

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.

'Operation Christmas Child' is Now Underway: WPC is participating in Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child" to provide gift boxes to children in need around the world once again this year. Information on 'Christmas Child' and empty boxes for you to fill with gifts are available for pick-up today in the lobby. To learn even more about OCC, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

'Operation Christmas Child'—the Next Step: Another way to extend the Operation Christmas Child ministry is by sponsoring children to attend a follow-up class. After receiving a shoebox gift, children can enroll in "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson Bible course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Christ. Teachers are trained to engage their classes in child-friendly ways, including colorful Bible stories and Scripture memorization. Through "The Greatest Journey", families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed. Just \$6 provides a child with Bible study materials, a New Testament, and a graduation certificate. To give, make out your check to Samaritan's Purse and write "Sponsor, The Greatest Journey" in the memo line; address envelope to Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child, 801 Bamboo Road, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

This Week

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 hands-on ways as well. Watch your email for announcements about future opportunities to serve those in need.

'40 Days for Life,' a time of focused prayer to end abortion, began on Wednesday and will continue through November 5. Suggestions on how to pray at home will appear in the Prayer & Praise e-blast each Tuesday. Want to do more? 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 (if supervised). Signs are optional. Clinic address: 4831 Sparkman Avenue, Huntsville. For more information contact Beth Nematy or Maria McKinney, and stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday.

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 – 7:30 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.

Next Week & Beyond

The next Sunday Night Youth Fellowship will be Sunday, October 8th at 7 pm. Come for evening worship & then head over to the Murphree's, 223 Harborview Dr., Madison.

2nd Annual Presbytery-Wide Joint Reformation Service: This year marks the 500th anniversary of the signature act of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther's nailing of 95 Theses (debate points) on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The churches of our presbytery (Huntsville & northern Alabama) will gather for worship on Sunday evening, October 29th at 6 pm at Southwood Presbyterian Church, 1000 Carl T. Jones Drive SE to remember and reflect on that great event and all that's followed, and we hope you'll attend. A nursery will be available & light refreshments will be served following the service. A special offering will be taken to support church planting in our Presbytery. Plan now to be a part of this special event!

Operation Christmas Child Dedication Event: Bring your filled Operation Christmas Child gift box and join us Wednesday, November 8 from 6-8 pm for fellowship and fun as we dedicate them at our **Box-and-Cookie Party!** All ages invited to participate. Let us know that you plan to attend, bring cookies or assist as a volunteer via the blue sheet. In the meantime, get busy filling your boxes!

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Oct 1, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Oct 8, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Daniel & Meghan Palmer, Damon & Stephanie Lares	Kate Gunn, Ryan & Stephanie Wellman
	Lauren Johannesmeyer	Tami Covert
	Jonathan & Alyssa Knight	Annabelle Lowrance
NURSERY – Sunday School	Laura Diaz, Ashleigh Fulcher	Henry Lynn
		Samuel Fulcher
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Allen Zumbach, Jennifer Murphree	Donna & Curry Knight
HEAD USHER	Scott Miskovish	John Henderson
SEXTON COUNTER	Nate VanKirk, John Gunn	John Gunn, John Kirkwood
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Chris Wellborn	Alex Covert
COMMUNION SET UP	Wendlands	----

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for September 24, 2017

Morning Worship – 282
Sunday School – 220
Evening Worship - 86

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

October 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

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

Faith of Our Fathers
(Hemy, arr. Berry)

It is Well With My Soul
(Bliss, arr. Berry)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Be Still My Soul/ He Will Hold Me Fast
(The congregation will join the choir on the last two verses)

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. *(Chorus)*

† The Call to Worship

from Psalm 22

Pastor: They who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

People: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord;

Pastor: All the families of the nations will bow down before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations!

† The Hymn of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

#172

† 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 New Testament Lesson

James 4:13-17
Church Bible, pg. 1013

The Prayer of Confession, Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Scooter Johnson

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

† Congregation Standing

The Offertory

Feed Me, Lord
Patrick M. Liebergen

Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, Give me peace restored.
Cleanser my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.
Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today.
Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way,
Feed me, Lord, feed me, Lord, Give me peace restored.
Cleanser my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God restored.

Amazing grace, come down to me, a gift from God above.
The living bread now sets me free with God's eternal love.

Amazing grace, removes my pain; the cup I long to share,
O Lord, Your spirit shall remain, I live within Your care.

Feed me Lord; feed me, Lord; Lamb of God adored.

The Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 4
Church Bible, pg. 740

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Bob Brunson

“Man Down, Man Up”
Series: A Future and a Hope

† The Hymn of Preparation

Just As I Am, without One Plea

#501, 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

My Eternal Desire with *Jesus, I Am Resting,*
Resting

(Schinske, and arr. McKibben)

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

Just As I Am, without One Plea

#501, vv. 5-6

† Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

The Postlude

He Leadeth Me

Miss Bertha Dykstra

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

Close to Thee
(Crosby/Vail)

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee
and
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
(arr. Sallee)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise

Forever Settled in the Heavens

#59

† The Invocation

Songs and Prayers

The Offertory

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
(Luther/Klug)

The Ministry of the Word

Mr. Daniel Hightower

“Gospel Integrity”
Matthew 5:33-37 (& 23:16-22)
(Church Bible, pg. 996)

† The Hymn of Response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#521

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Miss Bertha Dykstra

We welcome Daniel Hightower, RUF campus minister at Jacksonville State University, to our pulpit tonight. Daniel was born and raised in Troy, AL, and attended Troy University where he studied Spanish and met his wife, Courtney. They married in 2009 and moved to Birmingham where Daniel earned an M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School. Prior to joining RUF staff, he served as the assistant pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne. He and Courtney have 3 children: 4-year-old Naomi and one-year-old twins, Rebekah and Cole. We're delighted to have Daniel with us tonight!