

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Grant us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength. Where we have been confused, grant us your guidance. Where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort. Where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Morgan Family

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Hayes

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:1,4

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 475 NETTLETON

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts, without considering our neighbor's heart. We have stayed in the shallow waters of faith, afraid of swimming in the deep places to which Christ calls us. Forgive us, and show us your paths of love and peace once again. Remind us anew that it is only by your grace that we are able to go forward, and only through your faithfulness that our lives will be full. Give us grateful and generous hearts in service to Christ, through whom 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.

ANTHEM 11:15 "The Wise May Bring Their Learning" McIver

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-15 O.T., p. 702

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:1-10 N.T., p. 854

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

"Lost and Found"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER 11:15 Bell

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Anthem 9:00 "I Will Arise" arr. Coker

Anthem 11:15 "I Will Lift Mine Eyes" Runestad

* 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. 749 WE ARE CALLED

"Come! Live in the Light!"

During the hymn you are invited to bring your pledge card forward. Please come to the chancel by way of the center aisle, and return to your pew via the side aisles.

* CHARGE & BEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 South African traditional

"Singayahmabayo"

"On Earth an Army is Marching"

* POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major Johnson

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Rance Bryan
11:15 a.m. Bryan Key
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Christa Likes
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Roxanne Cromartie, Gaye Sprague
Michael Hoffman
11:15 a.m. Talitha Allen, Brad Lucas
Sarah Beasley
Lauren Slingerland
LITURGIST: Tim Reed
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Hunter Williams
11:15 a.m. Grayson O'Toole
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Cooper Dorr, Sadie Mattice
11:15 a.m.

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.

Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Junior Choristers

Senior Choristers

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

*Talitha Allen and family
Rand Wilson and family
Ingrid Erwin and family
Richard Young and family
Eric Burrell and family
Ashley Richardson-Dill and family*

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 one who seeks.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Ashley Richardson-Dill* on the death of her father, George E. Richardson, III, on Thursday, October 31, 2019, in Greenville.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will begin its work today! If you have a name of someone whom you would like the Nominating Committee to consider as a ruling elder or as a member of the APNC, please contact *Pete Roe*, chair of the Nominating Committee, at proe@roecassidy.com.

BIRTH

A son, *Timothy Lewis Buchanan, III*, was born to Chip & Emily Buchanan on Friday, October 25, 2019, in Greenville.

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9:00–10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 17. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on Sunday, November 17, during the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer Dillard (jdillard@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

Westminster Academy
Who is Jesus and Why Do We Need Him?
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

“Westminster Academy,” our focused month-long exploration of theology and its practical implications is back! During the month of November we will be joined by The Reverend Dr. Peter Hobbie, Professor Emeritus of the Christian Religion at Presbyterian College for a comprehensive four-week adult education experience. While we value the ability to run multiple classes during our Sunday School year, Westminster Academy will provide a unique opportunity for WPC adults and visitors to learn and engage with theology together.

“Westminster Academy” will focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ. While classes will build on one another, each lecture can stand alone, so please do join us when you can!

- **November 10:** *Making sense of Jesus*
- **November 17:** *Was the cross really necessary?*
- **November 27:** *What do Christians mean by ‘Resurrection?’*

Teacher Bio: Peter Hobbie came to Presbyterian College in 1990 after serving as a chaplain and professor at Bethel College in Tennessee. He received an A.B. from Davidson College, an M.B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University, an M. A. from the University of North Carolina in American History, and a D. Min. and Ph. D. in Church History from Union Presbyterian Seminary. His focus is on American Religion, Christian Doctrine, and the African-American Religion Experience. He retired in 2014 and continues to reside in Clinton, SC. Westminster Academy will meet in **Room 209**.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Get your day started right with the *“It’s Never Too Early to Talk About Jesus”* study and discussion group, meeting again **Tuesday, November 12**, at **6:00 a.m.** in the **Women’s Lounge**. This semester we are studying Tish Harrison Warren’s book, *The Liturgy of the Ordinary*. Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com or 346-3155).

ADULT GROUPS

• **Couples Bible Study Group (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, November 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. **Group Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, November 18** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Bucky Tarleton* will lead the discussion of *Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings*, edited by Marcus Borg. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be **Sunday, November 17**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend. Save the date!

