

This Week at Westminster

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you've chosen to join us in worship here at Westminster on the first day of the New Year. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation today, and that you'll worship with us again soon.

Today's Schedule: There will be no Sunday School or Evening Worship today to accommodate the gathering of families for holiday celebrations. The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. We will re-open at 8 am on Tuesday, January 3, and resume our regular Sunday schedule on January 8.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the worship service this morning. It is customary for us to conclude the sacrament with a special offering for those in financial need both in the congregation and the wider community. You may give to that offering by check if you wish; just be sure to write 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line to ensure it is credited to the right account.

Copies of the latest edition of By Faith magazine, the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church in America, are still available for free at the Welcome Desk. Take one home today!

Coming in 2017

The Winter/Spring semester of adult classes will begin Sunday, January 8. We will be offering three electives to choose from this term:

- **Shepherding a Child's Heart**, a video-based look at parenting with Tedd Tripp, led by Nat Causey and Fred Diaz
- **Studies in Samuel**, taught by Allen Zumbach
- **The Reformation**, a video-based study of the history and impact of the Protestant Reformation with Robert Godfrey, led by Scott Lynn and Brian McFadden

'Share Your Faith' Workshop: WPC will be hosting a Share Your Faith Workshop on Saturday, January 14, from 9 am to 3 pm. The workshop will cost \$20 per person, including all materials and lunch. SYF will help you address the fear of sharing your faith, showing you what to say, how much to say, and how to say it. Click on the 'Share Your Faith' icon on the church's homepage to find details and a link to online registration. **We will be ordering materials this Wednesday, January 4, so be sure to register between now & next Tuesday!**

WCA is sponsoring "Picking Up the Blitz: Recognizing the Technology Rush in Our Homes" in January, and *you're* invited: Join us in the WPC Sanctuary on Friday, January 6, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. and Saturday, January 7, 9:00-11:15 a.m. for a conference on the wise use of technology in our homes & lives with local counselor Tim Keeter. Register by January 4 at <https://goo.gl/IVGKEB>.

Online Registration for "Roots 2017" is now open on the church website. "Roots 2017" is the winter youth conference of Providence Presbytery to be held Friday-Sunday, January 20 – 22, at Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah. The conference will bring together students from across north Alabama for learning, fellowship and fun. Brian Thomas, RUF Campus Pastor at Western Carolina University, will be speaking, and Callum Sears will lead music. The cost is \$100 per person, including meals, and will be payable online at the time of registration. For more info: www.camptoknowhim.com

The Rocket City Men's Rally will be held at WPC on Friday night, January 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The rally is co-sponsored by WPC and Cornerstone PC with the goal of bringing men together from across the metro area for mutual encouragement and challenge them from the Scriptures to "be strong and courageous" in their walk with Christ both at home and in the workplace. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be Dr. Richard L. Pratt, President of Third Millennium Ministries and noted author and professor. The doors will open at 6, followed by two sessions for worship and teaching, with refreshments served at the break. The cost will be \$10 at the door.

The next installment of WRGB (aka, "Women Reading Great Books") will be February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. This time we will be reading & discussing *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling* by Andy Crouch. Signups will begin in a few weeks, but you can start reading now.

Our Mission

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church is to glorify and enjoy God by worshipping Him, shepherding His people, and advancing His Kingdom in obedience to the Scriptures, God's inerrant Word.

Staff and Ministry Team

Nathan Eldridge	Senior Pastor
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Church Officers

Elders:

Tom Adams, Nat Causey, Fred Diaz, Bill Emrich, Eric Fulcher, Keith Johnson, Scooter Johnson, Paul Keel, Curry Knight, Scott Lynn, Brian McFadden, Stacy Murphree, Scott Nicol, Allen Zumbach

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John Anderson, Joe Crowhurst, Paul Galloway, John Gunn, Matt Harness, John Kirkwood, Joey Lauderdale, Sam Lowrance, Monday Mbila, Art McKinney, Wade Pettus, Tim Taylor, Nate Van Kirk, Chris Wellborn

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Jan 1, 2017	NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 8, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Laura Kate Fulcher, Rebekah Frederick, Adeline Gunn	Judy Barnes, Victoria Lauderdale, Kate Gunn
	Eleanor Lynn	Suzanne Morcomb
	Gilchrist Grady	Ryan & Stephanie Wellman
NURSERY – Sunday School	-----	Molly McCune, Katy Kirkwood
	-----	Lindsay Van Kirk
NURSERY – Evening Worship	-----	Nat & Pam Causey
HEAD USHER	Daniel Palmer	Joe Crowhurst
SEXTON COUNTER	Matt Harness, Wade Pettus	Wade Pettus, Art McKinney
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	-----	Chris Wellborn

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for December 25, 2016

Morning Worship – 237



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2017

A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN
DARKNESS, HERE AND
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life
was the light of men."*

John 1:4



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Morning Worship

10:30 A.M.

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

† The Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #529

† The Invocation

† The Apostles Creed Hymnal pg. 845

† The Doxology #731

The Call to Repentance Luke 18:9-14

The Prayer of Confession & the Assurance of Pardon

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

† The Hymn of Faith

*Lord, Like the Publican I Stand
(Sung to Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee)*

Lord, like the publican I stand, and lift my heart to thee;
Thy pard'ning grace, O God, command, be merciful to me.

I smite upon my anxious breast, o'er-whelmed with agony;
O save my soul by sin oppressed, be merciful to me.

My guilt, my shame, I all confess; I have no hope nor plea
But Jesus' blood and righteousness: be merciful to me.

Here at the cross I still would wait, nor from its shelter flee,
Till thou, O God, in mercy great, are merciful to me.

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Scooter Johnson

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* Miss Rebecca Johnson, Piano

† Congregation Standing

The Reading of Scripture

Matthew 6:5-7
Church Bible, pg. 811

The Prayer of Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Nathan Eldridge

“Learning to Pray”
Series: Praying Like Jesus

† The Hymn of Response *Behold the Lamb/ Communion Hymn*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

The Lord's Supper Mr. Bob Brunson

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Preparation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Deacons' Offering

† The Benediction

† The Response *Behold the Lamb/ Communion Hymn*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

† The Postlude Miss Bertha Dykstra

Happy New Year!

To use the church's wifi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Today's flowers have been placed in honor of
Greg and In Yong Lewis' 42nd Anniversary