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WESTMINSTER *life*

The pastor's column

As we begin our new model of worship in December I've been looking back at the goal our Worship Review Task Force described in their report. After a year of conversation and study and prayer they said,

"Our worship at Westminster should meet people where they are, while challenging them to think and act differently. It should be built on scripture and traditions of our church with modern day application. It should accommodate our church as it is today, while inspiring it to future growth. Worship is one of our primary ways to welcome the seekers and renew the faithful. Our worship services should inspire and surprise. Worship should build strong relationships with God and each other, creating strong community amongst all Westminster members."

I'm excited about what we have planned for our December worship services and eager to get your feedback.

I've also been reminded of a quote by C.S. Lewis about different musical tastes in worship. Lewis says,

"There are two musical situations on which I think we can be confident that a blessing rests. One is where a priest or an organist, himself a man of trained and delicate taste, humbly and charitably sacrifices his own (aesthetically right) desires and gives the people humbler and coarser fare than he would wish, in a belief that he can thus bring them to God. The other is where the untrained and unmusical layman humbly and patiently, and above all silently, listens to music which he cannot, or cannot fully, appreciate, in the belief that it somehow glorifies God, and that if it does not edify him this must be his own defect. Neither such a High Brow nor such a Low Brow can be far out of the way. To both, church music will have been a means of grace; not the music they have liked, but the music they have disliked. They have both offered, sacrificed, their taste in the fullest sense."

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The pastor's column continued

Lewis challenges us to remember that worship is not just for us, but also for our neighbor – something that doesn't feed us, might feed our neighbor, or a new visitor to the church. As we do some "holy experimentation" in worship, seeking ways to both "welcome seekers" and "renew the faithful," I hope that you will bring with you a spirit of grace.

I'm looking forward to this new chapter in our life together, and to seeing how God will use our offerings to make a difference in people's lives.

Your pastor,

Eric

Welcome Sally Zeillmann

On Tuesday, November 27, we welcomed Sally Zeillmann as our new Assistant Director of Children & Family Ministries! She replaces Laura Collie, who was the interim for Leslie Hennigan when she left in early September. Sally left a job at UNCG, a position she held for 20 years. Sally will be working with Lynn Turnage, our Director of Adult, Children & Family Ministries in keeping up with all that's involved with children and their families, Church school shepherds, classrooms and more. Sally has been at Westminster since 2007. She and her husband Peter have three children - Paul (college freshman), Philip (a junior at Grimsley), and Sara (a kindergartener at Sternberger). Sally has been on the Children's Ministry Committee for the last 2 years and has been a wonderful church school teacher for over 5 years. Additionally, Sally brings great energy for and knowledge of children, a wonderful creative spirit, a love for our church and sharing our faith in and love for God with our children. Please look for Sally and welcome her to her new ministry at Westminster.

Thank you to the ADCFM Search Committee: Lee Odom (chair), Sharon Westfall (parent, CMC elder), Adrienne Gramberg (parent, CMC elder), Emily Perkins (parent, CMC member), Lynn Turnage (staff).

New Members



BONNIE HALLMAN

507 Audubon Drive
Greensboro, NC 27410
Joined: October 21

Life's Passages

Births

Finley Lane Rutledge,
daughter of Andy and Megan Rutledge,
granddaughter of John and Cindy Rutledge

Deaths

Maureen Jarrell on October 24
Michelle Miller on October 25
Peg DuFresne on October 26
Mary Jane Greene on November 4
Ann Barr on November 6

Notes to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Our hearts are filled with love for our Westminster friends! Thank you for calls, visits, lunches out, cards, the beautiful quilt with inscriptions of love, support and prayers! The prayers are felt and just knowing so many pray for us and are walking with us on this journey touches out hearts. Thank you!

