

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.

'Bible Amnesty Week' – Last Day: Come liberate the vast trove of Bibles (& other personal articles) that've been left behind by our congregation since moving into the sanctuary. After this week, whatever is left over will be given (or thrown) away, so be sure to come by and take a look this Sunday. The sweater you save may be your own!

Join us tonight for a Church-wide Picnic: Plan now to pack a picnic dinner and a blanket for you and your family and join us at 4:30 pm tonight, for a time of fellowship before evening worship & communion at 6 pm. In case of rain, we will simply picnic inside in the foyer. The event is being organized by the Women in the Church (WIC) Council, so if you have questions, email them at wic@wpc-hsv.org. Thanks!

2017 Theology Conference Notes Now Available Online: Many of you have asked about the availability of Dr. Roy Taylor's Powerpoint slides from the three seminar sessions on church history from this year's Theology Conference. The content of his slides is now available for download on the Resource page of the WPC website. Audio recordings of each of his talks and sermons are available on the Sermons page as well. Listen and enjoy!

This Week

Growth Groups for adults are now up & running: To see the full list of available groups, you may pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or go to the church website & select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the menu bar at the top of the homepage.

Wednesday Night Youth Study: All youth are invited to join us this and every Wednesday in the parlor for a light meal at 6:15 pm, followed by group time from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This fall we will be studying *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung, a great look at decision-making and the will of God. For more info, contact Eric Fulcher at eric.fulcher@gmail.com.

The Adult Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and we are looking for new members. This is a great opportunity to learn if you have always wanted to test that "shower aria" or "lawn mowing motet" voice and grow in a welcoming environment! For more information, please contact Tom Adams at (256) 797-5656.

The Beginning and Student Choirs also meet weekly on Wednesday nights: The Student Choir (2nd grade and up) meets from 6:15 - 6:45 pm, and the Beginning Choir (4s/5s-1st grade) meets from 6:45 - 7:15 pm. Both groups meet in the sanctuary classroom to the right of the platform. Contact Rebecca Johnson to register at 256-508-9352.

The next "Women Reading Great Books" will be THIS Thursday, September 21st: Ladies, you're invited to join us on Thursday the 21st at 7 pm in the parlor to discuss *Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ* by Rosaria Butterfield. We look forward to considering this important book together this fall!

Upcoming Events

The next Baby Sprinkle for expectant moms will be Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Join us in blessing Laura Diaz, Jennifer Harvey, Alyssa Knight and Nicole Perrin. Sign up to attend on the blue sheet today.

40 Days for Life, a time of focused prayer to end abortion, will run from September 27 through November 5. Watch for help in how to pray at home, and consider coming out to pray in person on the sidewalk in front of the Alabama Women's Center Clinic during any of the popular shifts: Thursday 9:30 – 11:30, Friday 9:30 – 11:30, Friday 1:30 – 3:30. Children are welcome (supervised). Signs are optional. Clinic address: 4831 Sparkman Avenue, Huntsville. For more information contact Beth Nemati or Maria McKinney, and stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday.

Operation Christmas Child: WPC will be participating in Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child" to provide gift boxes to children in need around the world once again this year. Empty boxes for you to fill will be available for pick-up on Sunday, September 24th. To learn more about OCC, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

WPC's Hurricane Relief Efforts

Many of us have asked what can we do to assist in the recovery efforts in Houston (and now in Florida) as people seek to put their lives back together after the devastation of Harvey and Irma. You can contribute to WPC's response by giving online to "Disaster Relief." Go click on '**Giving**' at the church's homepage and follow the directions from there. Efforts are underway to help us respond as a congregation in other, more hand's-on ways as well. Watch your email for announcements about future opportunities to serve those in need.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Sept 17, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Sept 24, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Felicia Rutledge, Nancy Lokker, Renee Lowrance	David & Nicole Perrin, Taylor Thompson
	Angie Fulcher	Kyle VanKirk
	Jackson Keel	Susan Post
NURSERY – Sunday School	Sarah Catherine Stegman, Amanda Pettus	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel
	Laurel McFadden	Caroline Stegman
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma	Susann Anderson, Lucy Fulcher
HEAD USHER	Jonathan Knight	Joe Nelson Crowhurst
SEXTON COUNTER	Paul Galloway, Monday Mbila	Monday Mbila, Nate Van Kirk
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Steve Stegman	Chris Wellborn
COMMUNION SET UP	Crowhursts	-----

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for September 10, 2017

Morning Worship – 314
Sunday School – 204
Evening Worship - 108

Staff and Ministry Team

Bob Brunson
Curry Knight
Tracey Zumbach
Jessica Perez
Mary Spybey
Rebecca Johnson
Stephen Hooks

Interim Pastor
Administrator
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Coordinator
Office Manager
Music Intern
WCA Head of School



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 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

Si^b Maggiore – B dur
(G. Merkel)

You Are My Song
(C. Berry)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship *O Word of God Incarnate* #140

† The Call to Worship from Psalm 89

Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?

Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

People: O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

† The Hymn of Praise *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #4

† 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 51, part a Hymnal, pg. 804

The Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, who are of purer eyes than to look on iniquity, and who has promised forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sins: we come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness acknowledging our manifold transgressions of your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we pray, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sins, and work in us a hearty contrition that we may obtain forgiveness at your hands, you who are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners. In the name and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon Psalm 51, part b Hymnal, pg. 804

† Congregation Standing

† The Hymn *Jesus Paid It All* #308

The New Testament Lesson Hebrews 12:12-29 Church Bible, pg. 1009

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Nat Causey

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Who But the Lord* Lyrics: Boersma, Music: Courtney

O come, thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar.
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,
Can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"?

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,
Brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?

Who but the Lord? Who but the Lord?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face,
To earth's remotest end, every people, every race.
O shine on us until the each is shown Your saving grace.

O shine on us. O shine on us.
Who but the Lord can give the shadows light?
None but the Lord

The Old Testament Lesson Daniel 2 Church Bible, pg. 374

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Bob Brunson

"The Stuff of Dreams"
Series: A Future and a Hope

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

† Benediction

† The Doxology #731

The Postlude *Rejoice! He is Lord of All* Miss Bertha Dykstra (B. D. Knoedler)

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.

Binders with today's hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go www.wpc-hsv.org and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to www.wpc-hsv.org and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
(Maker, arr. Berry)

My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness
(Getty and Townend)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #455

† The Invocation

Songs and Prayers

The Offertory *Whiter Than Snow* (Fischer, arr. G. Smith)

The Ministry of the Word Mr. John Summers

"The Man of God, part 3"
II Timothy 1
(Church Bible, pg. 996)

† The Hymn of Preparation *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* #469, vv. 1-4

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 Deacons' Offering *Give Thanks and Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

It is our custom to receive an offering for those in financial need, both in the congregation and the wider community, as our response of thanksgiving for the grace received in the Supper.

† The Hymn of Response *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* #469, vv. 5-6

† The Benediction

† The Doxology #731

† The Postlude *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord* Miss Bertha Dykstra (from Ps. 89, Fillmore)

We welcome Mr. John Summers back to our pulpit tonight to continue a four-part series in II Timothy for the month of September. John studied theology at Spurgeon's College, University of Wales, and has recently been licensed to preach by our Presbytery. He and his family worship at Cornerstone.