

Church Calendar

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 18

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Choir dinner and rehearsal	12:15 P.M.
Laurens Small Group <i>(Meet at Moores')</i>	5:00 P.M.
Clinton Small Group <i>(Meet at Smiths')</i>	5:00 P.M.

MONDAY—OCTOBER 19

Missions fund raiser at Dempsey's	5:00-9:00 P.M.
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TUESDAY—OCTOBER 20

Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:30 A.M.
Good News Club	2:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 21

Orchestra Rehearsal	4:15 P.M.
Choirs	4:45 P.M.
Supper	5:15 P.M.
Classes for all ages <i>(nursery for birth through age three)</i>	6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:05 P.M.

THURSDAY—OCTOBER 22

L.I.F.E. Bailey Manor Small Group	11:00 A.M.
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SUNDAY—OCTOBER 25

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	12:15 P.M.
Youth lunch/celebration set up	12:15 P.M.

Upcoming Events

Reformation Celebration	October 28
Annual Trip to Caro-Mi	October 30

Sunday School

ADULT

<i>Proverbs</i>	Dick Gillen
<i>1, 2 Thessalonians</i>	Wayne Smith
<i>Satan's Greatest Hits</i> (College-Early Career)	Jim Roberts

YOUTH

Senior High	Jay and Suzanne Ragin
Junior High	Leigh and Tacy Fleury

CHILDREN

5th/6th grade	Tommy and Nancy Motes
3rd - 4th grade	Paul and Sandy Moore
1st - 2nd grade	Jody Lipford/Robin Roberts
4 - 5 yr. olds	Pete and Jen Partee
2 - 3 yr. olds	Laura Lipford/Betsy McKinney
Toddlers	Anne Edwards/Fran Arscott

Nursery

In the nursery <u>this week</u>	In the nursery <u>next week</u>
<i>Babies</i> PC Students	<i>Babies</i> M. Orr/S. Roberts
<i>Preschool</i> T. and N. Motes	<i>Preschool</i> J. Partee/A. Dowdle

Prayer Concerns

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Bailey Manor—Joe Reiland, Activities Director
 Presbytery—Smyrna PC, Newberry, Scott Hill
 Denomination—Covenant College
 Missionaries—Rick & Beth Brawner, Clemson University

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Gary Lewis—continued progress and recovery
 Charles McKinney—hematoma
 Leslie Jackson—continued improvement

PRAISES

Rain for our area
 Our elderly saints at WPC

THOSE EXPECTING

Tacy Fleury—due in March
 Jen Partee—due in March

OTHERS

National Leadership—Vice President Joe Biden
 State Leadership—Governor Mark Sanford
 Local Leadership— Public Safety Chief Stacy Drakeford
 Homebound, Military and their families

To put requests on the prayer chain, contact

Anne Edwards—683-5757, email
 Marilyn Daniluk—833-4359, phone
 or the church office during the day

Our Staff

Pastor		
Rev. Jim Roberts	833-4583	
Assistant Pastor		
Rev. Dick Gillen	938-0334	
Director of Music and Youth		
Dr. Leigh Fleury	833-6530	
Director of Children's Ministries		
Penny Greer	833-2955	

October Financial Report

Week 1	\$7020.75
Week 2	\$6,376.10
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Month Total	\$13,396.85
YTD Total	\$293,534.93
YTD Budget	\$303,482.26
YTD Expenses	\$303,605.28

Serving You

Deacons for October	Grier Hudson, Robert Roper
Ushers for October	Grier Hudson, Robert Roper Brian McCall, Tarri McKinney

October 18, 2009

** Those who are able, please stand ♦ Ushers may seat at this time
 Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers*

Meditation

Isaiah 40:25–31

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Prelude

Rondeau (from *Abdelazer*) ~ H. Purcell Chamber Orchestra
 ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus ~ arr. M. Mier Liz Orr

* Call to Worship

From Psalm 148

Mr. Dick Gillen

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Congregation: *For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

(Continued)

