

# Second Sunday in



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship February 25, 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

(9:00) Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein Johann Pachelbel

*When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein

*O God, From Heaven Look Down*

(11:00) Contemplation on Ubi Caritas Catherine McMichael

Handbell Choir

### OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world – so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life’s meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you.**

### \*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s Kingdom first. 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) Contemplation on Ubi Caritas Catherine McMichael

(11:00) O Lord, Be Merciful César Franck

O Lord, be merciful; unto us be merciful; O God, we pray Thee to be merciful. Lord, be merciful unto us; we beseech Thee to hear our prayer. O Lord, have mercy, we beseech Thee. O God, we pray Thee to be merciful unto us and bless us; we beseech Thee. O Lord, we pray Thee hear our prayer.

\*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. 371 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross Crucifer

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Grand Plein Jeu Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

(from *Suite on the First Tone*)

\*Indicates standing.

## NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

## TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Romans 4:13-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in*

*Children’s Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:31-38

SERMON “To be blessed, be a blessing.” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 434 (blue hymnal) Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*Kingsfold*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Susan McKeehan and Andrew Gordon

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 1-15:** Brenda Seip and Susan Baughman

**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): James Baker and Chloe Smith

**GREETERS** (11:00): Angela Shilling and Sam Smith

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Tim Crais

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Jeff Bendy and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Larry Ridley, Elizabeth Ridley, John Romeiser, Gary Rowcliffe, Bill Rudd

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Paula Hogan in honor of her mother, Marjorie Hogan on the occasion of her birthday.

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** comes from the first of two suites of organ music by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault. Whenever I share this music, I am happily reminded of the late Jayme McMurry and her late husband, Searle, who gave me the volume containing these as a gift not long after joining the Chancel Choir in the early 1980s. In their honor and memory, I want to again lift up this dear couple and share that during their time in this church they were wonderfully generous, devoted, and steadfast supporters of the choirs and the music program, and that their gift towards our sanctuary organ enabled Westminster’s organ committee and the organbuilders to design an instrument that would bring to life centuries of organ repertoire, beautifully accompany the choirs, and inspire our hymn singing. Thanks be to God always for bringing Jayme and Searle into our midst!

Peter Van Eenam

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is scheduled for 12:15 today in the McKinnon Room.

**YOUTH GROUP, WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE:** Are You My Mother? Max said “no!” If you have thinks to think, then Go Dog, Go!! to our great youth program tonight. We are taking a look at those wonderful children's books we grew up with. We'll look at their amazing messages, and talk about how those seemingly simple ideas continue to rock our world!! We will also discuss what's going on in our world(s) right now, and (as a group) write our own story of comfort, encouragement, and hope! You artists in the group can even create some illustrations! We'll meet from 5-7 p.m. We'll even have dinner! (Will it be Green Eggs and Ham? Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs?) Whatever the meal, I'm sure it will satisfy you Very Hungry Caterpillars!! Everyone is invited to bring your favorite children's picture book. See ya at 5!!

**AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE** is scheduled for April 28, more info coming soon.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet Monday, February 26 at 7:00 PM in the library or Thursday, March 1 at 10:00 AM in the SHOW room.

**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.

**KIDS CORNER**

**Nursery:** (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service  
(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School  
(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

**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:** This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your OGHs gifts are there to sew it back together. Your generosity fulfills a vision rooted in the biblical witness and beautifully stated in Isaiah 58:12. The prophet writes: “You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and 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.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP** deadline for commitments is just around the corner. If you have any questions or are ready to commit, contact William Milam,

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**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has a deadline of **March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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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:** February 28, March 7, March 14 and March 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

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

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