

## 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.

### Christmas at WPC

- **A Crown Club Christmas!** All senior adults are invited to join us for our annual Crown Club Christmas party at 10 am on **Wednesday morning, December 13th**. We will gather at the home of Jim and Juanita Service, 107 Indian Valley Road, Huntsville, for fellowship & carol-singing, and then go from there out to lunch together as a group.
- **"Flapjacks and Flannels" Youth Christmas Parties:** If you're in middle school or high school, join us either on December 15th or 16th for 'Flapjacks & Flannels' as we celebrate the holiday together. Wear something flannel, bring a \$5.00 gift for Dirty Santa, invite a friend to join you, and come on!
  - **The Middle School party** will be Friday, December 15th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Murphrees (223 Harborview Dr., Madison)
  - **The High School party** Saturday, December 16th, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Keels (219 Haddington Ct., Madison)
- **A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols and Christmas Fellowship, Sunday morning, December 17th:** People love the music of the season, which makes this an especially good Sunday to invite your friends to join us for worship. The service will lead us through the entire story of Christmas in Scripture and song, and will be followed by an extended time of fellowship. Please feel free to pass along the invitation cards to others.
- **Annual Christmas Fellowship:** Please join us for our annual Christmas Fellowship (a light reception of finger foods) following our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 17th. We request that every family please bring a plate of finger foods (e.g., sausage balls, cut up fruit, cheese, pastries or gluten-free options, etc.) on a nice plate the morning of Sunday, December 17th. We also need help with setup, so please consider signing up to help on Saturday, December 16th, from 9-10 am or on Sunday, December 17th, from 8:45-9:25 am. Use <http://bit.ly/WPCsetup> to sign-up for a timeslot or email [wic@wpc-hsv.org](mailto:wic@wpc-hsv.org) or signup on the blue sheet today.
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** Since Christmas Eve will be on Sunday this year, in addition to Morning Worship at 9:30 am, we will return for our annual **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at **4 pm** in the sanctuary. **Please note:** to allow our teachers to rest and prepare for the holidays with their family, there will be no Sunday School on Christmas Eve.
- **Worship on New Year's Eve:** To give our Sunday School teachers a time to rest from their preparations and enjoy the holidays with their families, we will only hold Morning Worship (at our usual time of 9:30) on Sunday, December 31. We will resume our regular Sunday schedule the following Lord's Day.

### Every Week

**Growth Groups for Adults:** 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.

**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. For the remainder of the year, we'll be studying *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*, a good dive into the personal & spiritual ramifications of being connected 24/7. For more info, contact Eric Fulcher at [eric.fulcher@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fulcher@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

**Youth Parent Meeting:** All parents of teenagers are encouraged to join us next Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 pm in the church parlor to discuss upcoming activities and events in 2018. We look forward to seeing you here at this important meeting!

**ROOTS Presbytery Winter Youth Retreat is coming up the 19th-21st of January.** The base price is **\$100** for the weekend. **\$110** with the t-shirt, and **\$122** for t-shirt plus the extreme hike. Students can register at the link below and make the checks payable to Westminster, please designate "ROOTS" on the memo line. **Registration & payment are due in by next Sunday, December 17th!** Go to [www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) & click on "Events" on the homepage to register.

### Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Dec 10, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Dec 17, 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	-----
	Samuel Fulcher	-----
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Curry & Donna Knight	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma
HEAD USHER	Jay Lauderdale	Lee Talmadge
SEXTON COUNTER	Nate Van Kirk, John Gunn	John Kirkwood, Paul Galloway
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Greg Lewis	Stacy Murphree
COMMUNION SET UP	----	Crowhursts

### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

### Attendance for December 3, 2017

Morning Worship – 275  
 Sunday School – 189  
 Evening Worship – 99

### Staff and Ministry Team

Bob Brunson Curry Knight Tracey Zumbach Jessica Perez Mary Spybey Jessica Wendland Rebecca Johnson Stephen Hooks	Interim Pastor Administrator Children's Ministry Dir. Nursery Coordinator Office Manager Ministry Intern Music Intern WCA Head of School	bob.brunson@wpc-hsv.org curry.knight@wpc-hsv.org tracey.zumbach@wpc-hsv.org jessica.prerez@wpc-hsv.org mary.spybey@wpc-hsv.org jessica.wendland@wpc-hsv.org rebecca.johnson@wpc-hsv.org stephen.hooks@wca-hsv.org
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**WESTMINSTER**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 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

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
(Plainsong, arr. Berry)

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*  
(Trinity Hymnal #197)

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Preparation for Worship

*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*  
(Nicolai, arr. J.S. Bach)

### † The Call to Worship

from Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

**People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations;

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

### † The Hymn of Praise

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#218

### † 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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

### The Call to Repentance

Isaiah 55:7

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts;

**People: Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

### The Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; there is no health in us.

### † Congregation Standing

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O Lord, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### The Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6

Leader: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

**People: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

### † The Hymn

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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### The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7  
Church Bible, pg. 573

### The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Scooter Johnson

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### The Offertory

*Thou Who Wast Rich*  
Houghton/Ijames

#### Congregation joins on third verse:

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

### The Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-20  
Church Bible, pg. 857

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Dieter Paulson

“The Believer’s Peace”

### † The Hymn of Response

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#201

### † The Benediction

### † The Doxology

#731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Postlude

*D Flat Major*  
(Pachelbel)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

**We're delighted to welcome the Rev. Dieter Paulson to our pulpit again this morning.** Dieter and his family have moved to northeast Alabama to lead Providence Presbytery's efforts to plant a new church in Scottsboro. After graduating from East Carolina University in 1997, he attended Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS, earning both a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy and a Master of Divinity. Before coming to Alabama, Dieter served six years in youth ministry, seven years as a hospice chaplain, and nearly eight years as a solo pastor. He and his wife Marty have been married for 18 years and have four children: Gracie (17), Tanner (16), Mary (11), and Georgia (9). Welcome!

## Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

### The Prelude

*The First Nowell*  
(English carol, arr. Curry)

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*  
(Handel, arr. Rouse)

### The Welcome and the Call to Worship

### † The Hymn of Praise

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

#208

### † The Invocation

### Encouraging One Another in Song & Prayer

### The Offertory

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
(Willis, arr. Pethel)

### The Ministry of the Word

Mr. John Summers

“The Second Advent of Christ”  
II Peter 3:1-14  
(Church Bible, pg. 1019)

### † The Hymn of Response

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#196

### † The Benediction

### † The Doxology

#731

### † The Postlude

*Benediction*

Miss Bertha Dykstra

**It's good to have Mr. John Summers back with us tonight.** John studied theology at Spurgeon's College, University of Wales, and was licensed to preach by our Presbytery earlier this year. He and his family worship at Cornerstone. We have deeply appreciated John's ministry to us & are delighted to have him open the Scriptures for us once again this evening.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.