

Third Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship March 19, 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) March J. K. F. Fischer
Recorder Ensemble
(11:00) Bransle Simple (No. 9) Michael Praetorius
(from *Terpsichore*)
Recorder Ensemble

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you...as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live...for you have been my help.

People: And in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 455 (blue hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst uns erfreuen
(Verses 1, 3, 5, and 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you know who we are and what we are capable of, both good and bad. Forgive us for neglecting your presence in the world around us, and for failing to show others your presence through us. Forgive us for thirsting after things that will never satisfy us. As we move deeper into the season of Lent, we pray that your living waters of healing and compassion, peace and mercy, might continually wash away our sin and flow through our lives. In Christ's name we pray. 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 Exodus 17:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Laura Stockdale
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-42

SERMON "The Soul that Thirsts for God" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 85 (blue hymnal) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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) Bransle Simple (No. 9) Michael Praetorius
(11:00) Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray Percy Whitlock
Jesu, grant me this I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay; Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide In thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill, Naught I fear when I abide In thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee; Dying, let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side. Amen.

Sir H. W. Baker

*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. 248 (blue hymnal) (11:00) You Are Before Me, Lord *Sursum corda*
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

*POSTLUDE *Plein jeu* (from *Suite on the Fourth Tone*) Danish melody
Jean Adam Guilain

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Bryan Powell.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS: 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

ACOLYTE (11:00): Eric Partelow

GREETERS (11:00): Buz and Lucy Johnson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Steven and Allie Brewington

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Marlene Browning, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Don Byerly, Ann Allison-Coté

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary by Laura Stockdale and Paul McGavic.


THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH of Percy W. Whitlock, the composer of this morning's anthem sung by the Chancel Choir, was celebrated by musicians and congregations, including Westminster Church, in 2003. Whitlock studied composition with C. V. Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams and organ with Henry Ley and went on to gain a reputation not only as an outstanding organist-composer, but also as a broadcaster for the BBC, teacher, and journalist.

KIDS CLUB will meet today after worship to go bowling at Strike and Spare. Please meet the Chatten family in the Schilling Gallery to caravan to get lunch on the way and then bowling.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will meet **MONDAY** (special date) at 10:30 am to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Other books chosen for this year are: April 18 *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah; May 16 *Mischling* by Affinity Konar; June 20 *Born a Criminal: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. We meet in the library at 10:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please join us for any of these discussions. For information call Linda Rutherford at 690-3499. Join us!

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.

LENT

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room.

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. **TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO RSVP!** 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.

WESTMINSTER FRIENDS' LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 26 at noon

Westminster Friends Luncheons are for families with elementary aged children, although anyone is welcome. This is a great way to get to know others in our Westminster Church Family. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share (no peanut products please). Please RSVP to Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net for the luncheon.




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!

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
Renee Wieseuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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 Work and Rest.	
Coffee House	Schilling Gallery

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Are you new to Westminster? Are you interested in joining, but want to know more? We have a class for you! *Welcome to Westminster* will meet on three consecutive Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21. Led by Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the class will tell you everything you need to know about being part of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please join us at 10:00 to get the scoop!

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
Wes Williams
Michael Yates

Class of 2019
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Terry Crow
Cindy Pearman
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