

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 28, 2019
10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

The news is that God's wind is blowing. It may be a breeze that cools and comforts. It may be a gust that summons you to notice. It may be a storm that blows you where you have never been before. Whatever the wind is in your life, pay attention to it...and the blessing God, Father, Son, and Spirit, will abide with you always.

Walter Brueggemann, *Prayers for a Privileged People*

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. Bish

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from 1 Kings 8:23*

Leader: There is no other like the Lord our God,

People: **who keeps the covenant with steadfast love!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 366 HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, all too often we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted. Where we are called to keep watch over our brother, we think only of ourselves. We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us. We grow proud and seek power. Turn us again toward your covenant. Remind us of your fidelity, and our call to abiding faithfulness. Grant us the wisdom to work toward your Kingdom, and awaken our hearts to the promise of your love. 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

Piper Mae Tesolowski

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

* Question to the Congregation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Congregational Response

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 89:1-4 O.T., p. 475

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-17 O.T., p. 245

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Leigh Stuckey

"Housing Permits"

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. 473*

"Shepherd Me, O God"

**Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Offertory "Praise His Holy Name" Hampton

* 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.19 GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

"God of Great and God of Small"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 700*

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* POSTLUDE

**All who are able may stand*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HEAD USHER: Alex Crigler
SPONSOR: Sarah Beasley
GREETERS: Philip Land, Becky Warth
David Massey
LITURGIST: Lauren Slingerland
LAY READER: Josie Williams
ACOLYTE: Zach Warren

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 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 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

Summer 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 Carole Howell

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Piper Mae Tesolowski*, daughter of Zandr & Carly Tesolowski, sister of Amelia.

BIRTH

A son, *Charles Wheaton Knapp*, was born to Austin & Mary Frances Knapp on Sunday, July 14, 2019, in Greenville.

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

August 1-4

Forty-seven WPC members will depart this **Thursday, August 1**, for a pilgrimage to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Montgomery. They will be visiting sites pertaining to the Civil Rights Era. Please keep these adults and children in your prayers.

IHN AUGUST 18-25

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families facing homelessness during the week of **August 18-25**. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down, act as hosts, and/or provide dinner to our guests. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2xHznHn>. For more information, contact *Holly Vanderwal* (hollyv04@hotmail.com), *Beth Edwards* (bethholladay73@gmail.com), or *Julia Bellew* (juliabellew@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

VASES NEEDED

Our Flower Ministry is in need of vases to distribute floral arrangements to shut-ins following memorial services and weddings. Please donate any medium sized vases that you have available to the church office.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. For August 6, the group will read and discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers. For September 3, the book will be the very popular *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. For the October 1 meeting, the group will read *Haunting Bombay*, a novel by Shilpa Agarwal. Join us!

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Plan to join us Sunday, August 11, at noon for an afternoon of bowling at Stone Pin (304 E. Stone Ave.). If questions, contact Leigh Stuckey (lstuckey@wpc-online.org).

VBS TEACHER PACKETS

VBS teacher packet pick up will be Sunday, August 4, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Atrium. If you are unable to come, please contact Mae Todd Mullins at maetoddmullins@gmail.com.

It's Elementary begins August 28!

Advanced Registration is required and now open to members!

Members may register their rising 1-5 graders at:

<https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/its-elementary-tweens-sign-up/>.

Deadline to register: August 12

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

August 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Adults \$7.00 Children (3-11) \$3.00 Children (2 and under) Free

Join us for a great meal at 9:00 a.m. (food lines to open at 8:45 a.m.) to celebrate a new school year and a new church year! The menu for our celebration breakfast will be biscuits and gravy, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, and fruit. Nursery will be available for children under three. To keep the check-in lines moving, we ask that you sign up and pay online by going to <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/back-to-school-breakfast/>. Sign-ups end Monday, August 12. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Waffle Cone Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m. (Middlers)
7:30-8:30 p.m. (Senior Highs)
July 31
August 7
*move to new grades 7/31/19

SIGN UP ONLINE:
Drive Game for ALL Youth
August 2

Middler Bowling
August 8

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, July 30, at 6:00 a.m. in the Women's Lounge. This semester we are studying Lee Hull Moses's book, *More Than Enough: Living Abundantly In a Culture of Excess*. Questions? Contact Kathleen Reynolds (kathleenmreynolds@yahoo.com, 346-3155) or Associate Pastor Leigh Stuckey.

MOVIE GROUP

Westminster's Movie Group welcomes anyone who enjoys seeing good movies and having lively discussions. Members attend a movie, and then enjoy dinner together to discuss the movie and have social time. Occasionally movies are shown at the church. Our first meeting will be Sunday, August 25. The movie has not been selected yet because the movie schedules are uncertain. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Robbins (jamrobbins@aol.com) to get added to our email list.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28 - August 3, 2019

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Education Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Civil Rights Pilgrimage
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Civil Rights Pilgrimage

SATURDAY

Civil Right Pilgrimage

SUPPER WITH SEVEN

The Supper with Seven program was a huge success last spring, so we are beginning signups for the fall. Supper with Seven groups will be made up of couples and singles who will get together once in September and once in October with the option of a third get-together in November or December. The meal-sharing opportunities range from a traditional dinner at a member's home to backyard barbecues to meetings at a pizza parlor. It is up to each group to decide.

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 Friday, August 16.**

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.



This week's Scripture reading of Psalm 89 is a reminder of God's covenant with David from II Samuel 7. The covenant with David establishes the lineage as the future kings of Israel and the coming of the Messiah in David's line. This anointing of David ultimately pushed Saul out as king and paved way for David to replace him.

The psalmist who wrote these verses worked in David's court and from the context here, we can only imagine that God's covenant with David was widely celebrated. The psalmist Ethan sings to God about his steadfast love and faithfulness for all generations.

When I read this, I am reminded that you and I are included in all generations, and God's never-ending love and faithfulness extends to us too. Jesus Christ has come as the Messiah the first time, but we await the second Coming and must remember that the peace of God is for all people and for all time. We should also celebrate, along with the psalmist!

Later in the verse, Ethan prays to God in anger about how he has rejected David. With vivid imagery he recounts what seems like God's lack of remembrance of his covenant promises. There are times when we feel the same way: alone and seemingly without any home.

But at the end of his psalm, the tone changes and he proclaims, "Blessed be the LORD forever!"

This reminds me that even when I feel like I have no one on my side — that God has left me; his steadfast love will endure. And soon I will feel the warm embrace and the faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

David Hanor