

**Westminster Presbyterian Church PC (USA)
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**



*Please enter the sanctuary prepared
to prayerfully experience the presence of God.*
God Brings Us Together and Encounters Us ...

**December 30, 2018
9:30 AM**



Prelude

Julian Gilder

Welcoming Hymn #399 *“God Welcomes All”***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

We are brought together by the call of God,
the One who has loved us from the beginning.
 We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,
the One who has challenged us to love more deeply.
 We worship together in the name of Christ,
the One who was Love made flesh.

Opening Hymn #133** *“O Come All Ye Faithful”. . .Transforms Our Hearts and Minds . . .****Invitation to Confession****Silent Prayers of Confession****Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace. Amen.

Response*“Emmanuel”*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us. His name is called *Emmanuel.*

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Hear the promise of the Lord:
See, your salvation has come!
 You are a holy people, redeemed by God,
sought out, not forsaken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Hymn #112 *“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”***Prayer of Illumination****First Scripture Reading**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Ministers	Each of Us	Pastor	Rev. Larry Green
Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd	Liturgist	Mike Hazlett
Greeter	Nancy Dickson	Refreshments	Linda Clary
Nursery Assistant	Donna Parker	Nursery Worker	Katie Parrish
Clerk of Session	Linda Spurny	Treasurer	Helen McCune
Accompanist	Julian Gilder	Music Director	Dr. Will Kesling

NEWS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE....

We are glad that God has brought us together to worship. We invite everyone to enjoy refreshments, conversation and fellowship with us at 10:30am. We look forward to talking with you. The church belongs to Christ. We are a caring, inclusive, diverse church and welcome people of all races and nationalities, those struggling with addictions, rich and poor, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. Christ welcomes all, and so do we. *We are committed to lives of service to people in need and to changing the unfair systems that keeps them in need, and we invite you to join us in our ministries. Trust in Christ is the sole requirement for membership.* Anyone wishing to take this important step is cordially invited to contact the church office.

Children, even noisy children, are very welcome during worship.

A changing station, available to all, is located in our Nursery (room#1) and
In the 'family' bathroom in the back hallway.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship.

Please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Large print bulletins/hymns are available. If needed, please ask a greeter for a copy .

TODAY:

Worship 9:30 • Refreshments 10:30-11:00

Sunday School 11:00 • Worship 11:00

Message from Pastor Larry

**Your presence here is a gift to us,
and we *thank you* for
worshiping with us today.**

I will be on vacation from December 25th through January 9, 2019. Contact the Elder of the Month or Rev. Boyd for any Pastoral needs during my absence.





NURSERY CARE is available for children birth—5 years old during **Worship through Sunday School**. (9:15am-12:15pm) Please register your children to ensure the best care for them.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and **WORSHIP BAGS** with activities are available on the Children's table in the Dickson foyer. **At home go to games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the secret code for the week to unlock games related to this weeks Scripture readings. Ages 3+ is NNDBB5 & 7+ is BFPR69.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN during worship provides a way for children to become more involved in the service. All children are invited and encouraged to come forward at this time or they can remain seated with their families.

Sunday School Classes for Elementary age children will meet in Classroom #2.

Middle & High School age will meet in the Community Building.

Adult Seminar I meets in **Classroom #3** and will study *Sabbath as Resistance* by Walker Brueggemann. Don Eitzman is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar II meets in the **Community Building**. This is an interactive opportunity open to anyone who wants to extend their understanding of the scripture and sermon in today's worship service. Paul Carter is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar III meets in **Classroom #4** and (12/9-12/30) will discuss the Advent Devotional based on Mary's Song of Praise, "God Lifts the Lowly." (Copies available) Gwen Lombard is the discussion Leader.

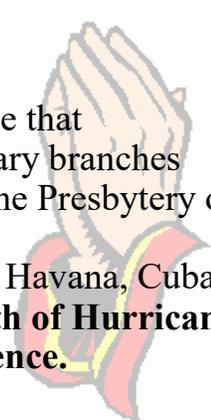


In Our Thoughts and Prayers



- Sheri Baker
- Bruna(friend of Wayne & Nancy Griffin)
- Lina Colondres & Family
- **Jean Combs**
- Steve & Cheryl Ferguson's grandson, Wyatt
- Jonathan Gil
- Lee & Martha Johnson
- Rev. Charles Landreth
- Lori Nason
- Brenda Robinson
- **Frank Townsend**

- Elizabeth Walker
- All students
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- Missionaries from the Presbytery of St. Augustine
- Our sister church in Havana, Cuba
- **All those in the path of Hurricanes, fires and acts of violence.**





Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives.

Westminster will be hosting homeless families with **Family Promise** the week of **Jan. 6, 2019**. Please consider helping in the following ways:

Set Up and take down on Sunday mornings (7:00-9:00), make beds, clean up kitchen, make community building look homey.

Breakfast: 6:15 am-7:30-8:00 pm: Help with serving breakfast. We have cereal, coffee. May bring fruit, bagels etc.