2020 WOMEN’S RETREAT

All women of Westminster are encouraged to join us at the Drop In & Happy Hour on **Thursday, November 21**, from **5-7:00 p.m.** at the home of *Lucy Surka* (212 Camille Ave.) to learn more about our 2020 Women’s Retreat, **February 21-23**, at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. All are welcome and encouraged to join both events!

THE HARBINGER
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

2310 Augusta Road
Greenville, South Carolina 29605
(864) 232-2424

www.wpc-online.org

THE HARBINGER: (USPS No. 764160) Published weekly by the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta Road, Greenville SC 29605. Periodical postage paid at Greenville SC 29605.

CHURCH STAFF

Church 232-2424	Weekday School 232-5766
Pastor	Ben Dorr
	bdorr@wpc-online.org
Associate Pastor	Leigh Stuckey
	lstuckey@wpc-online.org
Associate Pastor	Mary Kathleen Duncan
	mkduncan@wpc-online.org
Associate Pastor	Lauren Slingerland
	lslingerland@wpc-online.org
Parish Associate for Older Adults	Amos Workman
	aworkman@wpc-online.org
Music Director	Mark Kemp
	mkemp@wpc-online.org
Children’s Choir Coordinator	Kathryn Knauer
	kknauer@wpc-online.org
Volunteer Coordinator	Jennifer Dillard
	jdillard@wpc-online.org
Youth Intern	Lauren Ghighi
	lghighi@wpc-online.org
Organist	Nancy Smith
	nls1949@aol.com
Weekday School Director	Cara Puntch
	cpuntch@wpc-online.org
Financial Secretary	Sherri Owens
	sherri@wpc-online.org
Office Manager	Michelle Little
	michelle@wpc-online.org
Secretary	Wendy Bagley
	wendy@wpc-online.org
Director of Nurseries	Janell Pitman
	jpitman@wpc-online.org
Director of Hospitality	Lisa Ridge
	lisa@wpc-online.org
Building Supervisor	Steve Phillips
	stevep30@bellsouth.net

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, November 12

- **Circle #5:** *Ilene Schlacht*, chair (rischlacht@att.net), will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Choir Room**.
- **Circle #3:** *Dee Malone*, chair (dee05m@gmail.com), will meet at the home of *Barbara Wallace* (220 Shannon Lake Cir.) at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 13

- **Circle #6:** *Liz Einstein* (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) and *Sherry Tate* (sherrytate63@gmail.com), co-chairs, will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Sherry’s home (207 Camille Ave.).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10 - 16, 2019

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Witness & Service Committee Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Membership Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
 4:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting
 5:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
 5:30 p.m. Vespers Service
 5:45 p.m. November Nights Dinner
 6:30 p.m. November Nights Classes
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

6:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting
 PW Circle #5
 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. PW Circle #6
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:00 p.m. It’s Elementary
 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Chorister Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

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



The Sunday mornings of my childhood were spent at Westminster. We would go to Sunday School and church, and I often thought they should just give us the keys to lock up, as we were always the last people visiting in the sanctuary after worship. The rest of the week included other church related activities, such as youth group and church basketball, where I spent time with my church friends. Most of these friends didn’t go to the same school as me and I didn’t get to see them everyday, but every week at Westminster we picked up right where we left off. Westminster was as much an ingrained part of who I was as Clemson football and GCC swimming.

My relationship with God started at a very young age, growing off a foundation built by my parents. It has not been until adulthood that I have realized how lucky I am to have grown up in such a strong family of faith and am all the more blessed that my parents were already rooted in a church community as strong as Westminster’s. When I moved back to Greenville a few years ago, there was no question in my mind where I would be spending my Sunday mornings. Westminster has always been such a special place, not only because of the messages we receive in Sunday School and worship, but because of its sense of community. I love getting to catch up with members that I wouldn’t see otherwise on a weekly basis, and feel fortunate we have that special bond of being united through Christ at Westminster.

