

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 4, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer, c. 1514.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* CHORAL INTROIT "Ave Verum Corpus" Byrd
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God remembers the Covenant from water through wilderness

People: God's kingdom draws near.

Leader: God remains faithful to the Covenant written on stone and on our hearts

People: God's kingdom draws near.

Leader: From Noah to Moses, Abraham to the Son,

People: God keeps the Covenant and the Kingdom draws near.

* HYMN No. 1 NICAEA
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere in our discipleship. We claim to follow Jesus but have not followed the path of sacrificial love. We profess to be Christians, but are not willing to bear the cost of the cross. We affirm the virtue of selflessness but we indulge in selfish desires to seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord.

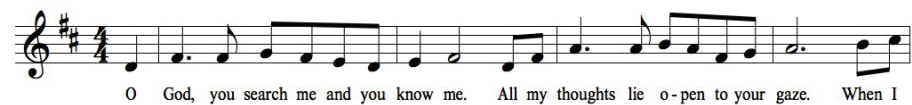
* ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* 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 LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER "O God, You Search Me" Farrell



MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

ANTHEM

"Verleih Uns Frieden"

Mendelssohn

In these our days so perilous, Lord, peace in mercy send us;

No God but thee can fight for us, no God but thee defend us;

Thou our only God and Saviour.

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the anthem.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — Psalm 67 (Page 529) Grace Honohan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — Genesis 17:1-9, 15-22 (Page 13)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Leigh Stuckey

"By Any Other Name"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* 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; 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory "O Praise the Lord With Heart and Voice" Haydn

* 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. 51 LLANFYLLIN

"To Abraham and Sarah"

* BENECTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE "Walk Together, Children" Hogan

* POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Paul Grier
11:15 a.m. Tony Atkins

SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Roxanne Cromartie

GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Kathleen Reynolds, Howard Boyd
Susan McLeod
11:15 a.m. Lee Freeman, Steve Johnson
Elizabeth Palmer

LITURGIST: Mary Kathleen Duncan

ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Amelia Kent, Emily Jane Rayneri
11:15 a.m. Laney Palmer, Whit Palmer

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 who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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
Members of the Furman Singers directed by Jackson McCarthy, Westminster Music Intern

FURMAN SINGERS LEADING IN WORSHIP

Leading in worship this Sunday are members of the Furman Singers, including Westminster Choral scholars Grace Honohan, TJ Turner, Shalick Smith, and directed by Westminster Music Intern, Jackson McCarthy. We welcome them as they begin their spring tour.

During the worship service, children in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, March 4:

9:00 a.m. Aaron & Paige Cizon
11:15 a.m. John & Roselle Bonnoitt

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 4

9:00 a.m. Joe & Shannon Paradise
Crawler Jim & Kate Gilreath
Toddler Andrew & Amanda Parker
11:15 a.m. Price & Anna Blair Cameron
Crawler Bryan & Joanna Key
Toddler Mark & Mandy Pruitt
K2 Rance & Andrea Bryan
K3 Alice Sargent
K4

BIRTH

A daughter, Sarah Margaret Land, was born to Philip & Beth Land on Friday, February 23, 2018, in Greenville.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Hannah Dias and family
Courtney Kyle and family
Holly Johnson and family
The Family of Bob Shufeldt
Henry Bellew and family
Paula White and family
The Family of Sandra Niven

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday is the third Sunday in the Season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation as we approach Holy Week and Easter. Each Sunday in Lent we will utilize the same call to worship and call to prayer. You are invited to dwell on these texts each week as we together journey to Easter.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

This weekend forty-three members of the Westminster Youth Choir and chaperones are participating in the 19th Annual Youth Choir Festival by the Sea in Myrtle Beach, where they have joined over 300 youth for music, fellowship, and worship.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, March 4. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at 627-0725.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Henry Bellew on the death of his mother, Virginia Bellew, on Friday, February 23, 2018, in Greenville.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Paula White on the death of her mother, Ruth Robertson Marks, on Saturday, February 24, 2018, in Florence, AL.

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 6-8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, in Room 209. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on Sunday, March 18 during the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new member Sunday. RSVP so that we may plan for food and childcare or if you have questions, please contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606.

In Memoriam

Sandra Kay Niven

10/22/1942 - 2/21/2018

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

YOUTH GROUP
MARCH 4

YOUTH MISSION EVENT

All youth meet at **Stone Pin Bowling Alley** (304 E. Stone Ave.) from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** for our mission event, **Bowling for Soup**. Bring three cans of soup + \$5 to enter.

BOOK CLUB

Westminster Book Club would love to have you join us at one of our future meetings, from **7:00-8:00 p.m.**, in the church **library**. For **March 6**, we will be reading the New York Times bestselling book, **Small Great Things**, by Jodi Picoult, a novel which examines racism in the face of a gripping moral and medical dilemma. On **April 3**, we will discuss the novel, **Our Souls at Night**, by Kent Haruf, a look at loneliness and second chances. On **May 1**, we will discuss **In the Midst of Winter**, by Isabel Allende, a novel in which the lives of three very different people collide; from Brooklyn, to Guatemala, and Chile. Newcomers are always welcome.