Love,
Stu and Abbie Calhoun

DRAW NEAR

advent at westminster

DECEMBER 24

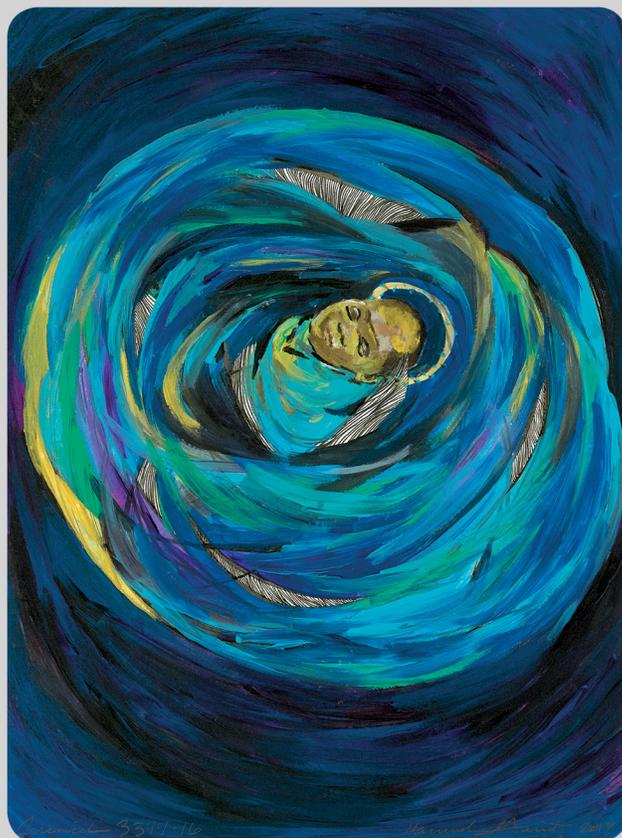
Friendly Avenue Sanctuary

2pm • led by Children's Choir and Youth Band

4pm • led by Chancel Choir

6pm • led by Worship Band

11pm • including Communion



**mondays at 12pm
december 3, 10, 17
friendly avenue chapel**

advent

quiet spaces

Experience the beauty of Advent's message.

December Calendar and Announcements

December 2 Weaver House Breakfast

Westminster serves breakfast at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House Shelter the first Sunday of each month. Servers are always needed, so please join us! Children elementary school age and older are welcome. No sign-up is necessary. Our next breakfast is **Sunday, December 2**, at 6:45am. Please enter the GUM property by way of their loading dock entrance at 1002 South Eugene Street. Park just south of the loading dock and enter the building by way of the first covered walkway door. Please contact Ann Comfort (ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org) if you have further questions.

J.O.Y. Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, December 11, at noon for the J. O. Y. Group (Just Older Youth) special luncheon featuring a program of Christmas favorites. Warm up before you come – you may even have a chance to sing along! Bring a friend! If you are not currently on the reservation call list please contact Lisa Carwile at 336-299-3785 to make a reservation.

Volunteers Needed for Habitat Build

Despite weather delays, the 2018 Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith home is well underway. Thank you to those who helped raise the first walls of this home for Isameldin and Howaida - parents to 4 children: 3 boys and 1 girl. The family came to the United States from Sudan in 2009. Isameldin has been employed with a Triad manufacturing company for several years and Howaida manages the home. The family is looking forward to moving from their small apartment to their own home and a neighborhood where their children can play in the yard.

Westminster Build volunteers are needed through January at a minimum. Please register via westpreschurch.org/news or by contacting Westminster Build coordinator Susan Horton (HortonS@fnb-corp.com) or Ann Comfort in the church office (ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org).

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

The Barnabas Network Has Critical Needs

The Barnabas Network has a critical need for gently used drinking glasses, blankets and sheets (all sizes) and pots and pans. Bath towels, furniture and basic household items are always welcome, too. Please drop off small items with Ann Comfort in the church office. For large furniture items, please schedule a pickup with Barnabas by calling 336-370-4002. Please contact Ann Comfort (ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org) with any questions.

The Barnabas Network provides basic home furnishings to qualified families and individuals who are transitioning from homelessness, fleeing abuse, recovering from flood or fire or resettling refugees. Westminster supports the ministry of The Barnabas Network financially and through periodic on-site collections.

