

First Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship February 14, 2016
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) Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Michael Bach
From God I Shall Not Turn

(11:00) The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba
arr. Dan Miller

Four-in-Hand Ringers

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

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. 454 (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Liebster Jesu

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask forgiveness when we tread paths contrary to the good revealed to us through the life of Jesus, when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need, when we succumb to the temptations to be less than you have created us to be. Lead us from the wilderness of brokenness to the abundant land of grace and wholeness. 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 16:2-4,13-15; Deuteronomy 8:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-4

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"There's a reason for the life that you live"

Bread - from the album "Manna," 1971

*HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Puer nobis nascitur

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba

(11:00) Jesu dulcis memoria Tomás Luis de Victoria

Jesu dulcis memoria Dans vera cordis gaudia; Sed super mel et omnia Ejus dulcis praesentia.

Jesus, how sweet the very thought, Giving true joy to the heart, But sweeter than honey and all else Is His presence.

trans. Ron Jeffers

*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. 281 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Cwm Rhondda

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE Plein Jeu (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and Scott Porter

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Hannah Mathews and Ellie Yates

GREETERS (11:00): Scott and Ashley Porter

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Tyler and Daniele Wear, Kara and Macy Porter

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

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

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) Donnie and Connie Graham

(11:00) Bill Holt, Buz Johnson, Susan Baughman, John and Kathy Shilling

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session today at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the terms of call for Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips and to elect three at-large members from the congregation for the 2016 Nominating Committee. Vicki Mayfield is the 2016 Nominating Committee chair, and William Milam is the vice-chair. Nominees for the committee are Lisa Oros, Angela Partelow and Wes Williams.

TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611), one of the most well-known and prolific composers of the late Renaissance in Spain, was born in Sanchidrián, where he became a choirboy at the cathedral and also studied organ. After receiving a grant from Philip II in 1565, he went to Rome and later became cantor at the Collegium Germanicum. It is thought Victoria may have studied with Palestrina around this

time, though this is only circumstantial. Beginning in 1573, Victoria held two positions, one being at the German College and the other at the Roman Seminary. In 1587 he returned to Spain to serve as chaplain and organist to Philip's sister, the Empress María, living in retirement at the Monasterio de las Descalzas de S Clara in Madrid.

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

SHOW AND WAMS meet at 5:00 this evening for dinner and then we'll enjoy fun, mostly goofy games. This is not your Kindergarten teacher's mushy-gushy valentine party. Think X and O games.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet February 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. We will choose our books for review for the coming year. Please bring your recommendations. We will also read and discuss *South Toward Home, Travels in Southern Literature* by Margaret Eby. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

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.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. at PF Chang's Restaurant, 6741 Kingston Pike. Let's try this one more time and hopefully the weather will cooperate this time! Hope all of you can join us and we can catch up with each other. Please let Georgann Byerley know if you will or will not be able to attend by Tuesday, February 16th. Thanks!

WESTMINSTER FRIENDS LUNCHEON is next Sunday in the downstairs Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service. Everyone is invited to join us. This is a great way to get to know others in our Westminster church family. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share (no peanut products, please). RSVP to Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net.

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 5th – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Our RSVP deadline is February 28th. When you sign up, please commit to bring an appetizer or to make a donation to the "Social Hour Fund" to offset the cost of the beverages. Please also note if you can host a group for the dinner portion of the evening, and if you need a gluten free meal. The cost for the evening is \$12 per person, payable March 5th. There is no cost for our dinner hosts.

Free childcare is available in our nursery from 5:45-9:15 p.m. Note any childcare needs on the sign-up sheet so Angela can schedule enough babysitters.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS:

- The Bluegrass group will meet at Bryan and Rachel Powell's home on February 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Sequoyah/Westmoreland group will gather for appetizers and dessert on Friday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Debbie Schmid.

Adult Education Opportunities

Faith and Life Fellowship Hall
Larry Ridley leads a study based on Brené Brown's bestselling book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*.

Bible Study Library
This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.

Table Talk Prayer Room
"Hollywood Jesus" is pastor and author Matt Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Coffee House
Can't make it to class on time? Do you really just want a chance to chat? Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There is always coffee and a few pastries ready for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.