

This Week at Westminster

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation, and that you'll worship with us again soon.

Resources at the Welcome Desk: Be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk for a look at the resources available to help you in your spiritual growth. There are several books for sale at the moment for \$5 each; just follow the directions on the envelope in each book. Also, copies of the latest edition of *By Faith* magazine, the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church in America, are available to you for free. Take a look today!

Today

Sunday School Classes for children, youth adults resume today after the holiday break. Kids should rendezvous with Miss Tracey in the children's corner of the lobby immediately after worship for a snack; we'll walk them to their classes from there. A detailed guide to teachers and locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

The Winter/Spring semester of adult electives begins today as well:

- *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, a video-based look at parenting with Tedd Tripp, led by Nat Causey and Fred Diaz in WCA 108/109
- *Studies in Samuel*, taught by Allen Zumbach in the sanctuary
- *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 in WCA 105/106

Please note: the College Class will start back next Sunday, January 15, in the parlor.

Parents Meeting today at 5 pm: There will be a meeting for the parents of students in grades 6 through 12 in the parlor this afternoon to discuss plans for the semester and the summer, especially Sr. High RYM. Thanks!

Evening Worship Returns Tonight: We'll be continuing our study in the gospel of Mark entitled, "With Jesus at the intersections of Life," this evening with Pastor Bob. Join us!

This Week and Beyond

Growth Groups return this week: We offer a variety of Bible studies and groups for men and women throughout the week. In addition, we offer two home fellowship groups that are open to anyone on Wednesdays as well. You can find a detailed listing of these groups at Welcome Desk in the lobby and online at the church website.

You can still sign up for the 'Share Your Faith' Workshop This Saturday: We ordered some extra material, so it's not too late to sign up! SYF will take place this Saturday, January 14, from 9 am to 3 pm. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. The workshop will cost \$20 per person, including all materials and lunch. **Sign up on the blue sheet today & we'll send you a link to online registration tomorrow.**

"Roots 2017," the winter youth conference of Providence Presbytery is coming up 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. **Sign up on the blue sheet today & we'll send you a link to register online tomorrow.**

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 Millennial 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.

Volunteers needed for the Men's Rally: We are gathering a team of men to help us host the Rocket City Men's Rally on the 20th. We'll need men to greet at the doors, work the registration table, man the book table, and help serve coffee and refreshments. In addition, we'll need some of our bakers (men & women alike) to provide plates of homemade cookies and brownies to serve at the break. Sign up today on the blue sheet & we'll be in touch about the specifics. Thanks!

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" event is planned for Thursday, January 26th, at 6 pm. Steve Stegman will be hosting the group at the Magnolia Springs Clubhouse - 234 Bob G Hughes, in Harvest. There is plenty of space for food & drink, so everyone is welcome to bring something. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to host in coming months. If you're interested, contact Ron Klein at rkleinala@gmail.com.

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. The book is available both on Amazon and at www.christianbook.com.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Jan 8, 2017	NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 15, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Judy Barnes, Victoria Lauderdale, Kate Gunn	Felicia Rutledge, Garrett & Leah Keith
	Suzanne Morcomb	Angie Fulcher
	Ryan & Stephanie Wellman	Jackson Keel
NURSERY – Sunday School	Molly McCune, Katy Kirkwood	Sarah Catherine Stegman, Amanda Pettus
	Lindsay Van Kirk	Laurel McFadden
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Nat & Pam Causey	Jane Rucks, Eion Grady
HEAD USHER	Joe Crowhurst	Steve Stegman
SEXTON COUNTER	Wade Pettus, Art McKinney	Art McKinney, Tim Taylor
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Chris Wellborn	Chris Wellborn

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for January 1, 2016

Morning Worship – 273



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 8, 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

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude *He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd*
(from The Messiah, by Handel)

The Welcome and Announcements

† The Call to Worship

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #76

† The Invocation 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 Apostles Creed** Hymnal pg. 845

† **The Gloria Patri** #735

The Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Pardon

O Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have pierced us, and your hand has come down upon us.

Because of your wrath there is no health in our bodies; our bones have no soundness because of our sin. Our guilt has overwhelmed us like a burden too heavy to bear. All our longings lie open before you, O Lord; our sighing is not hidden from you.

We confess our iniquity; we are troubled by our sin. O Lord, do not forsake us; come quickly to help us, O Lord, our Savior.

From Psalm 38:1-4, 9, 18, 21-22

† **The Hymn of Faith** *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness* (see insert)

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Stephen Hooks

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

† **The Hymn of Preparation** *Rock of Ages* #499

The Reading of Scripture I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Church Bible, pg. 987

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Nathan Eldridge

“Hope for the Heavy-hearted”

† **The Hymn of Response** *We Rest On Thee* #449

† The Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** B^b Major Miss Bertha Dykstra
(Sachs)

Today’s flowers have been placed in memory of
Jimmy Corder’s Birthday
(Gary Corder’s father)

In Memory

We extend our love and sympathy to Emily Ashcraft and the entire Ashcraft family on the death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather and our much-loved Director of Music, Tom Ashcraft. Tom went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 5 after a long life of service to Christ and His Church. While we mourn his passing, we who were blessed to be led by Tom in our worship here on earth rejoice that He is now a part of the worship of Heaven. May God comfort Emily and the family in coming days.

† Congregation Standing

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude *My Faith Looks up to Thee*
(Mason, arr. Pethel)

Jesus, I am Resting
(Mountain, arr. McKibben)

The Welcome and Announcements

† The Call to Worship

† **The Hymn of Praise** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* #119

† The Invocation

Sharing Our Favorite Songs

The Prayers of God’s People Mr. Eric Fulcher

The Bidding Prayer

A bidding prayer is one in which the leader bids the congregation to pray both silently and aloud for one particular area of concern at a time. When you pray aloud, please pray for only one item at a time so that others might be able to follow more easily, and speak up so that others can join in agreement with your petition. You are welcome to pray more than once.

The Evening Offering

The Offertory from Psalm 145:14-21
(Perkins, arr. Grotenhuis)

† The Hymn of Preparation

The Reading of Holy Scripture Mark 6:45-52
Church Bible, pg. 842

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “Where No Man Has Gone Before” Mr. Bob Brunson
Series: With Jesus at the Intersections of Life

† **The Hymn of Response** *O God beyond All Praising* #660

† The Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** Miss Bertha Dykstra

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