

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today the magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars. Today the magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look they believe and do not question as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for the one who is to die.

Peter Chrysologus, 5th C.

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 "The Three Kings" arr. Young

INTROIT "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J.S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Let us join now in worship.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 150

DIX

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your rightness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of status and prestige. Forgive us our sins, and lead us into new life, that we may find ourselves in your presence and walking in your light; through Jesus Christ. 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.

Children in K5-first grade leave for Children's Church.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-5 (O.T., p. 602)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 (N.T., p. 783)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Leigh Stuckey

"Look Again"

* HYMN No. 152 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

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.

CALL TO PRAYER (11:15 a.m.) Brink

"Come, Light of God"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Solo/Anthem "Arise, Shine For Your Light Has Come" Pote

* 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. 744 FESTAL SONG

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE (11:15 a.m.) "Come Light, Light of God" Brink

* POSTLUDE "Come, Live in the Light" arr. Smith

*All who are able may stand

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.

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Van McClenaghan
11:15 a.m. Brandt Givens
SPONSOR: 11:15 a.m. Elizabeth Palmer
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Palmer, Joanne Sweeny
11:15 a.m. Roxanne Cromartie, Kristin Burrell, Coleman Kirven, Becca Donohue, Amos Workman
LITURGIST: Jennifer Dillard
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. David Massey
11:15 a.m. Libby Graves, Alex Hoffman
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Mason Donlan, Sawyer Woodard
11:15 a.m.

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.
Emily Sweezy
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 the 9:00 a.m. worship service, 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!

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 13, 2019, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2019 operating budget to the congregation, to vote on terms of call for the pastoral staff, and to elect a new class of elders to serve on the Session.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election to the Session, class of 2022:

Talitha Allen Michael Dixon
Sarah Beasley Ben Edwards
Brian Blount Ashley Gettys
Scott Clark Anna Hanor
Brandon Coker Susan Jones
Bob Dellert Becky Warth

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, Polly Wilson and Grant Lisle were united in marriage at Westminster.

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will begin a new book study on Monday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 209-C. We will study the book, The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact Rick Carpenter (608-1881).

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, January 13, 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.

In Memoriam
Don Lee Lester
3/26/1937 - 12/31/2018
In my Father's House are many mansions.

LET US PRAY FOR:
Gary Boley and family
Margaret Williams-Rich and family
The family of Curtis Clark
The family of Don Lester

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, January 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* at 627-0725.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Tuesday, January 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 *Becky Murphy* (123 Buckingham Rd.) at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 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 Liz's home (223 Camille Ave.).

CONNECTIONS

Please join Westminster friends for Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, at **Lieu's Chinese Bistro** (1149 Woodruff Rd.) at **1:00 p.m.**, after the congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 13**. (Note our new date.) New people are welcome. Place your reservation by **Friday, January 11**, with *Mary Ann Cox* (1maryanncox@gmail.com or 963-2335).

ADULT GROUPS

- **Couples Bible Study Group (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, January 9**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Leaders: *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).
- **Hiking Group:** Will meet **Saturday, January 12**, for a hike at Camp Thornwell. Contact Leader, *Durden Collins* (durden.collins@gmail.com or 414-6142), for details.

MEN'S DINNER

Join us for dinner (\$7 each) **Thursday, January 17**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall** to hear our guest speaker, WPC member, *Bill Taylor*. His company, kVA, is involved in the development of driverless cars. *Bill* will speak on the progress of this technology. Plan to attend and bring your spouse or partner. For more information, call *Tom Billings* (626-695-1231). Sign up by **Monday, January 14**, by calling the church office or online at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/mens-group/>.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, January 21**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. *David Rutledge* will lead the discussion of Another Turn of The Crank by *Wendell Berry*. Read the book and join us for an interesting evening. All are invited.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Because of a scheduling conflict, Westminster's Book Club will wait until **Tuesday, February 5**, to discuss the book Swing Time by *Zadie Smith*. We meet from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church library. New people are always welcome!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6-12, 2019

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 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
- 8:00 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
- Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Carolina High Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #5
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #3

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. PW Circle #6
- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 p.m. Couples Bible Study (50+)
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Youngish Retreat - Asheville*
- 8:30 a.m. Hiking Group

THE SESSION

The Class of 2019

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| <i>Howard Boyd</i> | <i>Collin Mackie</i> |
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| <i>Philip Land</i> | <i>Gaye Sprague</i> |
| <i>Brad Lucas</i> | <i>Catherine Stoddard</i> |
| <i>David Massey</i> | <i>Freddie Williams</i> |



ALL EYES

The wait was interminable. One delay after another turned what should've been a short stay in the Charlotte airport into a 12-hour field trip/ordeal. It was to be the first leg of a spring break tour of Italy. Instead, the group of 32 souls was back in Greenville after midnight.

Some who face that sort of inconvenience would lose it, moaning and groaning the whole way, taking a woe-is-me attitude and getting snarly and snarky. But the adults knew that there were 24 pairs of student eyes watching them, and the adults also knew any sign of discontent or poor attitude would've been witnessed by those students (and in today's digital environment, any bad behavior might've been on Snapchat or Instagram faster than you can say "arrivederci").

What those adults realized is something we sometimes forget: our actions set crystal clear examples for our children. They emulate our behavior, good or bad. So it's incumbent upon us as parents and role models to make sure we are aware of how we act.

Jesus addresses this in his Sermon on the Mount.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket but on the lampstand and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

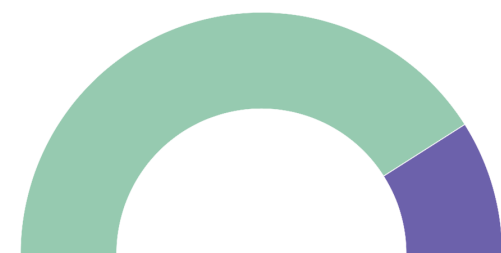
Our children, no matter their age, look to us for guidance and strength. If we say one thing but act in the opposite manner, children pick up on that. Those inconsistencies can confuse them possibly at an important juncture of their lives. Robert Fulghum, author of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," once wrote: "Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they always are watching you."

Let's make sure our children's eyes see what they need to build a better world through God's Word and our actions.

Mark Matlock

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of children. Help us to encourage them not just in words but in deeds so they might continue Your good works. Amen.

2019 STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN



As of Wednesday, January 2, we have received \$2,373,636 in pledges toward our 2019 budget goal of \$2,573,739.

For your convenience, pledge cards are in the pews, or you may mail in your pledge or send it by email to the Church Financial Secretary, *Sherrri Owens* at sherrri@wpc-online.org.

We have met 92% of our goal.

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Room: 209

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