WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, December 28, 2014
11:15 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

* HYMN No. 28 IN DULCI JUBILO

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 579)

“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.”

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN No. 38 (Page 91)

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

K5 and first grade children leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, 31 (Page 1)
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 1:1-14 (Page 91)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Leigh Stuckey

“Words Words Words”

“Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* 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; 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory “What Is This Lovely Fragrance”

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 592)

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. 29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

* BENEDICATION

POSTLUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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FINANCIAL MINISTRY

2014 BUDGET UPDATE

2014 Pledges $2,254,926
Amount Received $2,007,718
Pledges Outstanding ($247,208)

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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 under Worship called “Worship via Live Video Streaming.”

This morning we welcome Henry Gillon Gale, son of Adelito & Jennifer Gale, into our fellowship.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Hayden Culbertson on the death of her father, Allison Flint Williams, on Saturday, December 13, 2014, in Atlanta, GA.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Jane Morrow & family
Linda Tuck & family
Hayden Culbertson & family
Jerry Cooper & family

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This Sunday, December 28, we will enjoy a time of fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary Atrium with our one worship service beginning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome Henry Gillon Gale, son of Adelito & Jennifer Gale, into our fellowship.

SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Jerry Cooper on the death of his mother, Gladyss Cooper, on Sunday, December 21, 2014, in Piedmont.

Allison Flint Williams, on Saturday, December 13, 2014, in Atlanta, GA.

Hayden Culbertson & family

Gallon Gale, son of Adelito & Jennifer Gale, into our fellowship.

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.

** All who are able may stand.

HEAD Usher:
Ron Tate

SPONSOR:
Joe Gillon

GREETERS:
Kathryn Rowan, John Taylor

Biff Dickerson

LITURGIST:
Barbara Stoop

ACCOLYTES:
Jane Morrow & family

Jerry Cooper & family

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 who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
**ALL YOUTH**

We will **not** meet this Sunday, **December 28**. We hope you have a relaxing and safe holiday season. If you have any questions, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424/380-5269 or sphillips@wpc-online.org.

**MEN’S GROUP**

Men of the church: Our first meeting of 2015 will be held at **The Blockhouse** (1619 Augusta St.) on **Thursday, January 8**, at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and food. 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.

**IRA CONTRIBUTION**

On December 16, the Senate passed HR 5771 which included a one year extension of expired tax provisions retroactive to January 1, 2014. This reauthorizes the IRA charitable rollover through December 31, 2014. Donors age 70 1/2 and older may transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity. The transfer will be made free of federal income tax and the gift qualifies for the donor’s 2014 required minimum distribution.

**SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP**

On June 21-26, 2015, our Senior High Group will go to Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte for our mission trip. We will experience up to eight different ministries including serving people who are hungry, homeless, elderly, and disabled. Sign up in the church office by Sunday, January 11. The cost is $300. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424/380-5269 or sphillips@wpc-online.org.

**2015 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

As of Tuesday, December 23, we have received $2,178,793 in pledges toward our 2015 budget goal of $2,262,813.

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, Sherri Owens at sherri@wpc-online.org.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 11, 2015**, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The order of business will be: (1) To elect twelve elders for the Class of 2018, (2) To act upon proposed changes in the members’ terms of call, (3) To answer questions concerning the 2015 budget.

**SESSION NOMINEES**

During the Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 11, the Nominating Committee will nominate the following to serve on the Session:

**Class of 2018**

Julia Belloc  
Claire Whitfield  
Nancy Quinn  
Kimberly DuBoise  
Kathleen Blount  
Dori Joynes  
Melinda Lumpert  
Jason Farmer  
Sallie White  
Nancy Quinn  
Brent Thomason

Others may be nominated from the floor. If you plan to do so, please contact the person beforehand to be certain he/she is willing to serve.

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The church’s offering envelopes are dateless and can be used until they run out. If you need more offering envelopes, please call the church office at 232-2424.