

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 29, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Love

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 146

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: **God keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 12 ST. DENIO

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, forgive us for failing to trust the breadth of your goodness, the depth of your imagination, and the power of your love. We have paid close attention to the trivial, the shallow, and the fleeting. Our faithfulness to your way and will has been fickle, while our loyalty to idols that will betray us has been strong. Have mercy on us. Fill our hearts with courage, and guide our steps with grace. Let our words and actions be consistent with the compassion of Jesus Christ, for 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.

Children in K5-first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:6-8 O.T., p. 757

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-7 N.T., p. 877

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“Heart Trouble”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER 11:15 Berthier

“Nothing Can Trouble”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Anthem 9:00 “The First Song of Isaiah” Noble

Anthem 11:15 “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life” Jennings

* 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. 450 SLANE

“Be Thou My Vision”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 Beck

“What Does the Lord Require of You”

* POSTLUDE Kerr

Toccata on “Praise to the Lord”

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Brandon Norris
11:15 a.m. Jacob Barker
SPONSOR: 9:00 a.m. Philip Land
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Roxanne Cromartie, Ted Gentry, Grier Mullins
11:15 a.m. Phillip Cox, Susan Jones, Christa Likes
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Murray Freedman
11:15 a.m. Bill Donohue
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Tesla Campbell, Mason Donlan
11:15 a.m. George Blount, Amelia Key

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.”

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Westminster Youth Choir

Kayla Burrell, Audrey Cox,

McCrae Mattice, soloists

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 K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church in Room 206.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 6

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, October 6**, immediately following our 11:15 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect this year's Nominating Committee (which will nominate the next class of elders) and to vote on the Session's recommendation that a new pastoral position be created on our staff: Associate Pastor for Mission and Congregational Life. The nominees for the Nominating Committee are Pete Roe (chair), Roxanne Cromartie, Brad Lucas, Susan Jones, Sam White, Jr., Mandy Pruitt, Beth Land, Grady Patterson, and Pat Shufeldt.

FALL SERMON SERIES

The title of our fall sermon series is “Who Do You Say That I Am?” Each Sunday until the end of November, we will explore a different name, description, or identity given to Jesus in the New Testament. The focus for today’s sermon is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life.

FLU SHOTS AT WPC

The Pickwick Pharmacy will offer flu shots for ages 12+ (under 12 with a written prescription) at WPC on **Wednesday, October 2**, from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in the **Friendship Court** which is accessible from the church office entrance off W. Augusta Pl. Pickwick accepts insurance and will bill the remaining balance to individuals after filing. Cash price is \$40. Call the church office at 232-2424 to sign up.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Lee Gray* on the death of his mother, Patricia Gray, on Thursday, September 19, 2019, in Greenville.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Gaye Sprague & family

Elizabeth Rasor & family

The Family of Tommy Miller

Lee Gray and family

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MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their fall book study on **Monday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209-C**, studying the book Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets on the first Tuesday night of the month, at **7:00 p.m.**, in the church library (except December and July). New people are always welcome. For **October 1**, the group will read and discuss Haunting Bombay by Shilpa Agarwal. This is a story about a motherless girl living with her grandmother and her uncle's family in their bungalow in 1960s Bombay who inadvertently unleashes a ghost, forcing the family to confront the shocking truth behind a drowning death that occurred there years earlier. *Ruth Johnston* will be leading this month's discussion. The book chosen for November 5 is How Not to Die Alone by Richard Roper. Join us!

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Youngish Fellowship & Discussion series continues on **Wednesday, October 2** at *Jordan Smith's* (107 McCall St.) from **6:30-8:00ish**. Please note that childcare will be available beginning at **6:15 p.m.** at Westminster. Youngish Adults, which is open to folks *20ish-45ish*, meets every first and third Wednesday.

