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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**Sunday, May 14, 2006**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 and 11:00 AM**

Acts 8:26-40

Luke 13:31-35

Psalm 131

**Homily:**

K.C. Ptomey, Jr.

**Prelude:**

The Strife Is O'er

Arnold Sherman

Harvard Handbells

**Anthems:**

8:30 *As Truly As God Is*

*Our Father*, William Mathias

*The Call*, Brent Smith

Westminster Choir

11:00 *Little Lamb*, Porterfield

*Lord of the Dance*, Ferguson

Laudate Youth Choir

**Hymns**

482-Praise Ye the Lord,

the Almighty

495-We Know That

Christ Is Raised

453-O Holy City Seen of John

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



**2006 HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIORS**

Robertson Andrews  
Kristin Taylor Binkley  
Julia Wallace Cammack  
Sarah Hamilton Carl  
Carrie Lide Coker  
Mary Margaret Diehl  
Matt Ewers

Angeline Falls-Mariani  
Elta Falls-Mariani  
Elizabeth Boone Grote  
Ann Parker Hammock  
Emily Frances Hassell  
Henry Edward Hildebrand  
Max Hinchion  
Clayton Perry Lainhart  
Jacqueline Anne Lincoln  
Daniel Yates McCachern  
Elizabeth Maddin McCord  
Marshall McCune

Laura Nichols  
Christopher Merrill Nyiri  
Helen Devereux Porter  
Allison Draper Quarles  
William Bennett Ralph III  
Ellen Hudson Regan  
Ellen Lucile Rich  
Allen Trickett Riley  
Jonathan High Roth  
Sarah Anne Spaulding  
Elizabeth Leigh Spragens  
Elizabeth Laurence Story  
David Syverud

Robert Brooks Tate  
Sara Elizabeth Tucker  
Bradley Eugene Veach  
James Wakefield Wade  
Andrew Thomas Warfield

Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL  
University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland  
Davidson College, Davidson, NC  
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA  
Miami University, Oxford, OH  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
University of the South, Sewanee, TN

University of the South, Sewanee, TN

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS  
Elon University, North Carolina  
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN  
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

## Save These Dates

**June 19—24**

**Music Camp**

**July 31—August 4**

**Vacation Bible School**

*There will be sign ups for small group Bible studies for the Fall outside of A.J. Levine's class (Fellowship Hall) this Sunday.*



## What do Presbyterians Believe?

Remember from last week: *Some of the principles articulated by John Calvin remain at the core of Presbyterian beliefs. Among these are the sovereignty of God, the authority of the scripture, justification by grace through faith and the priesthood of all believers.*

Presbyterians confess their beliefs through statements that have been adopted over the years and are contained in the Book of Confessions. These statements reflect our understanding of God and what God expects of us at different times in history, but all are faithful to those fundamental beliefs. Even though we share these common beliefs, Presbyterians understand that God alone is Lord of the conscience, and it is up to each individual to understand what these principles mean in his or her life. In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited. The "Plan for Reunion" called for the preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in the *Book of Confessions*. This statement is therefore not intended to stand alone, apart from the other confessions of our church. It does not pretend to be a complete list of all our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail. It is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship. At Westminster we use sections of it quite often for our Confession. The Brief Statement of Faith celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

### The Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## MUSIC

### Summer Music Camp

June 19—24

Music Camp is open to children rising Kindergarten through rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the cost is \$30.00 per child. To register, contact Sally Mae Arnn, 292.5526, or [sarnn@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:sarnn@nashvillewpc.org). Or you can go to our website, [www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org), and register on-line.

May rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays (May 10-24) from 5:00—6:00 PM in room M-306.





## WESTMINSTER WEEK

### Sunday, May 14

The **Confirmation Class** will be rehearsing with their mentors for Confirmation Sunday in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour.

Please join the **Youth and Their Family Committee** on Sunday, May 14, at 9:45 AM in M-110 for the last **Parent Forum** of the school year. We greatly appreciate your ideas and your willingness to support the youth ministry at Westminster.

### Preston Taylor

3:15—5:00 PM

Volunteer with the kids at Preston Taylor one more time this school year.

### Sunday, May 21

#### Confirmation Sunday

The Confirmation service will take place during the 11:00 AM worship service. A brunch for Confirmands, their mentors, and parents will begin at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

### Saturday, May 27

#### Whitewater Rafting

We will leave Westminster at 6:15 AM to go to the Ocoee River and return around 5:00 PM

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster is moving in a new direction. As a congregation, we are getting more involved in hands-on service. Have you felt it? Have you wondered how you could get involved? There are two opportunities coming this summer, July 31-August 4. All week we will be sending groups of rising 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders out into the community to do hands-on projects. We would love to have church members join us as drivers or helpers. During our younger Bible School, we will start each morning with simple service projects. They will include planting pots of flowers to take to our Habitat houses or painting "pancake" swings to go with our groups to Mississippi. We're looking for people willing to give an hour one morning to head up a project. See the brochure included in this newsletter to see how you might serve the community and help our children learn about mission at the same time.

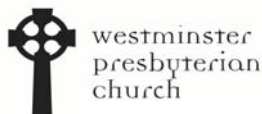
## HABITAT HOUSE



### Financial Support:

Westminster must raise \$49,000 for this year's house. As of this writing we have a strong start of \$28,480 in pledges,

but we still have a way to go. Checks should be made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and earmarked for "Habitat House."



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### Sunday, May 14

7:45 AM	Westminster Choir
8:30	Worship
9:45	Sunday School
	New Member Class
	Youth Parent Forum
	Confirmation Rehearsal
10:15	Laudate Choir
10:45	Called Session Meeting
11:00	Worship
2:30 PM	CODA Meeting
3:15	Youth to Preston Taylor
4:30	Twelve Step
4:00	Laudate Youth Tour Choir
5:00	Full Laudate Youth Choir
6:00	Youth Handbells

### Monday, May 15

8:30 AM	Ladies Exercise Class
9:30	Morning Prayer
9:45	Staff Meeting
10:00	Disciple I

### Tuesday, May 16

9:00 AM	Harvard Handbells
9:30	Children's Committee
10:00	Sewing for Missions
4:30 PM	Martha O'Bryan Exe. Committee
6:00	ESL Class
	Music Committee
6:30	Al Anon
7:00	Twelve Step Group

### Wednesday, May 17

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30	Ladies Exercise Class
9:30	Kindergarten Circus
10:00	Changing Gears Handbells
10:30	Companions in Christ
12:30 PM	Kindergarten Committee
5:00	Disciple I
	Music Camp
5:30	Finance Committee
6:00	Congregational Life
7:00	Westminster Choir

### Thursday, May 18

9:30 AM	Bible Study
Noon	Covenant Network

### Friday, May 19

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30	Ladies Exercise Class

### Saturday, May 20

11:30 AM	AA Meeting
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