

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.

This Week's Faith Promise Update: To date, we have received Faith Promise commitments from 55 (out of 132) households—an increase of 9 over last week—which brings the total committed so far to \$62,510. That brings us close to the \$65,000 threshold required to maintain our missionary and ministry support at its current level, but we don't want to stop there!

The Faith Promise Challenge: The Missions Committee has challenged us to go beyond that threshold and stretch our commitment this year to \$85,000 to expand our outreach at home and abroad, and we can still reach that goal if all our households will participate. **If you have not yet turned in a Faith Promise card, will you ask God to show you how you can be a part of the work of missions both locally and globally this year?** This is the last Sunday Faith Promise cards will be placed in the bulletin, so take this opportunity to complete a card and return it during the morning and evening offerings. Thanks!

Today

Plan to join us during the Sunday School hour for WPC's Annual Congregational Meeting. We will 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 other Sunday School classes will be held today. Get your coffee, enjoy some conversation, then return to the sanctuary for the meeting at 11. All members are urged to attend; if you're a guest with us this morning, we invite you to remain and learn more about the ministries of our church.

The Officer Class of 2019 will be confirmed during today's meeting: All members of the congregation will have the opportunity to vote to reaffirm the following men for another three-year term of service on either the Session or the Diaconate. Returning to the Session will be elders Tom Adams, Nat Causey, Eric Fulcher, Paul Keel, and Brian McFadden. Returning to the Diaconate will be deacons John Gunn, John Kirkwood, Sam Lowrance, Art McKinney, Wade Pettus, Chris Wellborn, and Craig Bosma.

Sunday School Classes for children, youth, college, and adults will resume next Sunday at 11:05 am both here in the sanctuary building and at WCA. A detailed guide to class offerings, teachers and locations is available at the Welcome Desk.

Please note: The College Class will return next week after several weeks off. We'll begin again next Sunday, April 2, in the parlor—see you then!

This Week and Beyond

Wednesday Nights are Youth Nights at WPC: Both the Senior High Fellowship and the Junior High Fellowship will meet on this Wednesday night. 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.

Sign-up Today for Women's Retreat! Ladies, this year's Women's Retreat will be held Friday & Saturday, March 31-April 1, at Sumatanga Conference Center near Gallant. This year we plan to '*Stir It Up*' as we consider the implications of our theme verse for 2016/17 from Hebrews 10 where we're challenged to '*stir one another up toward love and good deeds*' in our life together in Christ's church. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Saturday. The cost for overnight housing and three meals is \$65. You can register today at the Retreat Table in the lobby, or online at wpc-hsv.org.

Women Reading Great Books will be getting together to read a couple of great books this spring. On **Thursday, April 6**, we'll discuss *No Little Women: Equipping All Women in the Household of God* by Aimee Byrd. Then, on **Thursday, May 11**, we'll talk about *Communion with God* by John Owen (the Puritan Paperbacks Version). Both gatherings will take place at 7pm in the Church Parlor. Aimee Byrd's book can be purchased from Amazon, P&R Books, and WTS Books. John Owen's book can be purchased at www.banneroftruth.org.

RUF Service Day—Missions in Reverse! On April 1st, RUF is wanting to serve those who need help with physical labor/projects around their house by having a service day. For example, on previous service days, we have helped clean out garages and done yard work. We would love to do this by serving through the church. Our service day will go from 8:00am-12:00pm and we would like to serve at two different locations that will fit within our time frame. If there is anyone in the church that we could serve in this way, please contact Lucy Fulcher at lcf0004@uah.edu. Thanks!

Easter Week Services: Plan to join us as we remember the death and resurrection of the Savior this Easter through a series of special services, beginning on Maundy Thursday and concluding on Easter Sunday morning. Be thinking and praying about friends you can invite to join us for this very special week of the year:

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 pm (nursery provided)
- Good Friday Service, 11:30 am (no childcare available, children invited)
- Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 am, with coffee and refreshments to follow
- No Sunday School or evening service that day. We'll return to a regular schedule the following week.

