

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 6, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

Hunter Williams

PREPARING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE Prelude on HOLY MANNA arr. Hamlin

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 65:5, 12-13*

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation.

People: **You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

Leader: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy.

People: **The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 32 ELLACOMBE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we know that we have been worried and defensive, looking for ways to protect our own interests, turning away from your path. We have lived under the illusion of scarcity, when you have showered us with grace in abundance. We have been anxious about our neighbors, we have been cautious with our love, and we have withheld hospitality from those who need it most. Forgive us, and remake us in Christ’s image. Help us to be more faithful than fearful, and lead us in labors of love for all people, so that Christ’s compassion would be known. 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.

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

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9 O.T., p. 568

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-44 N.T., p. 818

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

“So Many Strangers”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed *Hymnal, p. 34*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

OFFERING

Offertory “Baba Yetu” Tin

The Lord’s Prayer

* 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. 770 WELCOME TABLE

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE “Celtic Alleluia” Walker

* POSTLUDE Improvisation on “Baba Yetu” Smith

**All who are able may stand*

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Ross Glidewell
11:15 a.m. Bryant Puntch
SPONSOR: 9:00 a.m. Brad Lucas
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Scott Clark, Lee Freeman
Pete Roe
11:15 a.m. Brandon Coker, Michael Hoffman
Anna Hanor
LITURGIST: Leigh Stuckey
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Susan McLeod
11:15 a.m. Christa Likes

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.

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Bob Dellert, soloist

Andrew Knauer, Alissa Edwards,

Marcella Frese, percussion

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:

Lee Gray and family

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 6

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this **Sunday, October 6**, immediately following our 11:15 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect this year’s Nominating Committee (which will nominate the next class of elders) and to vote on the Session’s recommendation that a new pastoral position be created on our staff: Associate Pastor for Mission and Congregational Life. The nominees for the Nominating Committee are *Pete Roe* (chair), *Roxanne Cromartie*, *Brad Lucas*, *Susan Jones*, *Sam White, Jr.*, *Mandy Pruitt*, *Beth Land*, *Grady Patterson*, and *Pat Shufeldt*.

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 welcomes.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

This **Sunday, October 6**, we will be taking our annual Peacemaking Offering. These gifts enable the PC(USA) to promote economic and social peace all over the world. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays at Westminster for local peacemaking missions. Special envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Specific envelopes for your contributions may be found in the Ritual of Friendship booklets. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, October 6**. 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* (627-0725).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 6 - 12, 2019

SUNDAY
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting
 3:00 p.m. College Ready Event
 4:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
 5:00 p.m. Basketball Coach Meeting
 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
 6:15 p.m. NAMI
 6:30 p.m. JustFaith Group
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY
 6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #5
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. AI-Anon
 1:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY
Adult Mission Trip to Cuba
 8:30 a.m. PW Circle #6
 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
 3:00 p.m. It's Elementary
 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Chorister
 Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Couples Bible Study Group

THURSDAY
Adult Mission Trip to Cuba
 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY
Adult Mission Trip to Cuba

SATURDAY
Adult Mission Trip to Cuba

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Youth ages 5K–12 grade are invited to participate in Christian fellowship and recreational basketball for the upcoming season, which will begin the week of November 16. The 5K-1st grade league will begin Saturday, December 7. WPC members interested in being a coach or assistant coach may contact Bryant Puntch (bryant_puntch@ucbi.com or 915-5686). **Online player registration will end Thursday, October 10.** Registration and schedules may be accessed on the church's website (<https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/youth-basketball/>).



*"So in Christ we who are many form one body,
 each member belongs to all the others."
 Romans 12:5*

As we enter the 2020 Stewardship season, I feel like it is a good opportunity for us, as a congregation, to reflect on our life together, but also to think about how WPC has impacted me and my own family. Right after graduation, Pete and I were married and Pete began his active duty years in the army in Tacoma, Washington. We were 3000 plus miles away from anyone we knew. That lifestyle was NOT conducive to a feeling of belonging, but basically surviving! After his two years of service in Washington State, we returned to Greenville, the place where we met (Furman), and a place we both were familiar with. One of the first things we did was search for a church home to raise our family. We found the people at Westminster Presbyterian so accepting and friendly and so we joined WPC around 1974. We immediately got involved in groups and activities. It did not take long to feel as though we "belonged," a feeling we were definitely in need of after those solitary years so far away from friends, and family, and community. We started attending the Flock functions and met so many couples. Not only were they fun to be with, but a lot of them just happened to live in our neighborhood! It didn't take long for us to become active in so many other ministries at WPC. Presbyterian Women, men's group, ushering, session assignments, mission trips for the men, and Dominican Republic mission trips. In fact, we were thrilled to see all three of our children grow up and find a sense of belonging as they also became very active: youth groups, youth mission trips, basketball, and PYC... just to name a few.