VBS PLANNING

Would you be willing to be part of the parent team which helps organize this year's activities for Vacation Bible School? We will have a planning meeting at **9:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, March 4**, in the **Charter Room**, across from the church library. Parent helpers are needed to help organize crafts, recreation, drama, decorating, snacks and recruitment. This year's program will take place from **Monday – Thursday, June 18 – 21**, from **9 a.m. – Noon**, when the children will engage with **Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity**. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop, bstoop@wpc-online.org or 313-6956.

MEN'S GROUP DINNER
PRESENTATION

Brandon Streeter, Clemson Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator, will speak to our Men's Group on **Thursday, March 15**, at **6:00 p.m.**, in the **Fellowship Hall**. We are aware that Brandon's motivational presentation will generate considerable interest amongst our members. For this reason, we are inviting spouses and friends to join us as well. **Reservations are required**. RSVP to the church office (232-2424) by **Monday, March 12**. The cost is **\$7 per person**.

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.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room** on **Monday, March 12**. *Sue Inman* will present a program on Martin Buber, a Jewish philosopher, religious thinker, political activist, and educator. All are invited.

BIBLE BOWL

Mark your calendars. This year's Bible Bowl Team Challenge will take place at **"It's Elementary!"** and **Tweens** on **Wednesday, March 21**, during our regular after school meetings. We have focused on the life and teachings of Jesus in our lessons this year, especially learning about the twelve disciples and the parables of Jesus. At the Bible Bowl, teams of children from the same grade will answer questions about the Bible, coming up with a team answer. Trophies for the Bible Bowl are presented at our end of the year carnival, which will take place on **Wednesday, May 9**. For more information about this program, or to get a list of lessons we have covered, contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop at bstoop@wpc-online.org or 313-6956.

#yeahTHATwpc

WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA
HIGH CONNECTION

Join us **Monday, March 26**, from **8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** for pilot day #2 of the Westminster-Carolina High Connection. The largest local mission project in WPC's 71 year history is off to a fantastic start. To sign up or learn more contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 ext. 1606.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held on **Thursday, March 29**, at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

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VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL

• Mark your calendars for a visit to
• ancient Babylon at this summer's VBS,
• to be held from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
• on **Monday, June 18 thru Thursday,**
• **June 21**. Visit the ancient market place,
• and find out how Daniel and his friends
• showed courage and faith as they lived
• in this foreign land.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 4-10, 2018

SUNDAY

Youth Choir Festival

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Health Ministry
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Health Ministry
4:30 p.m. Youth Mission Event
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
AI-Anon Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Westminster Book Club

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Session Retreat to Montreat

SATURDAY

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2018

Julia Bellew
Catherine Blount
Kimberly DuBose
Melinda Dumpert
Jason Farmer
Donn James

Nancy Quinn
Kathleen Reynolds
Hank Sanders
Brent Thomasson
Sallie White
Hunter Williams

The Class of 2019

Howard Boyd
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Beri Draganic
Kathryn Freedman
Paul Grier
Walter Hinton

Collin Mackie
Susan McLeod
Elizabeth Palmer
Joanne Sweeny
Rob Warren
Stephen Woods

The Class of 2020

Ben Alexander
Rita Barker
Roxanne Cromartie
Becca Donohue
Lee Freeman
Mike Hall

Michael Hoffman
Steve Johnson
Coleman Kirven
Christa Likes
Jon McKnight
Parks McLeod



In reading today's scripture passage, Psalm 67, and thinking about Leigh's recent sermon about the "Floody, Floody" song, I began to think about one of my own favorite Vacation Bible School songs, "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands." Of the many, many songs that I remember from my days here at WPC's VBS, it is one that I like to sing to my three year old when I'm putting him to bed. To paraphrase the general theme it says: "He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands, He's got a-you and me brother in His hands, He's got a-you and me sister in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands!"

I think that I have always found it comforting to think about a warm, humble, bearded old man literally holding our Earth safely in his hands. No matter what is happening on His little planet, He is bigger and safer than it all. I also like how it asks me to think broadly about ALL of the people that God created and thus loves.

In Psalm 67, the writer talks about ALL the peoples, nations, and earth. He asks that God may be gracious unto us all, meaning being kind when He does not have to be kind, and for Him to bless us all, meaning to give us good things. I think he wants God's message of grace and love to spread all over the world and draw into community those from the far reaches to join in the happiness and glory of the one God.

There are many, if not most, days that I feel like I focus on little other than myself and those who live in my own 4 walls; other days that I am able to stretch myself outward to my extended family, patients, or community; and still others where I am focused more on the concerns of this country, but I think I am called to broader thought. I am called to love and serve all of those in this world-those that look different, act differently, worship differently (if at all), and those who may frustrate me. Through my example of grace and love, they may feel called into this wonderful global community of faith. This can be challenging in the world in which we live. Some days it seems to ask too much because living in love is often not easy, fair, inexpensive, or relaxing. We are nonetheless called to it by our God, a God who loves, blesses, and is gracious toward each of us and expects us to do the same for all His creation on this wondrous planet. What a great challenge of unification through loving our brothers and sisters and being the hands and feet of God who has all of His children in his hands!

Mandy Pruitt

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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