

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 13, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You, then, are my workers. You have come from me, the supreme eternal gardener, and I have engrafted you onto the vine by making myself one with you. Keep in mind that each of you has your own vineyard. But everyone is joined to the neighbors' vineyards without any dividing lines. They are so joined together, in fact, that you cannot do good or evil for yourself without doing the same for your neighbors.

– Catherine of Siena

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

Rick Carpenter

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Hustad

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As the morning calls the sun to rise,

People: **so we rise to praise you, O God.**

Leader: As the seasons give rhythm to our lives,

People: **so your grace allows us to abide in the love of Christ.**

Leader: As plants are tended to bring forth more bounty,

People: **so your presence nourishes us into life.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE No. 664**

BUNESSAN

“Morning Has Broken”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God who is the sustenance of our lives, we confess and acknowledge that while you are the source of all life, we fail to live as if you are our source of our lives. We neglect our relationship with you. We ignore our neighbors in need. We fail to be faithful stewards of your good earth. None of this is what you intended for us when you created us in your image and deemed us very good. Forgive us. Have mercy on us. And even though we do not deserve it, call us back to you that we may strive again to live as you intend. In the name of Christ 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.

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.

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

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:22-26 O.T., p. 948

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-17 N.T., p. 818

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Mary Kathleen Duncan

“Remain”

ANTHEM 11:15 “The Fruit of the Vine” Patterson

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.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER 11:15 Berthier

“Stay with Me”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Offertory 9:00 “He's Got the Whole World” Bonds

Anthem 11:15 “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” arr. Gale

*** 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. 36 AR HYD Y NOS**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15** Vajda

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

*** POSTLUDE** Toccata in G Major Dubois

**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: 11:15 a.m. Elizabeth McElveen
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Freddie Williams, Ben Alexander
Anna Hanor
11:15 a.m. Becky Warth, Kristin Burrell
Ben Edwards
LITURGIST: Lauren Slingerland
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Clark
11:15 a.m. Lee Freeman
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Lucy Cole, Budd Reynolds
11:15 a.m. Eliza Barker, Madeline Barker

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.

Katie Knauer, soloist

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Senior Choristers

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

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 vine.

BIRTH

A daughter, *Sophie Coulter Massingill*, was born to Carter & Camden Massingill on Friday, September 20, 2019, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A son, *Bear Hastings Blumer*, was born to Hastings & Kristen Blumer on Saturday, October 5, 2019, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A son, *William Mark Stenvall*, was born to Ryan & Rachel Stenvall on Monday, October 7, 2019, in Greenville.

CONNECTIONS

The Connections Group will meet this **Sunday, October 13**, at **12:30 p.m.** at **The Burrows** (2017 Augusta St.). All are welcome!

BIBLES PRESENTED

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

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MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their fall book study on **Monday, October 14**, 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 OF WESTMINSTER Tuesday, October 15

• **Circle #7:** *Talitha Allen*, chair (bewt29617@bellsouth.net), will meet at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Terri LeGrand* (16 N. Brookwood Dr.).

YOUNGISH ADULTS

Mark your calendars for the kick off of our Youngish Fellowship & Discussion series on **Wednesday, October 16** at the home of Ben & Alissa Edwards (216 Meritta Trail, 29615) from 6:30-8:00ish. Please note that childcare will be available beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Westminster. Youngish Adults, which is open to folks 20ish-45ish, meets every first and third Wednesday.

ADULT GROUPS

• **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).

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.

HALLOWEEN WEEK WITH IHN

As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), WPC will be hosting a few Greenville families in housing transition during the week of Halloween. Since it's a holiday, we hope to provide some fall fun for the children, and we are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2nteqP2>. For more information, contact *Holly, Beth* or *Julia* at hollyv04@hotmail.com, bethholladay73@gmail.com, or juliabellew@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

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.

TRICK OR TREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Wednesday, October 30**, our children will bring joy to residents at the Westminster Retirement Home as they go trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes. **Arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. for a quick pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall, then walk across the street at 6:30 p.m. to begin our visit which will be finished before 7:00 p.m.** There is no cost, but we ask that you please sign up on the church website under the events registration so that we know how much pizza to buy. Contact Associate Pastor Lauren Slingerland (lslingerland@wpc-online.org) for more information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 13 - 19, 2019

SUNDAY

Adult Mission Trip to Cuba

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:45 p.m. Connections Group
4:00 p.m. First Steps Music Class
5:00 p.m. Middler Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:30 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

Adult Mission Trip to Cuba

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
JustFaith Group
6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

Adult Mission Trip to Cuba

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:30 p.m. PW Circle #7
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

Adult Mission Trip returns from Cuba

Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell

3:00 p.m. It's Elementary
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Chorister Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Youngish Adults Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell

SATURDAY

Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell



Jack, my 2 year old, is learning to share. "That's mine!" is a phrase we hear often. "Mine!" He says when he takes his truck back. "It's mine," he says with a poked out lower lip when a friend is playing with something he would rather have himself.

What he's really saying is, "That belongs to me. It's of use to me. It's of value to me."

Learning to share – and frankly teaching a child to share – isn't easy business. It seems to me that it would be so much easier not to. Certainly, life seems to be easier when my time, my talent, my money is just that – mine.

I'm reminded of the boy with the loaves and fishes in the Gospel. That food belonged to him. Maybe he'd gone to the market on his family's behalf to buy bread and had caught two fish to supplement their needs. Why on earth would he give that away? And if we're honest, what kind of an impact would his couple of fish and his five loaves have on a crowd of 5,000 anyway? Wouldn't it be more useful to his family? After all, it belonged to them.

What we know is his small gift was blessed and multiplied. We know that the community around him was fed until they were full – and there were leftovers!

When we share, when we give away those things that belong to us, we are enriched by the fullness of our community. We see this at Westminster through our mission work both at home through organizations like United Ministries and The Family Effect to our mission work abroad in the DR and Malawi to the place where Jack learns most to share – Westminster Weekday School.

In this season where you are asked to reflect on what and how you and your family give what "belongs" to you, consider the ways that your belongings will be blessed and multiplied in this community that you belong to.

Jade Fountain