From all these opportunities of "being a part of or belonging" we developed our lifelong friendships. We have raised our families together, gone through deaths together, celebrated weddings, and now are watching our grandchildren grow up together. We have discussed so many times how amazing it is that we found one another so early in our married lives and how we all belong together and still attend the same church!

So, yes, WPC has totally impacted every aspect of the life of the Sweeny family. WPC has definitely made us believe in the verse from Romans 12:5.

I encourage you to prayerfully contemplate your commitment to WPC by thinking back on your life and how WPC has been able to offer so many opportunities for you and your family to experience and believe that each and every one of us does, indeed, BELONG in the body of Christ!

Joanne Sweeny

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

For those who are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact Amos Workman (423-0070).

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Calling all seniors and juniors in high school – Youth Advisor *Corey Sanders* is offering a free workshop to help get you ready for college applications on **Sunday, October 6** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** in **Room 300B**. Please email Mary Kathleen Duncan (mkduncan@wpc-online.org) to sign up!

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their fall book study on **Monday, October 7**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**, studying the book *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference* by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

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, October 8**, 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* (kathleenreynolds@yahoo.com or 346-3155).

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER Tuesday, October 8

- **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 *Fran Walker* (47 Charlbury St.) at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 9

- **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.).

BIBLES PRESENTED

On **Sunday, October 13**, we will present Bibles to our third graders at our **11:15 a.m.** worship service. Plan now to join us.

ADULT GROUPS

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 9**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion**. Group Leader: *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, October 9**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Group Leaders: *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).
- **Hiking Group:** Will hike from Laurel Meadow to Laurel Falls along the Foothills Trail on **Thursday, October 17**. Meet in the church parking lot at **8:30 a.m.** Hike Leader: *Bob Vannoy* (bobvannoy47@gmail.com or 640-9073).

CONNECTIONS

The Connections Group will meet **Sunday, October 13**, at **12:30 p.m.** at **The Burrows** (2017 Augusta St.). RSVP to *Ruth Johnston* (ruthjohnst@aol.com or 201-6117) by **Friday, October 11**. All are welcome!

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, October 20**, 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!

THEOLOGY READING

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, October 21**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *Kathryn Algary* will lead the discussion of *This I Know: A Simple Biblical Defense for LGBTQ Christians* by Jim Dant, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church, Greenville. Read the book and join us. All are invited.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to write a short devotional to be included in the 2019 Advent Devotions series. Email *Joanne Sweeny* (swejoa38@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help with this. Thank you.

UNITED MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION TODAY

If you are seated in the main section of pews, you will proceed up the center aisle to receive communion. Please wait for an usher to prompt your row. Please take communion from one of the two serving stations at the front of the chancel located on the same side as your pew, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

If you are seated in the transept pews at either side of the sanctuary, you will take communion from the servers at the front of the transept. The section of pews closest to the chancel will go first. Please wait to be prompted by the usher. When prompted, please proceed up the center aisle of the transept, take communion at the front of the transept, and walk down the center aisle to the back of the transept, returning to your pew via the side transept aisle closest to your pew.

Please remain quiet during communion so that those who wish to pray may do so.

If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward, or if you would simply prefer to remain seated, there are two pairs of rovers to provide you with communion, one on each side aisle. When the rovers approach your pew, simply raise your hand to indicate that you would like to receive communion in your seat.

The bread we are offering at today's communion is labeled by the manufacturer as gluten, nut, egg, and dairy free, and includes the following ingredients: water, sourdough (rice flour, water), rice starch, corn starch, agave syrup, psyllium seed husks (vegetable fiber), sunflower oil, modified cellulose, soy protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fiber, rice flour, sugar, quinoa flour, salt, corn flour, honey, guar gum, calcium citrate, niacin, iron, thiamin, riboflavin. Contains soy.

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