

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.

A New Sunday Evening Series Begins Tonight: Plan now to return at 6 pm today for evening worship. The Rev. David Hammond, longtime Bible teacher at WCA, will begin a study of the Beatitudes—don't miss out!

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Tonight: Come for evening worship & then head over at 7 pm to the Murphree's, 223 Harborview Dr., Madison, for a time of fun and fellowship. Join us!

This Week

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

The Adult Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and we are always looking for new members. 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. For more information, contact Rebecca Johnson at 256-508-9352.

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.

Ministry Opportunities

WPC's Hurricane Relief Efforts UPDATE: WPC is developing a fuller response for our congregation to the damage from the recent hurricanes which includes both local efforts and partnering with MNA Disaster Relief (the relief agency of the PCA) to help with the clean-up and recovery efforts underway in Texas and Florida. Katherine and Steven Adams are taking the lead in organizing our response and they need your help. You can reach them via e-mail at katadams23@gmail.com or stevenjadams@outlook.com if you want to be a part of the initial planning and organizing of our efforts to build and ship 'flood buckets' (filled with essential cleaning supplies for those flooded by the storm); 'hygiene kits' (including basic toiletries and health supplies); and 'bedding kits' (to help those making-do in shelters and temporary housing). For more information, visit 'This Week at Westminster' on the church's homepage at www.wpc-hsv.org.

'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.

The '40 Days for Life' city-wide prayer campaign to end abortion is going on now through November 5th. 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 Nemati or Maria McKinney, and stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday.

Upcoming Events

The 2nd Annual Presbytery-Wide Joint Reformation Service will be Sunday evening, October 29th: 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 Box Dedication Party, November 8: Bring your filled Operation Christmas Child 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. Free boxes available for pickup in the atrium. Take a brochure or visit www.samaritanspurse.org for more information.

The next "Women Reading Great Books" gathering will be Thursday, November 2: Join us as we continue discussing *Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ* by Rosaria Butterfield. We look forward to delving deeper in this important book together this fall, but it's not too late to jump into the conversation. See you then!

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Oct 8, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Oct 15, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Kate Gunn, Ryan & Stephanie Wellman	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April Stegman
	Tami Covert	Garret Grady
	Annabelle Lowrance	Micah & Charissa Matson
NURSERY – Sunday School	Henry Lynn	Noelle Thompson
	Samuel Fulcher	Kendall Branscomb
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Donna & Curry Knight	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma
HEAD USHER	John Henderson	Thomas Henderson
SEXTON COUNTER	John Gunn, John Kirkwood	John Kirkwood, Matt Harness
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Alex Covert	Alex Covert
COMMUNION SET UP	---	Fergusons

Today's flowers have been given in memory of founding member Penny Acker, who went to be with the Lord last month.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for October 1, 2017

Morning Worship – 261
Sunday School – 190
Evening Worship - 72



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 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

Holy, Holy, Holy
(Dykes, arr. Tornquist)

Be Thou My Vision
(arr. B.K. Smith)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship *All for Jesus* **TH 565**, vv 1 ,2, 5
Congregation joins on v. 5

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

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne* **#65**

† 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

Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Pastor: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

The Confession of Sin From *The Valley of Vision* (pg. 95)

Incomprehensible, great, and glorious God, we adore you and abase ourselves. We approach you mindful that we are less than nothing, creatures worse than nothing. Our thoughts are not screened from your gaze; our secret sins blaze in the light of your countenance. Give us an increasing conviction of our tendency to err, and of our exposure to sin.

Help us to feel more of the purifying, softening influence of the faith, its compassion, love, and pity, and employ us as instruments in blessing others. Enable us to remember that blood which cleanses us of all sin, to believe in that grace which subdues all iniquities, and resign ourselves to that agency which alone can deliver us from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

The Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130:3-4

† **The Hymn** *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness* see insert

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed 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 New Testament Lesson Luke 18:9-14
Church Bible, pg. 877

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Bill Emrich

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Holy Art Thou*
G.F. Handel
(Largo from XERXES)

Holy, most Holy art Thou, Lord God Almighty;
Holy art Thou, Holy art Thou,
Lord God Almighty, who wert and art, who wert and art, and art to come
Holy art Thou, Holy art Thou, Lord God Almighty
Glory and Majesty in heav'n art Thine.
Earth lowly bending, swells the full harmony,
Blessing and Glory to the Lamb forevermore; give thanks forevermore!
Let all nations and kindred and peoples give thanks to Thee forevermore!

The Old Testament Lesson Daniel 5
Church Bible, pg. 742

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Bob Brunson

“Hard-headed and Hard-hearted”
Series: A Future and a Hope

† **The Hymn of Response** *All to Jesus I Surrender* **#562**

† Benediction

† **The Doxology** **#731**

The Postlude *Walk Worthy of the Lord*
(from Col. 1:10, L. Smith) Miss Bertha Dykstra

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(arr. Tornquist)

My Soul, Bless the Lord!
(arr. Grotenhuis)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† **The Hymn of Praise** *The Church's One Foundation* **#347**

† The Invocation

Songs and Prayers

The Offertory *In Doubt and Temptation I Rest, Lord, in Thee*
(from Ps. 73, arr. Grotenhuis)

† **The Hymn of Preparation** *The Beatitudes* **#527**

The Ministry of the Word Mr. David Hammond

“Characteristics of Kingdom Citizens”
Matthew 4:23-5:11
(Church Bible, pg. 809)

† **The Hymn of Response** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* **#353**

† The Benediction

† **The Doxology** **#731**

† **The Postlude** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* Miss Bertha Dykstra
Shout, For the Blessed Jesus Reigns

We welcome the Rev. David Hammond to our pulpit tonight. David is an old friend of this congregation and a much-loved teacher of the Scriptures at WCA. We're excited to have him with us this fall!

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.

† Congregation Standing