

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6, 2019

CALENDAR

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

FirstLight Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Church School
Children & Youth 5th Sunday Fun (Westminster Hall)
Inquirers' Class (Chapel)
10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting (Chapel)
11:05 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. *Climate Church, Climate World* Presentation (Westminster Hall)
4:30 p.m. Fall Family Night (Westminster Hall)

MONDAY

7:30 a.m.

ACS Fall Break Begins

Lectionary Bible Study (Vienna Coffee House)
Community Benefit Sale Sorting (Westminster Hall)
Staff Meeting (Chapel)
Knitting Group (109)
6:00 p.m. BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (Front Eastminster Hall)
6:30 p.m. BSA-Pack Meeting (Westminster Hall)
7:00 p.m. BSA-Troop 88 (Front Eastminster Hall)

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Bartlett Adult Day Out (Rear Eastminster Hall)
Welcome Table (Westminster Hall)
New Prov Green Team (W202)
Men's Lead Team (109)
Event Support Committee (215)
Bereavement/Nurture/TLC (219)
Fellowship Groups (213)
Transportation Committee (206)
Facilities Committee (Parlor)
Connections Committee (Rear Eastminster Hall)
7:00 p.m. BSA-Troop 219 (Front Eastminster Hall)
Budget & Finance Committee (108)
Stewardship Committee (109)
Personnel Committee (Chapel)
7:15 p.m. Congregational Life/Deacons (206)
8:00 p.m. Administrative Ministry Team (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
4:15 p.m.
5:50 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Men's Building Square (Atrium)
Bartlett Adult Day Out (Rear Eastminster Hall)
Lectio Divina (109)
Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
PEAK [3yo-3rd grade] and Cloud 9 [4th-5th grade]
Lectionary Bible Study (Shannondale)
Homeschool Theatrical Production Class (W201)
Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)
Tai Chi (Eastminster Hall)
FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Children's Committee (215)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Leah - *Cindy Hodges* (Shannondale)
Martha - *Stephanie Bell* (Chapel)
Ruth - *Brenda Craig* (Parlor)
Deborah - *Liz Blackburn*
LIFT Meal Prep (Kitchen)
Mary - *Alida Graves* (114 Wilson Ave.)

FRIDAY

4:00 p.m.

MHS Football Parking

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:05 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

World Communion Sunday/Communion/ Peace & Global Witness Offering

FirstLight Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Church School
Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Climate Church, Climate World Study (Eastminster Hall)

WELCOME

WORSHIP NOTES
FROM THE PASTOR



What a story Jesus gives us this morning in the gospel lectionary text! It is so far-fetched that it's hard for us to imagine ourselves in this parable, but at the same time it's so familiar that it makes us very uncomfortable. Like so much of this section of Luke's gospel, Jesus is focusing on material possessions and asking impertinent questions about how we earn and spend our income. As I said last week, I'm not sure that the money is the issue as much as it is our relationship to money. And that, in turn, affects how we treat one another.

This morning we also introduce the 8 children who have been a part of our Welcome to Worship class this fall. For the last 8 weeks, they and their parents have met with *Hayley Lynn* to learn about what we do in worship and why. This is their preparation for being in "big church" throughout the service, so I hope you will do everything you can to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. Those children are: *Emily Beard*, daughter of *Kayla & Jimmy Beard*; *Clara Bradford*, daughter of *Elizabeth & Nick Bradford*; *Maggie Conatser*, daughter of *Eliza & Judd Conatser*; *Neil Hardy*, son of *Jenn & Claude Hardy*; *Boone Kilday*, son of *Arielle & Bryan Kilday*; *George Long*, son of *Maxey & Forrest Long*; *Caroline Long*, daughter of *Maxey & Forrest Long*; & *Grant Overton*, son of *Jewell & Eric Overton*.

At the FirstLight service, we'll sing Joel Houston's "From the Inside Out," written when he was a young adult and a pastor's kid. "That song is probably the hardest song I've ever had to write, because it's the essence of gaining a revelation of who Christ is and what it means to be a follower. I feel like when I look at the lyrics of that song, it's me unpacking everything I knew to be true about God at that period of my life. Whose faith do I accept? What do I truly believe?"

The text of "The God of Abraham Praise" was written by Moses Maimonides, a medieval Jewish philosopher and one of the most prolific and influential Torah scholars of the Middle Ages. This hymn is part of a Jewish creedal doxology still sung during the weekly Sabbath eve service in some traditions. The LEONI tune is a Hebrew synagogue melody, also called YIGDAL after the original Hebrew name.

"When a Poor One" is a much newer hymn that comes to us from Spain; J.A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano wrote both the lyrics and the EL CAMINO tune. They set out to paraphrase Jesus' parable of the great judgment from Matthew 25:31-46 ("the least of these brothers and sisters of mine...") Both Olivar and Manzano are former priests from Madrid. Since Vatican II, they have collaborated on many hymns for Spanish singing congregations.

