

Second Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 12, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Prambule (from 24 Pieces in Free Style)

Louis Vierne

(11:00) Thee We Adore

Adoro te devote

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Four-in-Hand Ringers

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, on a winding road.

People: We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes and fears, and our faith.

Leader: We gather here to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain...

People: to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth, and to listen for the wisdom that guides us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 488 (blue hymnal) The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, who dwells in the heart that longs for Your presence and the life that reflects your will, hear our confession. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Throughout this season of Lent, deepen within us a sense of how we might open our lives more fully to your Spirit, so that we might find forgiveness for our failures, wisdom for our living, and joy for our journey. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-3,16-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Cameron Sears

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"The place just right..."

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

– Shaker Hymn, "Simple Gifts"

*HYMN NO. 316 (blue hymnal) Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Thee We Adore

Adoro te devote

(11:00) Who Is at My Window, Who?

Welford Russell

Who is at my window, who? Go from my window, go. Who calls there so like a stranger? Go from my window, go.

Lord, I am here, a wretched mortal, that for Thy mercy does cry and call unto Thee, my Lord celestial, See, who is at my window, who?

Remember thy sin and all thy smart, and all for thee what was my part. Remember the spear that thirllit my heart, and in at my door thou shall go.

I ask no thing of thee, therefore, but love for love to lay in store. Give me thy heart, I ask no more. And in at my door thou shall go.

Who is at my window, who? Go from my window, go. Cry no more there like a stranger but in at my door thou go.

Anonymous (from *Gude and Godlie Ballates*, Edinburgh, 1578)

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 430 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Prambulum ex clave F

Anonymous

(from *The Lneburg Organ Tablature*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS:

March 1-15: Susan Baughman and Sue McSween

March 16-31: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Sophie Manrod and Will Manrod

GREETERS (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Dan and Christina Lipe, Eric Partelow

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Four-in-Hand Ringers

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and Bill Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Linda Van Beke, Emily and Wiley Wright, Ann Allison-Cot, Joanne White

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children's education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm



The Progressive Dinner is a great way to get to know new members as well as catch up with members you've known for a while. Sign-up sheets are in the Schilling Gallery. Please note whether you'll be an appetizer or will contribute to the beverage fund. If you need a gluten free dinner, please also note that on the sign-up sheet. **Please RSVP by March 19.**

We begin the evening with appetizers and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. at Buckingham Clubhouse, 7303 Manderly Way, 37909. At 6:30 we divide into groups and go to our host's homes for dinner and dessert. Dinner is catered by Naples Italian Restaurant. The cost of \$12 per person is collected when we gather for appetizers.

Schilling Gallery

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz and her children and grandchildren, in loving memory of Clark.

WELFORD RUSSELL (1900-1975) was a Canadian composer known particularly for his choral works. Though a surgeon and medical missionary, he pursued musical activities as an avocation, studying organ in Ireland, and composition and voice at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, with Godfrey Ridout and Weldon Kilburn respectively.



**Musica
Organi**

ORGANIST BOYD JONES will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, March 31, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* series. Dr. Jones is University Organist and Professor of Music at Stetson University and is an active concert organist and harpsichordist. The congregation is cordially invited to attend and a nursery will be provided.

Please do join us for an enjoyable evening of fine organ music!

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Due to Spring Break, if you are unsure whether your team is meeting, please check with your team chair.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: All ladies of Westminster are invited to gather for lunch on Thursday, March 16 at 11:30 at Parkside Grill (338 N Peters Road). You order just what you want from the menu, and everyone pays for their own meal. We hope you will come and join us. If you can come, please call Georgann Byerley by Tuesday, March 14.

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study Library

This group takes a deep look at Scripture, mixed with lots of laughter.

Lenten Study McKinnon Room

Rev. John Muntz leads us in our study of Sabbath. Today we'll talk about

Relations Between Sabbath and God's Creation.

Coffee House

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

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Terry Crow

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

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