

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 20, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and strengthen us in our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world. 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36:7-9)

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 32 ELLACOMBE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you. We know that we have been more fearful than faithful, more selfish than selfless, more cranky than compassionate. We have grumbled about details instead of being grateful for your good gifts. Forgive us, mend us, and restore us, Almighty God. Help us become the people that you intend for us to be, always looking for your gift in someone else, always seeking ways to serve the common good before we serve ourselves. In Christ’s name 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 leave for Children’s Church.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11 (N.T., p. 863)

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (N.T., p. 933)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“For the Common Good”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN No. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit” Scholtes

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*)

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER McNeil

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God’s mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Offertory (9:00 a.m.) arr. Hustad

“Spirit of the Living God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Anthem (11:15 a.m.) “Trust in the Lord” Gawthrop

* 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. 280 EBENEZER

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE (11:15 a.m.) “Go Out with Joy” Davis

* POSTLUDE “We Are One in the Spirit” arr. Smith

**All who are able may stand*

*If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you.
Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all.*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Todd Harward
11:15 a.m. Creighton Likes
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Rob Warren
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Howard Boyd, Grier Mullins
Phillip Cox
11:15 a.m. Stephen Woods, Kathryn Freedman
Christa Likes
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Ted Gentry
11:15 a.m. Eric McGregor
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Lucy Cole, Lilly Rayneri
11:15 a.m. Laney Palmer, Louisa Palmer

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.”

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

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 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 Don Lester
The family of Buddy Puckett
Sonya O’Neal and family*

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to *Sonya O’Neal* on the death of her father, Darrell Strickland, on Monday, January 14, 2019, in Piedmont, SC.

MEN’S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men’s Group will continue their book study on **Monday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We will study the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *David Rutledge* will lead the discussion of *Another Turn of The Crank* by Wendell Berry. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

In Memoriam

Linton B. Puckett

4/2/1943 - 1/8/2018

*"In my Father's House
are many mansions."*

A service of installation

for

Ben Dorr

as Pastor of Westminster

is scheduled for Sunday, February 10,
at 3pm.

All members of Westminster
are invited to attend!

Childcare will be provided.

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, January 22, at 6:00 a.m.** in the **Women's Lounge**. This semester we are studying Rachel Held Evans's New York Times bestseller, A Year of Biblical Womanhood (available in the WPC library). Questions? Contact *Kathleen Reynolds* (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

ADULT GROUPS

- **Luncheon Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, January 23, at 12:00 p.m.** in **Room 211**. Leader: *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com).
- **Couples Bible Study (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Leaders: *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Join us **Wednesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Blockhouse Restaurant (1619 Augusta St.) for fellowship and the fifth installment in our series on Jesus' parables.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined), will meet **Saturday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Valerie & David Slade* (430 Woodland Way). Watch your e-mail for more information, or – if you don't hear from us, please contact *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org). We hope to see you!

IHN HOMELESS MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, WPC will be hosting a few homeless families during the week of **February 3-10**. We are looking for volunteers to act as hosts or provide dinner to our guests. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2RnQ5rt> or in person this Sunday in the Sanctuary Atrium. If you have any additional questions or want to learn more, please contact *Holly Vanderwal* at hollyv04@hotmail.com.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Because of a scheduling conflict, Westminster's Book Club will wait until **Tuesday, February 5**, to discuss the book Swing Time by Zadie Smith. We meet from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church library. New people are always welcome!

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of Westminster are encouraged to join us at the 2019 Women's Retreat, **February 22-24**, at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

We will be joined by The Reverend Courtney Willis, Pastor of Spiritual Formation at First Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC. To learn more about Courtney, visit <http://fbcgso.org/newest-associate-pastor/>. Judy McKenney will lead music again this year.

Registration includes housing, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. All rooms are in Assembly Inn and check-in for those arriving Friday will be held from 5-7:00 pm. (*You are welcome to join us Saturday morning if necessary!*)

We will conclude with a worship service on Sunday morning before check-out at 11:00 am.

- Single Occupancy - \$220
- Double Occupancy - \$195
(double occupancy may be either one king or two twins)
- Quad Occupancy - \$175
(quad occupancy may have a shared bath)

Payment is due upon registration.

Cancellations before January 23 will be applied to your pledge or considered a contribution to the church.

Cancellations after January 23 will be forfeited. Sign up online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/womens-retreat/>.

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Save the date for

VBS this summer!

Monday, August 5 -

Friday, August 9

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 20-26, 2019

SUNDAY

All Youth Weekend Ski Trip
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Library Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
12:45 p.m. Connections Group Event
5:00 p.m. APNC Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

All Youth Weekend Ski Trip
Weekday School Closed
Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
6:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
12:00 p.m. Luncheon Group Meeting
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
6:15 p.m. Youngish Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Couples Bible Study (50+)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Sanctuary Choir to Festival by the Sea

SATURDAY

Sanctuary Choir to Festival by the Sea
Adult Dominican Republic Mission Trip
6:30 p.m. Lightly Seasoned Group Event

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

<i>Howard Boyd</i>	<i>Collin Mackie</i>
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<i>Brad Lucas</i>	<i>Gaye Sprague</i>
<i>David Massey</i>	<i>Freddie Williams</i>



"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."

John 2:11

Jesus, his mother Mary, and his disciples attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee. During the festivities, the wine ran out and Mary makes this known to her son. Jesus reacts on his mother's words and tells the servants to fill six stone jugs to the brim with water. He chooses these containers as opposed to the empty wine pots available as an act of symbolism for a variety of reasons. These jugs were carved from stone, not made from clay, and would have been much larger than anything else. They were able to hold several gallons of liquid. Their purpose would have been used in ceremonial cleansings by the Jews. These jugs would have been consecrated for holy purposes, and their use here reiterates the lesson that we all are vessels of the Lord. Jesus telling the servants to fill the jugs to the brim symbolizes that nothing more can be added and nothing more can be done.

Once filled, he directed them to take the jugs to the master of the banquet. The master of the banquet tasted what had become wine and exclaimed to the bridegroom, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you saved the best till now!" The master of the banquet nor the wedding party ever realized where the wine came from, but the servants who had drawn the water realized what occurred. It was his disciples that realized they had witnessed a miracle, his first.

Jesus performed this act to prove his real nature to his disciples. The purpose of this miracle was to reveal his glory and in turn, bring faith to him from the disciples. Jesus was not interested in drawing attention or receiving faith from the master of the banquet or those attending the wedding. Even though the servants knew what had occurred, Jesus did not perform the miracle to gain their faith. His only reasoning to perform the act was to reveal his true, inner being to his disciples. The miracle achieved its purpose, for his disciples believed in him.

Kelly Odom