WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, June 7, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday After Pentecost

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the blood and body of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him, and he in us.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 509

“*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us. Though you have called us to the joyful feast, we all too often hide in our anxieties and fears. We are afraid of change and we act as though we do need one another. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to your people. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the freedom and joy that you have granted us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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 LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

Hymn page 35, Traditional

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church following the prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 42:1-5a (Page 515)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 2:1-11 (Page 93)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Leigh Stuckey

“Let’s Have Another”

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory: “To God be the Glory” Schrader

HYMN 507 “Come to the Table of Grace” Hamm

“*How Beautiful*” Paris

“*Go to the World*” SINE NOMINE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* HYMN No. 295

“*How Firm a Foundation*” Page

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Assembling of the Elders

Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

Let us together proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Partaking of the Elements

(The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.)

Music During Communion

Hymn No. 507

“Come to the Table of Grace” Hamm

“*How Beautiful*” Paris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN No. 295

“*Go to the World*” SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATION RESPONSE No. 749

“We Are Called” Haas

“We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; We are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.

POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation” Page

*All who are able may stand

HEAD Usher: Will Quinn

SPONSOR: Allen Freeman

GREETERS: Rebecca Faulk, Kathleen Reynolds, Nikki Grumbine

LITURGIST: Steve Phillips

The Lord's Table is open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Visitors and members are invited to the Sanctuary Atrium following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Call to Worship

10:00 a.m.

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

Kelly Kemp, soprano

Mark Kemp, tenor

During the month of June, the Sanctuary Choir will take a short break. In July, all are invited to be part of the Summer Choir, rehearsing each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Mark Kemp, Music Director (mkemp@wpc-online.org).

The worship service, children who are in K-1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children’s Church in Room 207. The leaders for Children’s Church this Sunday, June 7 are Michael & Terri Hoffman.

NURSERY PARENT SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 7

Crib

DJ & Stacey Doherty

Crawler

Greg & Amanda Arscott

Toddler

Josh & Lauren Roach

2K

Parker & Brandi Avrial

3K

Aaron & Paige Cizov

4K

BIRTH

A daughter, Mamie Gray Gault, was born to Evan & Coley Gault on Friday, May 22, 2015, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A daughter, Lindsay Louise Murphy, was born to Will & Reid Murphy on Saturday, May 23, 2015, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A daughter, Violet Louise Howsebeck, was born to Kenney & Amanda Howsebeck on Monday, May 25, 2015, in Greenville.

BIRTH

A son, Manning Parker Dailey, was born to Diana Dailey & Laura Parker on Friday, May 29, 2015, in Spartanburg.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for The Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. Special 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 Church and mark for Congregational Care.

HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, June 7. The screenings will take place in the Friendship Court following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Tim Miller at 363-0740.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HOME DEDICATION

Join members of Fourth Presbyterian and WPC for the dedication of Meshell Smith-Pendarvis’ home (26 Earnhardt Street, 29609) following the dedication ceremony, June 7, at 4:00 p.m. Following the dedication ceremony, join both churches for fellowship at The Community Tap (217 Wade Hampton Blvd) from 5-7:00 p.m.

OLD BUT YOUNG PARTY

Calling all OBW (old but young 60-70+ year olds). Get out your Hawaiian shirts, your grass skirts and join the Island Party at the home of Charlie & Terry Gentry (100 E. Tallulah Dr.) on June 7 at 6:00 p.m. The cost for dinner (BBQ, slaw, beans) is $10/person. RSVP to Joanne Sweney (sweneyj30@gmail.com) or Becky Murphy (beckbeck123@att.net) by Wednesday, June 3.

LETS US PRAY FOR:

Carie Denison and Family

Sallie White and Family

Cooper White and Family
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THEOLOGY READING GROUP
The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Pat Shuford will facilitate the showing of the documentary, Jesus and Buddha: Practicing Across Traditions, a look at where Buddhist and Christian paths meet. All are invited.

YOUNGISH ADULTS
Join us Wednesday, June 10, at the home of Jeff & Kathleen Reynolds (43 Wedgewood Dr.) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for the first evening of our summer series, “Three More Things Not to Discuss in Polite Company.” Over the course of the summer we will discuss gay marriage, politics, the meaning of life, and much more. The discussion promises to be lively and the company wonderful. Westminster will provide the food and everyone who comes along with last names A-M, please bring a dessert or appetizer. N-Z please bring a side. For more information to sign up on the Youngish Newsletter contact Leigh Stuckey (lstickey@wpc-online.org).

Hiking Group: will meet Saturday, June 6. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for a hike to Eastatoe Creek. Hike Leader: Durden Collins (durden.collins@gmail.com).

Knitting Group: will meet Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion. Leader: Midge Williams (mommsie10@aol.com).

MEN’S GROUP
All men of the church, we hope you will join us Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. meeting at The Blockhouse (1619 Augusta St.) for a time of food and fellowship. If you have questions or want to be added to the e-mail list, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424/380-5269 or sphillips@wpc-online.org.

GRADUATES

CONVERSATIONS, THE SACRED ART
As I read today’s scripture lesson, I started thinking about Jesus’ decision to attend this wedding. Jesus was on an important mission, yet he took the time to attend a wedding and take part in the festivities. It also made me start to wonder what type of conversations occurred during this party.

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church who are completing high school, college, or graduate school. We offer them our best wishes as they move into new phases of their lives.

I recently reviewed some tips to improve the art of conversation with one another and our children:

1. Make dinner with your family a priority. It doesn’t have to be homemade or gourmet to count.
2. Ask your family what conversations they would like to have. Ask them about their day and listen fully.
3. Recognize when your child wants to talk and drop everything to listen.
4. When having a conversation and listening to someone, think of Jesus’ face and really listen to what the other person is saying.
5. Be still before entering into conversation.
6. Ask non-judgmental questions.
7. Understand that while silence is uncomfortable in conversation, it is important.

We are tempted to think we should not take time out of our “important” work for social occasions. But maybe these social occasions are part of our mission. Maybe there is someone we are going to talk to that has a story to share with us. Maybe they need help with something, or maybe they can serve as a beacon of hope for us at that very moment. Jesus valued these wedding festivities because they involved people, and Jesus came to be with people. Our mission can often be accomplished in joyous times of celebration with others. Are we using the gift of communication for God’s glory?

Christa Likes

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IT’S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14-17
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
For rising K4 - rising 6th graders
Stop by the VBS tables in the Sanctuary Atrium this Sunday, June 7, to register, sign up to volunteer, and pick up your VBS packet with music CD. This will be the last Sunday to pick up a VBS registration packet before or after church. Online registration is available by visiting our website at www.wpc-online.org - click on Education/Elementary/Vacation Bible School for the link to sign up or to volunteer!

2015 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Clemson University
Mary Reed
Neil Simmons
Trey Tate
College of Charleston Honors College
Madison Tarleton
Elon University
Alex Hinton
Rebecca Stolzard
Georgetown University
Bailey Dowell
University of South Carolina
Kate Lindler
Colin Walker
Vanderbilt University
Tory Gentry
Winthrop University
Holly Lindinger

2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Christ Church Episcopal School
William Allen
Andrew Slate
Eastside High School
Richard Parsley
Greenville High School
Weeks Evans
Hunt Jones
Payton LeGrand
Weston McDonald
Helen Wilson
J.L. Mann High School
Fletcher Williams

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