As my friends from out of town settle with their families in Greenville, I am always eager to introduce them to Westminster. I want those I love to feel the amount of love I feel every time I am within its walls or visiting with fellow members out and about in Greenville. As time goes on and many things in life are changing, I know the sense of belonging I feel at Westminster will remain constant. Westminster is thriving in a time where many other churches are not. The strength of membership proves that Westminster is a sound place for many to belong. I hope that we can continue to keep up the momentum and pave a path for future generations to feel that same sense of welcome, community and love I felt as a child and continue to feel now.

Ginny Reed

FIND WPC ONLINE
 Visit us online to find up-to-date photos, videos and information about our programming:
<http://www.wpc-online.org>
facebook.com/wpcgreenville
twitter.com/wpcgreenville
instagram.com/wpcgreenville
youtube.com/wpcgreenville
gplus.to/wpc

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER NIGHTS

November 10, 2019

Join your church family for the second Sunday evening of November Nights for worship, fellowship, and education. A **Vespers Service** begins in the Sanctuary at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by dinner starting at **5:45 p.m.** The rooms for ages K3-5th grade will be open at 6:20 p.m. but programs and classes for all will begin at **6:30 p.m.** We are all finished by **7:30 p.m.** A nursery is available for those K2 and younger.

VESPERS WORSHIP & MEDITATION

This year's services will focus on "Strangers and Tables," and explore the welcome of God and our reluctance to put it to practice. Vespers services are brief evening services that focus on prayer and contemplation and include secular and sacred music, liturgical prayer, and a brief meditation.

ADULT CLASSES

- ***"I Was in Prison and You Visited Me: The Christian Response to Mass Incarceration"***
Leaders: *Kate Weaver Patterson & Jerry Blassingame* (Room 209)
The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world — while we make up 4% of the world's population, we hold 22% of the world's prisoners. Team taught by WPC member Kate Weaver Patterson and Soteria CDC Founder Jerry Blassingame, this class will explore the explosive rise of mass incarceration in the U.S. over the last forty years. We'll hear personal stories from individuals who have been impacted, grapple with appropriate response to this uniquely American phenomenon, particularly in light of the disparate impact on lower socioeconomic classes and communities of color, and discuss how we as Christians are called to respond.
- ***"The Best Story Jesus Ever Told"***
Leader: *Ben Dorr* (Room 211)
This class will explore what is traditionally known as The Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is perhaps the most popular of Jesus's parables and certainly one that is told and retold so often, we think we know it well. At the same time, there are many ways to hear this parable. Is it a story of repentance and forgiveness? A story of being lost and being found? A story of separation and belonging? A story of judgment and grace? A story about a particular family or everyone's family? We will spend two weeks examining the many themes of this parable and the ways in which we might hear this story anew.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

All youth are invited to vespers (look for MK & Lauren to sit together), dinner with our church family, and then separate programs for Middlers and Senior Highs. Our youth programs during November Nights will explore how our faith intersects with real life issues that many of our peers face — mental illness and addiction.

November 10

Middlers (300 hall)

Speaker: *Dr. Caroline Stoddard Astemborski*

Senior Highs (Youth Suite)

NAMI "Ending the Stigma" presentation

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Children will hear a story and make a craft to prepare for Advent and welcome the light of Christ!

An Advent devotional for families will be provided.

3K&4K — Children's Church Room

K5-5th Grades — Snack Room

NURSERY

Nurseries will be provided each week for children K2 and younger.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER NIGHTS

November 10, 2019

Join your church family for the second Sunday evening of November Nights for worship, fellowship, and education. A **Vespers Service** begins in the Sanctuary at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by dinner starting at **5:45 p.m.** The rooms for ages K3-5th grade will be open at 6:20 p.m. but programs and classes for all will begin at **6:30 p.m.** We are all finished by **7:30 p.m.** A nursery is available for those K2 and younger.

VESPERS WORSHIP & MEDITATION

This year's services will focus on "Strangers and Tables," and explore the welcome of God and our reluctance to put it to practice. Vespers services are brief evening services that focus on prayer and contemplation and include secular and sacred music, liturgical prayer, and a brief meditation.

