#### 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.

**Today is Gideon Sunday here at WPC!** We look forward to hearing a report from Mr. John Powers on the work of the Gideons at the beginning of the service this morning. If you'd like to contribute to the work of Bible distribution locally and globally, just look for the Gideon representative holding an open Bible at the door at the conclusion of the service.

A New Addition to the WPC Team: We are delighted to announce that Jes Wendland has joined our staff as a Ministry Intern. While we anticipate her assisting with a wide-array of ministries, her special focus will be in discipling the girls involved in our Student Ministry. Jes has just returned home to Huntsville after a two-year apprenticeship with Serge in Ireland and will be reporting on her experiences tonight during the evening service, followed by a reception in her honor in the lobby. Join us as we welcome back—and welcome—our newest member of staff today!

#### This Week

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" gathering will be THIS Thursday, October 19th, at 6:30 pm at the home of Ryan Wellman, 304 Natchez Trail, Huntsville. Be sure to put this on the calendar now!

**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: Katherine and Steven Adams are taking the lead in organizing WPC's response to Harvey and Irma and they need your help. You can reach them at <a href="katadams23@gmail.com">katadams23@gmail.com</a> or <a href="stevenjadams@outlook.com">stevenjadams@outlook.com</a> 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 makingdo in shelters and temporary housing) to be distributed by MNA Disaster Relief (the relief agency of the PCA). For more info, visit the display set-up in the church lobby today.

'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 <a href="https://www.samaritanspurse.org">www.samaritanspurse.org</a>.

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 Tues. 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: Thurs. 9:30-11:30, Friday 9:30-11:30, Fri. 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. Gift boxes are available for pickup in the lobby. 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!

Mark the Date - Monte Sano Youth Event - November 18th, 12-4pm. Details coming!

#### Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Oct 15, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Oct 22, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April	Rebecca Harness, Emily
	Stegman	Vechinski, Lady Emrich
	Garret Grady	Bill Emrich
	Micah & Charissa Matson	Alex Covert
NURSERY – Sunday School	Noelle Thompson	Amy Vechinski
	Kendall Branscomb	
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma	Susan Anderson, Lucy Fulcher
HEAD USHER	Thomas Henderson	Ryan Wellman
SEXTON COUNTER	John Kirkwood, Matt Harness	Matt Harness, Wade Pettus
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Alex Covert	Brian Harte
COMMUNION SET UP		Fergusons

### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

# Attendance for October 8, 2017

Morning Worship – 283 Sunday School – 203 Evening Worship – 110

### **Staff and Ministry Team**

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October 15, 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

The Old Rugged Cross

Miss Anna Frederick

by George Bennard, arr. Rhett Barnwell

Harp The F

Rhosymedre

Welsh Hymn Tune, arr. Rhett Barnwell

The Welcome and Announcements

Special Report: The Gideons

The Preparation for Worship

Worthy Is The Lamb
Don Wyrtzen

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing!

† The Call to Worship

from Psalm 93

Pastor: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

People: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Pastor: The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

People: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

Praise the Lord!

† The Hymn of Praise God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

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† 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

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The Call to Repentance

Joel 2:12-13

The Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, who is of purer eyes than to look on iniquity and who has promised forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sins: we come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness acknowledging our manifold transgressions of your righteous laws. O gracious Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we pray, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sins and work in us a hearty contrition that we may obtain forgiveness at your hands, you who are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners. In the name and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

† The Hymn Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness #520

The New Testament Lesson

2 Peter 1:1-15 Church Bible, pg. 1018

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Brian McFadden

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

But the Lord is Mindful of His Own Mendelsohn – Bartholdy

But the Lord is mindful of His own. He remembers His children. Bow down before Him ye mighty, for the Lord is near us! But the Lord is mindful of His own. He remembers His children.

The Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 6 Church Bible, pg. 743

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Bob Brunson

"The Power of Consistency" Series: A Future and a Hope

† The Hymn of Response

O Church Arise

see insert

O church arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight in faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died - An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

**†** Benediction

† The Doxology

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The Postlude

Thy God Reigneth

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 <a href="www.wpc-hsv.org">www.wpc-hsv.org</a> 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 <a href="www.wpc-hsv.org">www.wpc-hsv.org</a> and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.

# Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Blessed Assurance and To God be the Glory (arr. Tornquist

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise

Lift High the Cross

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† The Invocation

**Encouraging One Another in Song** 

The Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (arr. Pethel)

**Special Mission Report:** 

Miss Jes Wendland

A Season of Prayer for Ireland

† The Closing Hymn

Facing a Task Unfinished

see insert

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees, A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease, We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne The solemn pledge we owe Thee: to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway, Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today, With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that flaming, fell from the hands of those Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose. Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours; Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired, Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired, From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake! Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

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† The Postlude

He Who Began a Good Work in You (from Phil 1:6, J. Mohr)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

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We're excited to hear a special missions report from Jess Wendland tonight following her return from Ireland. Jess has just completed a two-year apprenticeship with Serge (formerly World Harvest Mission) first in Northern Ireland and then in Ireland. You're invited to join us in the lobby for a 'welcome home' reception for Jess immediately following the service so that you can welcome her back in person!