

**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.

**Today**

**Sunday School Classes** for children, youth, college, and adults meet at 11:05 am each Sunday. Kids should rendezvous with Miss Tracey in the children's corner of the lobby immediately after worship and walk to the main building for snacks; we'll take them to their classes from there. A detailed guide to class offerings, teachers and locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

**The date for our annual Congregational Meeting has been changed:** The date of the congregational meeting originally scheduled for today, has been changed. We will meet instead during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 26, 2017, to re-elect officers to the Session and Diaconate class of 2019, hear a presentation of the 2017 budget, and receive a report on the state of the church. The Nursery will be open for ages 0-4. No Sunday School classes will be held that day.

**Volunteers are still needed to prepare coffee on Sunday mornings,** set out coffee 'fixings,' and clean up after the fellowship time following the service. Our new coffee machine is easy to learn and easy to run, and we'll train you in everything you'll need to know to do the job. Ideally, Coffee Hosts serve two Sundays in a row, but that's negotiable. Interested? Let us know on today's blue sheet and we will be in touch with more information!

**This Week and Beyond**

**Wednesday Nights are Youth Nights at WPC:** Both the Senior High Fellowship and the Junior High Fellowship are now meeting on Wednesday nights. Both groups will gather at 6:30 pm for a brief time of singing together, followed by separate meetings for each group for study and discussion. For more information, contact either Daniel Perez at daniel.perez@wpc-hsv.org or Eric Fulcher at eric.fulcher@gmail.com.

**The 2017 World Missions Conference is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3-5.** Our keynote speaker this year will be the Rev. Joseph Wheat, pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland (Jackson), MS. We will also be hearing reports from several of the missionaries and ministries we support as a congregation, and responding to God's call to missions by making our Faith Promise commitments for the coming year. Begin praying now about the commitment God would have you make this year, and plan to join us for every session of this exciting weekend:

- **Friday night:** "Indoor picnic" in the WCA cafeteria at 6 pm, followed by session 1 in the sanctuary at 7.
- **Saturday morning:** Continental breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by a "missionary report round-up" at 10 in the WCA cafeteria.
- **Sunday morning:** morning and evening worship with Joseph Wheat, plus a second round of missionary reports during the Sunday School hour.

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE BLUE SHEET  
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

**Conference Volunteers:** Volunteers will be needed to assist the Missions Committee in the Nursery, as well as setting up, cleaning up, and tearing down the WCA cafeteria following the kick-off dinner on Friday night; to help with set-up, serving and clean-up after the Saturday morning session; and to help in the nursery during the Friday night and Saturday morning sessions. To let us know how you would like to serve, check the boxes on the blue sheet today.

**What is Faith Promise?** Simply this: it is my commitment to trust God to provide additional financial resources above and beyond our regular giving through which we will support the work of missions both at home and abroad. Let me encourage you to begin praying now about the amount that you believe the Lord would have you trust Him for this year, and then indicate that amount on the Faith Promise Commitment card that you find in your bulletin today. We will begin to collect these cards during worship next Sunday, though you are welcome to either turn them in or mail them in to the church office at any time.

**Everyday Evangelism class to start Sunday, March 12:** The 'Share Your Faith' Workshop that we held recently is only the first step in learning how to share the gospel effectively with the people whose lives intersect with yours from day to day. The next step is EV 2 in which you'll have the opportunity to become increasingly comfortable in talking about the gospel and find support and encouragement as you have opportunity to interact with others throughout the week. The class is open to SYF alums who've been through the workshop here or elsewhere, and will meet during the Sunday School hour beginning March 12. Questions? Contact Art McKinney at [acmckinney@knology.net](mailto:acmckinney@knology.net).

**Our Sympathy:** We wish to express our love and sympathy to Vernon Rucks and his family in the death of his beloved wife, Jane, on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service for Jane will be held this Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm in the sanctuary. Please continue to keep Vernon and his family in your prayers.

**Sunday's Servants**

SERVING	TODAY: Feb 26, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Mar 5, 2016
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Rebecca Harness, Kristi Vechinski, April Stegman	Laura Kate Fulcher, Rebekah Frederick, Adeline Gunn
	Suzanne Morcomb	Eleanor Lynn
	Matt Harness, Samuel Lowrance	Gilchrist Grady
NURSERY – Sunday School	Amy Vechinski	Elizabeth Lauderdale
	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel	Tami Covert
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Susann Anderson, Anna Claire Murphree	Tom & Ellise Adams
HEAD USHER	Ryan Wellman	Eric Liu
SEXTON COUNTER	Monday Mbila, Nate Van Kirk	Nate Van Kirk, John Gunn
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Mark Linker	Mark Linker
COMMUNION SET UP	----	Grady

**Staff and Ministry Team**

Nathan Eldridge (on leave)  
Bob Brunson  
Daniel Perez  
Tracey Zumbach  
Jessica Perez  
Mary Spybey  
David Powless  
Stephen Hooks

Senior Pastor  
Assistant Pastor  
Youth Director  
Children's Ministry Director  
Nursery Coordinator  
Office Manager  
Facility Manager  
WCA Head of School

**Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 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

*Cantique*  
(Fauré, arr. Sanborn)

### The Welcome and Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

### † The Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice.

**People: Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.**

Pastor: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people.

**People: Praise be to God!**

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #38

### † 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 Confession of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, pg. 845

† **The Gloria Patri** #735

**The Call to Repentance** Psalm 139:1-4

### The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

**The Assurance of Pardon** Psalm 130:7-8

### † Congregation Standing

### † The Hymn

*There Is a Redeemer*

See insert

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *(Chorus)*

*(Chorus)*  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. *(Chorus)*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Chorus)*

### The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Nat Causey

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**The Offertory** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* See insert  
Isaac Watts/arr by Mack Wilberg

**The Reading of Scripture** Mark 8:22-26  
Church Bible, pg. 844

### The Prayer for Illumination

**The Proclamation of the Word of God** Mr. Bob Brunson

“Walking Trees”  
Series: With Jesus at the Intersections of Life

† **The Hymn of Response** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*  
(Sung to *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

### † Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

**The Postlude** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* Miss Bertha Dykstra  
(Hopkins, arr. Cox)

Today's flowers are place in memory of Craig Aiken

## Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

### The Prelude

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*  
*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*  
*Father, I Know That All My Life*  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
(Trinity Hymnal #'s 593, 560, 559, 586)

### The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #302

### † The Invocation

### Scripture, Songs and Prayers

**The Offertory** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*  
(Lynch/K. Lee Scott)

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;  
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
and, with actions lovingly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be,  
help me now thy power to see, I would be like Thee;  
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;  
let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

**The Preaching of the Word** Dr. Jeff Hamm

“Christ: the Actor of Acts”  
Acts 1:1-11  
(Church Bible, pg. 909)

† **The Hymn of Response** *A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing* #289

### † The Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* Miss Bertha Dykstra  
Dudley-Smith/Greatorex

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Jeff Hamm (Ph.D., Aberdeen) to our pulpit again tonight. Jeff is a minister in the PCA and the former pastor of Thomson Memorial Presbyterian Church (Centreville, MS) and First Presbyterian Church (Greenville, AL). He and Kelly are both Huntsville natives and have been back in the area for the past four years caring for Kelly's mother while Jeff completed his doctoral studies. They have four children, one of whom is a senior this year at WCA.

### Aids to Worship

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

-Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

-To hear today's sermons again, go to [www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.