

First Sunday in *Lent*

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship February 18, 2018
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.

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

PRELUDE Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 220 Dieterich Buxtehude
From God I Shall Not Turn

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 454** (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Psalm 32

Happy are those whose wrongdoings are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD assigns no guilt, and in whose spirit

there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away, for day and

night your hand was heavy upon me. Then I acknowledged my sin to you

and I did not hide my wrongdoing. I said, “I will confess my sins to the

LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful

offer prayer to you...

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) Church Sonata No. 6, K. 212 W. A. Mozart
arr. Ralph Lockwood

Brass Choir

(11:00) Richard de Castre’s Prayer to Jesus R. R. Terry
Jhesu, Lord, that madest me, And with Thy blessyd blood hast bought,
Forgive that I have grievéd Thee With word, and wil, and eek with thought.
Jhesu, in whom is all my trust, That died upon the roodé tree, Withdrawe
myn herte from fleshli lust, And from all worldly vanyté.

Jhesu, for thy woundés smerte On feet and on thyn handés two, O make me
meeke and low of herte, And Thee to love as I schulde do. Jhesu, keepe them
that are good, Amende them that han grievéd Thee, And send them fruites of
earthli food As each man needeth in his degree.

Carol, A.D. 1430

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 366** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *St. Catherine*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik

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

Children’s Worship.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Nell Simone Hahn

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-15

SERMON “Somewhere Over the Rainbow...” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

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

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in a

William Boyce

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Clara Oakes and Dan Collins
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY 16-28: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

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): Alice Gawne and Rhys Whipple

GREETERS (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Lee Ingram

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, LoAnn Price, Mark Potocik, Marty Pryor

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Connie and Don Graham in honor of their family’s February birthdays, Don, Shawn, Meredith and Ellie.

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART wrote 17 Church (or Epistle) Sonatas between 1772 and 1780. These sonatas are short single-movement works intended to be played during the Mass between the Epistle and the Gospel. Most are scored for organ and strings (violins, cello, and bass), with an obbligato organ part in nearly half of them, organ as continuo in the remainder. The Brass Choir will play this piece at the 11:00 service at a later date.

SHOW AND WAMS: Our Sunday youth event will actually be at 2:00. All youth (parents too, if you’re interested) are invited to meet at West High School where our own Emma Adamcik (actor) and Ellie Tidwell (business manager) will be part of the Musical Theater production of The Addams Family! Try to be at the West auditorium (the Sutherland entrance) by 1:45. The show should conclude by 4:30. If you haven’t told Barbara you are coming. Please try and notify her this morning!

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Submit articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of **March 11th** for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2021, one Youth Elder for the class of 2019, and one Trustee for the class of 2021. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the Committee Chair, Leigh Dunlap (chair), Cindy Pearman (Vice Chair), Rob McKeehan, Marty Pryor or Cindy Spangler.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP meets in the library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please join us for any of these discussions. We welcome any interested women for the occasional visit or all discussions. This month we will be discussing Learning to Swim by Sara J. Henry. For more information contact Linda Rutherford at 865-.

COMPANIONS CLASS is a spiritual development experience for women who seek a spiritual community in which to explore spiritual practices, deepen understanding of the scriptures and share in the contemplative experience. It is an open group, averaging eight to ten participants each week with some individuals participating as schedule permits. The class meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00. All are welcome.

WESTMINSTER MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday February 22nd at 7:30 AM. The lesson will be on the topic ‘Energy Water Nexus’ and will be presented by Peter Tortorelli. Peter will also be providing breakfast that morning for the group. All men of the church are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

EYEGGLASS CLINIC AND VBS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: William Milam will be having a brief informational meeting in the McKinnon Room after the 11:00 AM service today. If you are looking for an opportunity to live out your faith, this may be what you seek! We are partnering with Rev. Chris Carrasco’s church, King’s Grant Presbyterian Church, to go back to the Dominican Republic this coming June. We will be performing an eyeglass clinic, as well as providing a summer Vacation Bible School experience for the kids. We need about 9 volunteers. It will be very rewarding and enjoyable trip. The plan is to leave on the 16th or 17th, and return the following Saturday or Sunday.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

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Sunday School: Pre-K (3-5 YO), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades. Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: A special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God’s love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

- 32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.
- 36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program) Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root cases of poverty so all may be fed.
- 32% Partnering in Progress (Self Development of People) Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is studying the Pauline Epistle to the Colossians, followed by the letter to Titus.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. THIS CLASS WILL SERVE AS OUR LENTEN STUDY THIS YEAR.



LENTEN WEDNESDAYS: Beginning on February 21, we will have Wednesday evening soup suppers followed by Lenten prayer services. The soup is plentiful, so no one will go hungry, but in keeping with Lenten practice, it is a simple meal of soup and bread. Please join us each Wednesday at 5:45 for a meal together, then move with us into the sanctuary for prayer.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

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Vicki Mayfield

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