Easter Flowers: Since some in our congregation are extremely allergic to Easter lilies, our Sanctuary Flower Team is planning to do a large arrangement of cut flowers for Easter Sunday morning, & you are invited to participate. For a donation of any amount to the Easter Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one, your loved one's name will appear on the honorary list that will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To contribute, complete the dedication form inserted into today's bulletin and a check in the amount you wish to donate. A separate check with 'Easter Flowers' in the memo line will make it easy for our treasurer to track. Thanks!

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Mar 26, 2017	NEXT WEEK: April 2, 2016
NURSERY – Morning Worship	David & Nicole Perrin, Taylor Thompson, Heather Crowhurst	Daniel & Meghan Palmer, Damon & Stephanie Lares
	Kyle VanKirk	Lauren Johannesmeyer
	Susan Post	Jonathan & Alyssa Knight
NURSERY – Sunday School	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel	Laura Diaz
	Caroline Stegman	Noah Keel
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Susann Anderson, Anna Claire Murphree	Tom & Ellise Adams
HEAD USHER	David Mansfield	Nate Van Kirk
SEXTON COUNTER	Matt Harness, Wade Pettus	Wade Pettus, Art McKinney
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Greg Lewis	Greg Lewis
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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 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

Litany for the Feast
(Schubert)

Cherubim Song
(Bortniansky-Tchaikovsky)

Like a choir of mighty angels glorious gath-‘ring softly thro’ the air. To Thee, our Father in heaven, Life Everlasting, our sacred song we bring with prayer.

Keep Thou our hearts on this holy day, turn our thoughts from all worldly care, far from all worldly care. Amen.

As the King of all, now we praise Thee, we praise Thee: Hallowed be thy name, Thou holiest One, The angel hosts adore Thee. Hallelujah!

The Welcome and Announcements

Missionary Report: Mel & Martha Pike, serving with MTW in Kiev, Ukraine

Preparation for Worship

† **The Call to Worship** from Psalm 96

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before the Lord; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; bring an offering and come into his courts.

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

† **The Hymn of Praise** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #167

† The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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 Nicene Creed Hymnal, pg. 846

† **The Gloria Patri** #735

† Congregation Standing

The Presentation of New Members

These individuals have been welcomed into communing membership here at Westminster following the last few First Step classes and the most recent Communicants' Class for our covenant children:

Doug & Beth Agee	David "Toasty" Lofts
Peter & Kendall Branscomb	Nancy Lokker
Karen Brunson	William Lynn
Kate Cherry	Jacqueline Pepper
Alex, Tami and Alexander Covert	David & Karin Powless
Dave & Chris Ferguson	Kathy Sletten
Bob, Lynn, Rebekah & Anna Frederick	Lee, Emily, Brooklyn & Natalie Talmadge
Ella Carnes Gunn	Don & Carol Webb
Knox & Micah Keel	Elizabeth Wellborn
Victoria Lauderdale	

The Vows of Membership

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?*
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?*
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?*
- Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
- Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to further its purity and peace?*

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Curry Knight

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Lord Speak to Me and Take My Life*
(Schumann, arr. Smith and Havergal/Malan)

The Reading of Scripture Mark 9:1-13
Church Bible, pg. 844

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Bob Brunson

“Preview of Coming Attractions”
Series: With Jesus at the Intersections of Life

† **The Hymn of Response** *For All the Saints* #358

† Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

The Postlude *The Church's One Foundation*
(Johnson/Fettke) Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
(Johnson/Fettke)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Come, Thou Almighty King* #101

† The Invocation

Scripture, Songs and Prayers

The Offertory *Praise Ye the Lord For it is Good*
(Ps. 147/Stockton, arr. Grotenhuis)

The Preaching of the Word Dr. Jeff Hamm

Acts 2:14-41
"No Message in a Bottle"
(Church Bible, pg. 910)

† **The Hymn of Response** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

† The Benediction

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** *Our God Reigns*
(Is 52:7, Smith, Jr.) Ms. Bertha Dykes

We're blessed to have Dr. Jeff Hamm (Ph.D., Aberdeen) with us in the pulpit once 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. Welcome!

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 and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

Sanctuary Flowers are placed in honor of
John & Susann Anderson's 45th Wedding Anniversary