

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.

Faith Promise Update & Challenge: To date, we have received Faith Promise commitments from 28 (out of 132) households so far, bringing the total committed so far to \$39,220. It will require a Faith Promise commitment of \$65,000 to maintain our missionary and ministry support at its current level.

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?* Faith Promise cards will be available in the bulletin again this Sunday for you to complete and return during the morning and evening offerings. Thanks!

Today

Sunday School Classes for children, youth, college, and adults meet at 11:05 am each Sunday. Kids should rendezvous with Miss Tracey in the children's corner of the lobby immediately after worship and walk to the main building for snacks; we'll take them to their classes from there. A detailed guide to class offerings, teachers and locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

Everyday Evangelism class begins today: The 'Share Your Faith' Workshop that we held recently is only the first step in learning how to share the gospel effectively with the people whose lives intersect with yours from day to day. The next step is EV 2 in which you'll have the opportunity to become increasingly comfortable in talking about the gospel and find support and encouragement as you have opportunity to interact with others throughout the week. The class is open to SYF alums who've been through the workshop here or elsewhere, and will meet during the Sunday School hour in the room behind the platform.

The College Class is on break for the next two weeks for spring break, and will join the rest of the church for the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 26th. We'll resume on Sunday, April 2. Eric Fulcher and Scooter Johnson are leading the class again this semester.

This Week and Beyond

Wednesday Nights are Youth Nights at WPC: Both the Senior High Fellowship and the Junior High Fellowship are now meeting on Wednesday nights. 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.

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" event is planned for Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 pm. Eric Fulcher will be hosting the group at his home, 102 Mountainwood Drive, in Huntsville. There is plenty of space for food & drink, so everyone is welcome to bring something. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to host in coming months. If you're interested, contact Ron Klein at rkleinala@gmail.com.

Our annual Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, March 26: Plan now to join us during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 26 for this very important meeting in the life of the church. 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 Sunday School classes will be held that day.

This year's Women's Retreat will be Friday & Saturday, March 31-April 1, at Sumatanga Conference Center near Gallant. Ladies, 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 may register today at wpc-hsv.org. Questions? Email retreat organizer Renee Lowrance at shayshaylowrance@gmail.com.

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.

We still need two additional Sunday Morning Coffee Hosts to prepare coffee, set out coffee 'fixings,' and clean up after the fellowship time after the service. Ideally, Coffee Hosts serve two Sundays in a row, but that's negotiable. If you're willing to serve in this way, email the church office at office@wpc-hsv.org and we'll pass your name along to ministry leader Chuck Grady.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Mar 12, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Mar 19, 2016
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Judy Barnes, Victoria Lauderdale, Kate Gunn	Felicia Rutledge, Garrett & Leah Keith
	Bill Emrich	Angie Fulcher
	Ryan and Stephanie Wellman	Jackson Keel
NURSERY – Sunday School	Molly McCune, Katy Kirkwood	Sarah Catherine Stegman, Amanda Pettus
	Lindsay Van Kirk	Laurel McFadden
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Ashleigh Fulcher	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma
HEAD USHER	Henry Lynn	Bo Bradshaw
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	Gradys	Crowhurts

Staff and Ministry Team

Nathan Eldridge (on leave)
Bob Brunson
Daniel Perez
Tracey Zumbach
Jessica Perez
Mary Spybey
David Powless
Stephen Hooks

Senior Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Youth Director
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Coordinator
Office Manager
Facility Manager
WCA Head of School

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for March 5, 2016

Morning Worship – 312
Sunday School – 209
Evening Worship – 108



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12, 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

Donna Ruiz
Rebecca Johnson

The Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

† The Call to Worship

from Psalm 5

Pastor: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.

People: But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy!

† The Hymn of Praise *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* #165

† 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 32:3-5*

The Confession of Sin

O Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have pierced us, and your hand has come down upon us. Because of your wrath there is no health in our bodies; our bones have no soundness because of our sin. Our guilt has overwhelmed us like a burden too heavy to bear.

All our longings lie open before you, O Lord; our sighing is not hidden from you. We confess our iniquity; we are troubled by our sin. O Lord, do not forsake us; come quickly to help us, O Lord, our Savior.

Taken from Psalm 38

The Assurance of Pardon *Isaiah 53:4-5*

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

† The Hymn *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* #468

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Scooter Johnson

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Donna Ruiz
Rebecca Johnson

The Reading of Scripture

Mark 8:27-30
Church Bible, pg. 844

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Bob Brunson

“At the Continental Divide”
Series: With Jesus at the Intersections of Life

† The Hymn of Preparation *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #252 (vv. 1 & 2)

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Deacons' Offering

† The Hymn of Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #252 (vv. 3 & 4)

† Benediction

† The Doxology #731

The Postlude

Mr. Art McKinney

† Congregation Standing

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise *God, All Nature Sings They Glory* #122

† The Invocation

Scripture, Songs and Prayers

† The Hymn *Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray* #390

The Offertory

The Preaching of the Word *Dr. Jeff Hamm*

“The Future of the Church”
Acts 1:12-26
(Church Bible, pg. 909)

† The Hymn of Response *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* #600

† The Benediction

† The Doxology #731

† The Postlude *Ms. Rebecca Johnson*

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Jeff Hamm (Ph.D., Aberdeen) to our pulpit 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.

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.