CHERUB CHOIR BEGINS SOON

We will begin our rehearsals for Cherub Choir (4 and 5 year olds) on **Wednesday, October 2, from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 207** (the red door from the main parking lot). We will learn about music and preparing for our Cherub Christmas program. Sign up online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/cherub-choir/> or email *Katie Knauer* at kknauer@wpc-online.org.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write a short devotional to be included in the 2019 Advent Devotions series. Email *Joanne Sweeny* (swejoa38@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- *McFaddin & Deana Blanding* joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC. They have three daughters, Hadley (6), Myers (4), and Avery (2).
- *Adam & Deshia Breaux* joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Jonathan Chen & Madison Williams Chen*. Jonathan joined by reaffirmation of faith. Madison joined by transfer from Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.
- *Maria Colvin* joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, McAllen, TX.
- *Jimmy & Kristen Cox* joined by transfer from St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR. They have three daughters, Audrey (12), Caroline (7), and Delaney (2), and a son, Braden (9).
- *Hunter Ditsch* joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Bob & Martha Erwin* joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC.
- *Leo & Adelaide Fackler* joined by transfer from Grace Church, Greenville, SC. They have two sons, Davis (8) and James (5).
- *Hunter & Jenn Howe*. Hunter joined by transfer from Downtown Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC. Jenn joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two daughters, Vivienne (7) and Ellie (4), and a son, Hank (2).
- *Andrew & Olivia Humphrey* joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, Lucas (2), and a daughter, Elise (1 month).
- *Jeff and Kathryn Loveland* joined by transfer from Woodstock Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, VA.
- *Nancy Tuomi* joined by transfer from Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.
- *Andrew & Brittney Whiten* joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- *Sarah Williams* joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC.
- *Mahon Wilson* joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Laurens, SC. Mahon and his wife, WPC member Ellen Wilson, have a daughter, Mary Hazeal (6 months).
- *Thom Wood* joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC.

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BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Youth ages 5K-12 grade are invited to participate in Christian fellowship and recreational basketball for the upcoming season, which will begin the week of November 16. The 5K-1st grade league will begin Saturday, December 7. WPC members interested in being a coach or assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (bryant_puntch@ucbi.com or 915-5686). **Online player registration will end Thursday, October 10.** Registration and schedules may be accessed on the church's website (<https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/youth-basketball/>).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29 - October 5, 2019

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	IHN Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
4:00 p.m.	First Steps Music Class
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
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	Al-Anon
7:00 p.m.	Westminster Book Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.	Flu Shots at WPC (until 1p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	It's Elementary
4:00 p.m.	Flu Shots at WPC (until 5:30pm)
4:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Chorister Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Youngish Adults Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m.	Missionary Lunch
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COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Calling all seniors and juniors in high school - Youth Advisor *Corey Sanders* is offering a free workshop to help get you ready for college applications on **Sunday, October 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 300B**. Please email *Mary Kathleen Duncan* (mkduncan@wpc-online.org) to sign up!



Being one of the most profound scriptures in the Bible, John 14:1-7, reveals a path that has sacrificially been laid out for each of us. Jesus says, *"I am the way, and the truth and the life."* I think about times when I am so thankful for GPS and Siri telling me which way to go and how lost I'd be otherwise. God clearly from the beginning of time has desired to be our GPS in life.

I'll admit, I've prayed, "God, can't you just pick me up and plop me down where you want me to be..." if only it were that simple. If it were that simple, we would not recognize the little things along the way that ultimately open our eyes to the plan we each have in the eyes of God. There is true comfort knowing that we have a place being prepared for us.

For me, this scripture moves my heart in a way that wants, even more, to be a GPS for others in such a way that they too will be led and can experience God's amazing grace. It's not just about you and me. Maybe some of our existing conveniences shelter the depth that lies deep in our hearts. It may be that one of those "re-routing" moments is God's GPS taking us in another direction.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. I pray that each day our eyes see the beauty of your creation and that we find those moments where we too can be a reflection of your love that will not only guide our days, but that someone else will see God as their GPS.

Tonya Cochran