Rd), Sunday, August 11, at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome. Please call or e-mail Edna Ruth Miller (288-8645 or rgyduo@bellsouth.net) no later than Friday, August 9. Call if you need information.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Ellie Hammond will lead the discussion of Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

MOVIE GROUP

Westminster's Movie Group welcomes anyone who enjoys seeing good movies and having lively discussions. Members attend a movie and then enjoy dinner together to discuss the movie and have social time. Occasionally movies are shown at the church. Our first meeting will be Sunday, August 25. The movie has not been selected yet because the movie schedules are uncertain. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Robbins (jamrobbins@aol.com) to get added to our email list.

It's Elementary begins August 28!
Advanced registration is required and now open to members!

Members may register their rising 1-5 graders now. Non-members may begin registration on August 1.

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

Deadline to register: **August 12**

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST
August 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Adults \$7.00 Children (3-11) \$3.00 Children (2 and under) Free

Join us for a great meal at 9:00 a.m. (food lines to open at 8:45 a.m.) to celebrate a new school year and a new church year! The menu for our celebration breakfast will be biscuits and gravy, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, and fruit. Nursery will be available for children under three. To keep the check-in lines moving, we ask that you sign up and pay online by going to <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/back-to-school-breakfast/>. Sign-ups end Monday, August 12. We look forward to seeing you there!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4 - 10, 2019

SUNDAY

Civil Rights Pilgrimage returns

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee
- Al-Anon
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Westminster Book Club

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Waffle Cone Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m. (Middlers)
7:30-8:30 p.m. (Senior Highs)
*August 7 *with new grades*

SIGN UP ONLINE:

Middler Bowling
August 8

SUPPER WITH SEVEN

The Supper with Seven program was a huge success last spring, so we are beginning signups for the fall. Supper with Seven groups will be made up of couples and singles who will get together once in September and once in October with the option of a third get-together in November or December. The meal-sharing opportunities range from a traditional dinner at a member's home to backyard barbecues to meetings at a pizza parlor. It is up to each group to decide.

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 Friday, August 16.**

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.



No matter how the world changes over time, we can always count on this: each generation of parents will dislike the music of their children's generation. Or at least my parents disapproved of mine; and I disapprove of my children's. From the kids' point of view, the feeling is mutual. Just as I didn't appreciate Frank Sinatra as a child, somehow my kids aren't buying into MC Hammer or Duran Duran. I guess they will learn over time.

This generational disagreement is puzzling because love of music is itself so universal. Every culture has a musical tradition, and every person in the world knows what music is. If we don't always share the same musical tastes, we do all share a love of music. Music is universal. At the same time, music is personal. It has a special power to connect us together in ways that are hard to explain. I think of this every Christmas Eve, singing *Silent Night* in church.

That is why I have always loved singing in church. Even better, I love hearing others sing in church (as they tend to have a bit more skill at it). When the WPC choir sings Handel's *Hallelujah* on Easter, we all stand in a kind of amazement at the sheer beauty of it. (I'm always sad when no one claps for it at the end. Maybe someday I will, just to see what happens.)

Music just seems right in church because somehow it seems close to God. In a world where it's hard to find agreement, music is community. God's music is community with God. And if we can get a few generations singing the same tune together, that is itself a big accomplishment.

Bill Taylor