

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of compassion, your ways are always larger and deeper than our ways, and your love is always more imaginative than our love. Receive this day, into your loving embrace, all who come home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace. Remind us anew of the joy that it is to be found, claimed, called, and redeemed by your love. 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 9:00 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Purifoy

INTROIT 11:15 "O Love" Hagenberg

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32:1-2, 11

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Let us worship God!

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 366 HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have failed to rejoice when your love has created new life. Have compassion on us, gracious God. Make us eager to reconcile with family, friend, and enemy, no matter the cost to our pride. Lead us back to your paths of justice, humility, simplicity, and peace. 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)

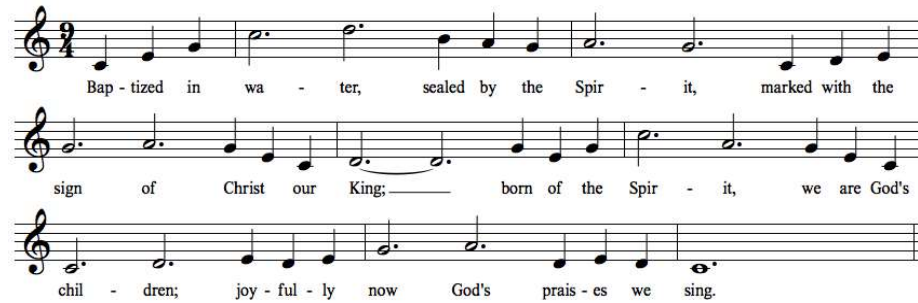
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:00 Rosalie Charlotte Taber Stock

- Presentation
Questions to the Parents
Question to the Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Prayer

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Welcome and Congregational Response



At 9 a.m. worship, children in K5-First grade leave for Children's Church.

PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES 11:15

Holy God, we give you thanks for the children who stand before us. Be with them as they go forward in their journey with you. Help them to learn the Bible's stories, and to study its words. Guide them in your ways, instruct them in your love, and remind them that they will always belong to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 N.T., p. 940

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:11-32 N.T., p. 850

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Ben Dorr

"Two Sons, One Party"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* 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; he descended into hell; 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER Hymn No. 423

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Offertory "When I Survey" arr. Hopson

\* 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. 774 STUTTGART

"There Is Now a New Creation"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 AR HYD Y NOS

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\* POSTLUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. Husted

\*All who are able may stand

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- HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Dick Allen
11:15 a.m. Keith Stevenson
SPONSOR: Parks McLeod
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Roxanne Cromartie, Ted Gentry, Brad Lucas
11:15 a.m. Grier Mullins, David Massey, Phillip Cox
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Perrin White
11:15 a.m. Bob Dellert
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Clarissa Hart
11:15 a.m. J.P. Hartman, Sawyer Woodard

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

9:00 a.m.

Salleigh Harvey, alto

Mark Kemp, tenor

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!

BIRTH

A son, Taylor James Fisher, Jr., was born to Taylor & Gypsy Fisher on Sunday, December 23, 2018, in Greenville.

LET US PRAY FOR:

The family of Edna Johnson
Barbara Patterson and family

BIBLES PRESENTED

This Sunday, March 31, we will present Bibles to our third graders at our 11:15 a.m. worship service. Plan now to join us.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship Rosalie Charlotte Taber Stock, daughter of Nathan Stock & Kate Taber.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, Sarah Daniels and Kyle Moore were united in marriage at Westminster.

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, March 31, at 3:30 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!

HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY OF SERVICE • MAY 4

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service at Carolina High on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Carolina High to help them clean up their campus. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org. Following our time at Carolina you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

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**SURGICAL MISSION TRIP**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

This year's surgical mission trip to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic is scheduled for **September 28 - October 5, 2019**. Doctors, nurses, and medical professionals are encouraged to consider this important opportunity in the life of our church. Join us **March 31 following the 11:15 a.m. service** for an informational meeting in the **Charter Room**. This year's trip is being led by *Chuck Marguet* and *Rob Morgan*.