Partnership Village Angel Tree Ministry



Angels will be available beginning November 25 in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Chapel, and Upstairs Entry. Please return gifts to Westminster no later than Sunday, December 16, at 10:30am.
Learn more at westpreschurch.org/news.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 1-22

Monday through Friday 4pm—8pm and
Saturdays 10am—8pm in two-hour time slots.
Sign up at westpreschurch.org/news.



WORSHIP BAND CONCERT

Join us for a celebration of Betsy Hyslop's music and ministry on December 2 at 4pm in the Sanctuary.

December 2 • 7pm
Chapel

an **advent** service of
wholeness
and
healing

Westminster Chancel and Handbell Choirs present

Ring Out, Wild Bells

December 9 at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Dinner to follow.

RSVP for dinner at westpreschurch.org/events
Guest appearance by the North Carolina Brass Band Quintet
3906 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410

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Crescent City Christmas Card

featuring the Greensboro Holiday Jazz Septet

**December 16 • 4pm
Sanctuary**

An **IndieFlix** ORIGINAL documentary

Angst

Westminster Presbyterian and IndieFlix present

"ANGST: RAISING AWARENESS AROUND ANXIETY"

A new film created to start community conversations about anxiety and provide tools, resources & hope.

Sunday, January 6:

5pm—5:30pm • Fellowship Hall • Light Supper

5:30pm—7:30pm • Sanctuary • Angst, an IndieFlix Original Documentary followed by adult and youth discussion panels featuring professionals in psychological and helping fields.

Monday, January 7:

6:30pm—8:30pm • Sanctuary • Encore Screening

RSVP by visiting westpreschurch.org/events/angst

SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE *January*

Classes begin at 5pm followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall. A \$5 love offering will be collected for adults. Children and youth eat free. If you would like to be added to the standing reservation list, please call the Church Office at 336-299-3785. You can also sign up each week with your Worship Response Card or online at westpreschurch.org/snl. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 6

- Angst Screening and Panel Discussions (see above)

Sunday, January 13

- Angst Discussions and Pizza

Sundays, January 20, 27

- Angst Discussions
- Westminster Game Night

Alternative Giving and Advent Celebration

DECEMBER 2, 2:30pm-4pm | 5pm-6pm
FRIENDLY AVENUE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for intergenerational fellowship and crafts, refreshments, and an opportunity to purchase alternative Christmas gifts for your friends and family. Alternative gifts include Amani bead jewelry, handmade crafts, Honor Cards, and special items brought back from international mission trips. We will celebrate and shop from 2:30pm-4pm, pause for the Worship Band Concert at 4pm, and then resume from 5pm-6pm.

Gifts will be available December 2 at our Alternative Giving Sale and Advent Celebration during fellowship time on December 9 and 16. You may also visit the Church Office December 3-21.

amani beads

Made from the clay of Mt. Kenya, Amani beads have been shaped, painted and fired by Kenyan women in a fair-trade business. Imperfect beads are donated to Amani Children's Foundation and then to Westminster, whose members shape them into beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry and art. Proceeds go back to care for orphaned babies at New Life Homes in Kenya.



honor cards

 <p>A Simple Gesture</p>	<p><i>Acción Ministries</i></p>	 <p>ASP Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT®</p>	 <p>BackPack BEGINNINGS</p>	 <p>THE BARNABAS NETWORK</p>
 <p>breadfortheworld HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.</p>	 <p>CROSSNORE school & children's home</p>	 <p>CWS</p>	 <p>FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRIES</p>	 <p>GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY</p>
 <p>Habitat for Humanity® Greater Greensboro</p>	 <p>INTERACTIVE RESOURCE CENTER</p>	 <p>KENYA SCHOLARSHIPS</p>	 <p><i>Out of the</i> Garden <i>Project</i> 0-9</p>	 <p>Peacehaven Community Farm</p>
 <p>PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE</p>	 <p>THE SALVATION ARMY</p>	 <p>SENIOR RESOURCES OF GUILFORD</p>	 <p>WHEELS 4 HOPE.ORG</p>	<p><i>hope to see</i> <i>you on</i> <i>december</i> <i>2nd!</i></p>