All: *Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"*

*♦ **Hymn of Adoration** All Creatures of Our God and King #115

* **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Ministry of Music Come With Thanksgiving ~ L. Larson Chamber Orchestra

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning: thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation endure thro' tribulation: Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession Deuteronomy 32:3-6

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we come before you this morning confessing that you are the great God, the Rock, whose works are perfect and whose ways are just. yet we also come before you confessing that we have often rebelled against you in word, thought and deed, thinking that our ways and works are better than yours. Forgive us we pray for acting corruptly toward you, the Creator of heaven and earth, and for repaying your love and goodness with the shameful deeds of darkness. Help us to, by your Spirit, live as those who have been made new creations in Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit from all eternity, amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 44:22

♦ **Welcome** (Please date, sign, and pass the friendship registers.)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentences 1 Chronicles 16:29

Offertory Music Fellowship of the Ringers

Brother James's Air ~ arr. A. L. Page
(see hymn 86 for text)

* **Response** Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Song of Preparation**

Let Everything That Has Breath ~ M. Redman

Chorus: *Let everything that, everything that,
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that,*

Everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Verse 1: *Praise You in the morning, praise You in the evening.
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing, praise You when I'm grieving.
Praise You every season of the soul.
If we could see how much You're worth.
Your power, Your might, Your endless love.
Then surely we would never cease to praise. (repeat chorus)*

Verse 2: *Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels.
Praising You forever and a day.
Praise You on the earth now, joining with creation.
Calling all the nations to Your praise.
If we could see how much You're worth.
Your power, Your might, Your endless love.
Then surely we would never cease to praise. (repeat chorus)*

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Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 45:5-25

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED Mr. Jim Roberts

* **Hymn of Response** Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah #110

* **Benediction**

Postlude Carillon (from *24 Pieces in Free Style*) ~ L. Vierne



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church! Our desire is that you will find joyful, reverent worship and warm, genuine fellowship. Please fill out and pass the friendship registers at the time of welcome. If we may minister to you in any way, do not hesitate to speak with the pastor or one of the elders following the service.

We welcome children who are able to sit with their families during worship. We also provide excellent **NURSERY** facilities and care, as well as a place for mothers whose babies are nursing or become uncomfortable.

A Reformation celebration will be held on Wednesday night, October 28, presented by the youth for the children. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to our church for a fun way to learn about the work the Lord has done in his church through the reformers. We will follow our regular afternoon and evening schedule, with the celebration beginning at 6:00 P.M. There will be no classes after supper.

Need a peaceful evening out? Make reservations now for the annual trip to Caro-Mi restaurant in Tryon, NC, Friday, October 30. Enjoy the rocking chairs by the stream while you wait for your table, then enjoy a wonderful home-cooked meal and great fellowship. Call Anne Edwards (683-5757) to make reservations for this Dutch treat evening.

Youth have a hiking trip on Saturday, November 7th in the mountains of N. C. Any adults who would like to join them on this hike and get to know our youth better are welcome! Meet at WPC for a 9:30 A.M. departure.

J.O.Y. boxes are shoe-box size containers filled with small toys and candies, which will be delivered as Christmas gifts to children in Ukrainian orphanages. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may bring your J.O.Y. box at any time and put it in the Barnabas room (next door to Leigh's office). Be sure to attach one of the labels (provided) to each box indicating girl/boy/age. Please include \$6.00 in each box to help defray the cost of shipping. We will collect these boxes through November 15, but it is not too early to begin bringing them in.

Need a night out of the kitchen? Bring your family to Dempsey's Pizza for supper tomorrow night and help raise money for our mission trips next summer. Dempsey's will donate 10% of their profits made between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M. Let your neighbors and co-workers know about this pizza for profit! *Mark your calendar for the next night out of the kitchen at Sonic on Saturday, November 7.*

Wednesday supper this week will be *homemade soup, cornbread, and grilled cheese sandwiches*. Use the designated space on the friendship register to let us know how many adults and children from your family will be here for supper.

"To read more about the "Creation Days" issue and what a recent study committee of Presbyterian Church in America has said, go to <http://www.pcahistory.org/creation/report.pdf>."