**MEN'S MISSION TRIP**

The Men of the Church will be back at Camp Thornwell (near Table Rock State Park) from **Wednesday, May 15 - Sunday, May 19** to continue our renovations and improvements at Thornwell Home's retreat camp. The project list is complete and will include light construction, "handy man" inside activities, painting, and of course grounds maintenance like cutting and clearing-something for all skills and abilities. We will again bunk up and have provided meals in the rec hall with evening social time and a Sunday worship service. Look for more details and sign up info closer to time! Questions? Contact Jeff Reynolds at 864-617-5152.

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. We will meet again on **Tuesday, April 2**, and will be reading from Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward. This is an intimate portrait of three generations of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop, if you have questions ([bstoop@wpc-online.org](mailto:bstoop@wpc-online.org)).

**THEOLOGY READING GROUP**

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, April 15**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. *Cathy Grills* will lead the discussion of Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, by Diana Butler Bass. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

**YOUNGISH ADULTS**

Join us for the home opener of Greenville's newest sports venture, the pro-level soccer team the Greenville Triumph. We'll gather on **Sunday, April 7** in the early evening. All are welcome. Contact Leigh ([lstuckey@wpc-online.org](mailto:lstuckey@wpc-online.org)) to save your tickets.

**SUPPER WITH SEVEN**

By popular demand, Dine With Nine is back, but it's now Supper With Seven with a new twist or two.

The new format is designed for smaller and more casual groups with a wide range of meal-sharing opportunities, ranging from a traditional dinner at a member's home to backyard barbecues, to meeting at a pizza parlor. Supper With Seven groups will be made up of couples and singles. Participants are encouraged to invite new Westminster members.

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 Monday, April 1.**

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.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 31 - April 6, 2019**

**SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Confirmation Class meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Surgical Mission Trip meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Task Force meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Baptism Class
- 5:00 p.m. APNC meeting
- 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 Group
- 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. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Westminster Book Club

**WEDNESDAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
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- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 3:30 p.m. Cherub Choir
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:15 p.m. Youngish Adults Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Westminster/Carolina High Connection
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**SAVE THE DATES**

Sadly for us, the time has come for Barbara Stoop to retire. We will be celebrating the wonderful ministry of Barbara. Please mark these dates on your calendars:

- **Monday, June 24 5:45 p.m.** Church dinner celebrating Barbara. We are creating fun activities for all ages in honor of Barbara's ministry.
- **Sunday, June 30** Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster.

For the church dinner, the retirement committee is collecting mementos of Barbara's time at Westminster. Please send in any photos you have and share any special memories. Photos can be dropped off at the church office and will be returned. We will have a table displaying artwork created by Barbara, so if you have anything you can loan us, we would enjoy sharing it with the congregation. Special memories can be e-mailed to Susan Robbins at [jamrobbins@aol.com](mailto:jamrobbins@aol.com).

Barbara's ministry at Westminster has touched all of our lives. We hope you can join us in celebrating her 31 years with us.



Like many adults, I have some vague and scattered childhood memories of Sunday School. I do recall there was an aquarium with fish there which always fascinated me. Back then I thought of the Sunday School classroom as just "the place in church with the fish tank." Although I am sure they also taught Bible lessons there, and I know that I learned some of those Bible lessons while watching those fish.

One lesson did stick with me. It was a Bible lesson about the differences between the Old Testament and New Testament. There was some talk of timelines and authors and other complicated stuff. But at the end the teacher summed it up in a neat line: "The New Testament is all about Jesus; and Jesus is all about forgiveness." That seemed pretty straightforward, in language I could understand.

It's funny what sticks with you over time. The real world is no Sunday School, and the lessons we learn are pretty far removed from those simpler times. Our modern world is a world of tasks, of deadlines, of getting things done. We spend a lot of time fretting about what we didn't get done; or getting cross at those around us who didn't deliver. That Bible lesson has morphed into a little line, "...it's all about forgiveness." And for me that line is a tiny daily devotional... a little shield against troubles of all shapes and sizes. It's what I whisper when I take a deep breath, after I've made a mistake or seen someone else make one.

It's what I tell my kids when they fight. It's how I re-group when things don't go as planned. And to think I learned it way back in Sunday School, watching those fish swim around their little aquarium.

*Bill Taylor*

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BIBLE BOWL
APRIL 3

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No sitting fee / No obligation to purchase

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LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

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Donor \_\_\_\_\_

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