ADULT CLASSES

- ***"I Was in Prison and You Visited Me: The Christian Response to Mass Incarceration"***
Leaders: *Kate Weaver Patterson & Jerry Blassingame* (Room 209)
The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world — while we make up 4% of the world's population, we hold 22% of the world's prisoners. Team taught by WPC member Kate Weaver Patterson and Soteria CDC Founder Jerry Blassingame, this class will explore the explosive rise of mass incarceration in the U.S. over the last forty years. We'll hear personal stories from individuals who have been impacted, grapple with appropriate response to this uniquely American phenomenon, particularly in light of the disparate impact on lower socioeconomic classes and communities of color, and discuss how we as Christians are called to respond.
- ***"The Best Story Jesus Ever Told"***
Leader: *Ben Dorr* (Room 211)
This class will explore what is traditionally known as The Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is perhaps the most popular of Jesus's parables and certainly one that is told and retold so often, we think we know it well. At the same time, there are many ways to hear this parable. Is it a story of repentance and forgiveness? A story of being lost and being found? A story of separation and belonging? A story of judgment and grace? A story about a particular family or everyone's family? We will spend two weeks examining the many themes of this parable and the ways in which we might hear this story anew.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

All youth are invited to vespers (look for MK & Lauren to sit together), dinner with our church family, and then separate programs for Middlers and Senior Highs. Our youth programs during November Nights will explore how our faith intersects with real life issues that many of our peers face — mental illness and addiction.

November 10

Middlers (300 hall)

Speaker: *Dr. Caroline Stoddard Astemborski*

Senior Highs (Youth Suite)

NAMI "Ending the Stigma" presentation

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Children will hear a story and make a craft to prepare for Advent and welcome the light of Christ!

An Advent devotional for families will be provided.

3K&4K — Children's Church Room

K5-5th Grades — Snack Room

NURSERY

Nurseries will be provided each week for children K2 and younger.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER NIGHTS

November 10, 2019

Join your church family for the second Sunday evening of November Nights for worship, fellowship, and education. A **Vespers Service** begins in the Sanctuary at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by dinner starting at **5:45 p.m.** The rooms for ages K3-5th grade will be open at 6:20 p.m. but programs and classes for all will begin at **6:30 p.m.** We are all finished by **7:30 p.m.** A nursery is available for those K2 and younger.

VESPERS WORSHIP & MEDITATION

This year's services will focus on "Strangers and Tables," and explore the welcome of God and our reluctance to put it to practice. Vespers services are brief evening services that focus on prayer and contemplation and include secular and sacred music, liturgical prayer, and a brief meditation.

ADULT CLASSES

- ***"I Was in Prison and You Visited Me: The Christian Response to Mass Incarceration"***
Leaders: *Kate Weaver Patterson & Jerry Blassingame* (Room 209)
The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world — while we make up 4% of the world's population, we hold 22% of the world's prisoners. Team taught by WPC member Kate Weaver Patterson and Soteria CDC Founder Jerry Blassingame, this class will explore the explosive rise of mass incarceration in the U.S. over the last forty years. We'll hear personal stories from individuals who have been impacted, grapple with appropriate response to this uniquely American phenomenon, particularly in light of the disparate impact on lower socioeconomic classes and communities of color, and discuss how we as Christians are called to respond.
- ***"The Best Story Jesus Ever Told"***
Leader: *Ben Dorr* (Room 211)
This class will explore what is traditionally known as The Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is perhaps the most popular of Jesus's parables and certainly one that is told and retold so often, we think we know it well. At the same time, there are many ways to hear this parable. Is it a story of repentance and forgiveness? A story of being lost and being found? A story of separation and belonging? A story of judgment and grace? A story about a particular family or everyone's family? We will spend two weeks examining the many themes of this parable and the ways in which we might hear this story anew.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

All youth are invited to vespers (look for MK & Lauren to sit together), dinner with our church family, and then separate programs for Middlers and Senior Highs. Our youth programs during November Nights will explore how our faith intersects with real life issues that many of our peers face — mental illness and addiction.

November 10

Middlers (300 hall)

Speaker: *Dr. Caroline Stoddard Astemborski*

Senior Highs (Youth Suite)

NAMI "Ending the Stigma" presentation

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Children will hear a story and make a craft to prepare for Advent and welcome the light of Christ!

An Advent devotional for families will be provided.

3K&4K — Children's Church Room

K5-5th Grades — Snack Room

NURSERY

Nurseries will be provided each week for children K2 and younger.