"God of Grace and God of Glory" is a prayer for God's help for the church to live in God's power and love with generosity and progress toward social justice. It was written by well-known and often controversial preacher Harry Emerson Fosdick for the opening service of Riverside Church in NYC. May this be our prayer this week: "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days."

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Pastor, Head of Staff

What's

NEW

ELDER GREETERS *Jenifer Greene, Bobbie Briggs, and Paula King* (9:00 a.m.); and *Mike Teffeteller, Teal Willoughby, and Stephanie Bell* (11:05 a.m.) will be at the exits at the end of the services. They, along with all of our Elders and Deacons, are wearing yellow name tags. If you are visiting, feel free to ask any of them any questions. We're glad you're here!

LIFT PROGRAM We are getting ready to start our LIFT (Let's Inspire Families Together) literacy program for fall. We are looking for people to help in the kitchen from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Thursdays, October 17, 24, November 7, 14, and 21. It's easy! It's fun! And, oh so important, someone will always be working with you. Please contact *Marge Meredith* (301-646-9693, margemeredith51@yahoo.com) if you have even one of these dates open on your calendar.

WELCOME TABLE NEEDS YOU Are you ready to volunteer with this rewarding ministry that New Providence offers on Tuesdays? If so, we NEED you. We are looking for someone willing to drive the church van to pick up our guests who live at Broadway Towers, Parkside, etc. Most of these folks would not be able to attend without the support of church-provided transportation. The shift takes about two hours from 4:30-6:30. If you would be able to drive once a month or even to be called on an as needed basis, contact *Cathy Dickinson* (679-0096, cdickinson1230@gmail.com).

COMMUNION We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING Please give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. 25 percent of this offering will support a local ministry; 25 percent is retained by mid councils; the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We will accept gifts to this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019. Visit the Peace & Global Witness website (www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) for more information.

CLIMATE SERIES PRESENTATION TODAY Is climate change real and if so, what can I do about it? If questions like these keep you up at night, plan now to attend when noted-author, award-winning activist and public theologian, Jim Antal, discusses his book *Climate Church, Climate World*, today, Sunday, September 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Antal speaks to the question - "why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change, and how should we do it?"

Brought to you by the NPPC Green Team and Adult Education committee and several area churches and ministries, Antal's presentation is free and open to the public. For those interested in a deeper delve into the book, NPPC will host an in-depth study of *Climate Church, Climate World* on Sundays, October 6 – November 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. in Eastminster Hall and open to the public as well. Invite your friends!

ST. PAUL IS COMING! On Sunday, October 27, we will have one service of worship at 10:30 a.m., and we'll be joined by our friends from St. Paul AME Zion church. We will worship together and then gather in Westminster Hall for a potluck lunch. The church will provide the meat and drinks, so please bring a side dish or dessert and plan to join us for lunch after the service.

The morning schedule will be:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
Children's Music Practice
10:30 a.m. Combined Service
12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch

PUB(LIC) THEOLOGY What I Wish... On the first Thursday of the month, a group of wanna-be theologians gather at the Public House on High Street for something we call Pub(lic) Theology. It's a free-wheeling discussion about current events, trends, personal experiences, and (most of all) how we respond to those as people of faith. Join us this Thursday, October 3, when *Becky Lucas* and *Bleu Copas* will discuss "what I wish folks knew about their LGBTQ neighbors." The group begins arriving anytime after 5:30 p.m.; discussion starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends by 7:00 p.m.

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LECTIONARY READINGS 10/6: Lamentations 1:1–6, Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1–14, Luke 17:5–10

2019 NEW PROVIDENCE CEMETERY TOUR Save the date for the second annual New Providence Cemetery Tour to be held Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 p.m. Registration will begin online on September 30th via the New Providence website (<http://newprovidencepres.org/cemetery>). Those attending will park at the church and catch a bus to the cemetery. Buses will leave every 15 minutes. There will be eight stops on the tour. The cost is \$15 per person; proceeds will go to a fund to repair the cemetery retaining wall. For more information, contact *Kate Clabough* (kateclabough@gmail.com, 865-256-2329).

DO YOUR PART TO END FOOD INSECURITY IN BLOUNT COUNTY!

During the last two Sundays in October, the NPPC Youth will be collecting canned goods for their annual Trick or Cans event. Trick or Cans is a community-wide event where local high schoolers canvas Maryville neighborhoods on Halloween collecting canned goods. All donations go to the Community Food Connection, a local non-profit seeking to end food insecurity in Blount County. There will be boxes available in the Narthex and the Atrium where you can leave your canned goods between October 20th and October 31st. If you have questions, feel free to e-mail *Louden Young*, Associate Pastor for Emerging Generations and Mission (louden@newprovidencepres.org). So go through your pantries and help our Youth make this the most successful Trick or Cans yet! For more information about the CFC, go to <https://cfcblount.org/>.