Evening Host 5:00-8:30: Hanging out with guests, Help serving dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm Prepare meal to be served at 6:00. Dinner can be prepared at home or at church. Helen and Carol will help coordinate menu.

Overnight Host 8:30 pm-6:15 am: Hanging out with guest until bedtime. Lights are out at 10 pm.

Please see Helen Mccune (hcmccune@hotmail.com) or Carol Alderson (vvncarol@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Alachua Consort – Mediterranean Soundings Concert

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 4:00 PM

at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1521 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua Consort (Annemieke Pronker-Coron, violin, John Netardus, oboe, and Miriam Zach, organ) will perform a concert *Mediterranean Soundings* in honor of Michel Lynch. The ensemble will perform music by Ortiz, Escobar, Galilei, Leonarda, Gabrieli, Albinoni, Vivaldi and Cima. The Alachua Consort is a group of musicians from North Central Florida that specializes in chamber music of the Baroque era. (Admission is free. Donations to WPC welcome)

For more information regarding The Alachua Consort please visit: <http://www.alachuaconsort.com/> and <http://annemiekecoron.com/thealachuaconsort.html>

Cold outside? Spiritually cold inside? Come to the monthly **Gathering of Presbyterian Women**, and get warm feelings from God, and your Sisters in Christ, that will last you throughout the rest of the month! We will gather together monthly every second Wednesday, starting Wednesday, January 9th, at 2:00 p.m., at the church, **Or** every second Thursday evening, starting Thursday, January 10th, at my house. 2617 NW 19th Way (1/2 mile east of the church) We will be using the Horizons Bible Study Guide, titled; "God's Promise I Am With You". Study guides will be available at the gathering. **Moderator: Daryl Mullee Ph.# 352 372-6166** Bring a friend! They don't even have to be Presbyterian to join us!

Due to the Pastor's absence, there will **NOT** be a Coffee Hour on 1/3/19.



The choir is on a winter hiatus. Practice will resume **1/9/19**.



The **Worship Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019** at 7:30pm in Classroom #3

Pastor's Coffee Hour: each **Thursday January 10th** from 9-10am at the Coffee Culture (2020 NW 13th St). Stop by and spend some time chatting about anything you'd like. No appointment is necessary, just stop by and get a cup of coffee. **Everyone Welcome!**

Adult Seminar 3 will begin studying "*The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbably Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire*" by Alan Kreider on **January 13, 2019**. What enabled Christianity to be so successful that, by the fifth century it was the establish religion of the empire? What message does this book have for the church today? If you are interested in learning about the early history of the church, please contact Gwen Lombard or Gail to order the book.

The next **Bible and Brew** will be on **Thursday, Jan. 10th** from 7pm – 9pm at **The Midnight** and **all are welcome** to join us as we discuss various theological issues.

The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on **Sunday, January 13th** in the Community Building



The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 16th @ 4:30pm** in the Dickson Foyer

Alexa Parkins	01/09
Carl Henriksen	01/10
Russ Crowder	01/18
Deanna Henriksen	01/21
Barry Nason	01/24
Jacob Carter	01/28
Linda Clary	01/28
Luther Pierce	01/28
Nancy Hult	01/29
Scott Noh	01/30

Earth Care Ministry Team will meet on **Sunday, January 20th** at 6:45 pm at the **Hostetler's** residence..

Visitation Ministry

Congregational Care – If you or someone in the congregation would like a visit or phone call from the Pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office. If you are ill or aware of someone else that is ill, please contact the church office or the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) representative for the month. The CCC members will handle the following parish nurse responsibilities for a short term need following surgery, traumatic event or birth: resource for transportation to medical appointments when feasible and appropriate, medical equipment loan outs, provision of meals, and general emotional support.

Congregational Care Comm. Representatives

January

Barbara Scott @ 372-7191
Lynne Webster @ 281-4790

Elder of the Month for December is
Mike Hazlett @ 352-672-1610

Please contact the Elder regarding emergencies in the absence of the pastor.



- Sun 30** Worship Service @ 9:30am
 Sunday School @ 11:00am
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- Tues 01** **Happy New Year 2019**
- Sun 06** **Family Promise Week begins**
 Worship Service @ 9:30am
 Sunday School @ 11:00am
 Worship Service @ 11:00 am
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- Tues 08** Bible Study @ 10:30 am
- Wed 09** Choir Practice @ 6:00pm
 Worship Comm. Mtg @ 7:30pm
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- Thur 10** Coffee Hour @ 9:00am
 Bible & Brew @ 7pm
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- Sun 13** Worship Service @ 9:30am
 Sunday School @ 11:00am
 Worship Service @ 11:00 am
 Admin. Comm Mtg @ 12
 Stated Session Mtg @ 6:00 pm
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- Tues 15** Bible Study @ 10:30 am
- Wed 16** CCC Meeting @ 4:30pm
 Choir Practice @ 6:00pm
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- Thur 17** Coffee Hour @ 9:00am
- Sun 20** Worship Service @ 9:30am
 Sunday School @ 11:00am
 Worship Service @ 11:00 am
 Earth Care Team @ 6:45pm
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My On-line Giving
<http://www.wpcgainesville.org>

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