

Fourth Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 26, 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) Pavane Passamaize Claude Gervaise

Brass Choir

(11:00) Divertimento W. A. Mozart

arr. Andrew Homzy

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tim Ryan

INTROIT (11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Southwell

Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, And share Thy joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the words of St. Augustine, our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

People: And so we come seeking...

Leader: Forgiveness that restores and renews,

People: Grace that amazes and enables,

Leader: Community that strengthens and supports,

People: Truth that informs and guides,

Leader: Love that redeems and heals.

ALL: And God is truly in our midst.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 263 (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from struggling to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go and trust the leading of your Spirit. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for sins we cannot undo, forgive us. For the spiritual blindness that cannot see the needs of others, that cannot see our own faults but can see the faults of others with amazing clarity, forgive us. Open our eyes to your life-giving presence and lead us to a place of wholeness, in Christ's name. 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

I Samuel 16:1-13

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Julia Whipple

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Mason Anthony McConnell

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"To see or not to see...That is the question."

*HYMN NO. 280 (blue hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

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 the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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) Divertimento

W. A. Mozart

(11:00) Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jean Berger

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. When many cares perplex me, Thy comfort delights my soul. My times are in Thy hand, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end. With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light do we see light. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me, Amen.

based on Psalm 51:10, Psalm 31:14,15, and Psalm 27:1

*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. 339 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Fantasia in g

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Wes Williams
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR 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): Hannah Mathews and Anna Grace Gilbert

GREETERS (11:00): Mark and Teresa Palmer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Kati and Jack Carley, Lucy Gordon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Leslie Versen and Genet Weber

(11:00) Sue Caradine, Jerry and Scott Carley, Mary Lou Crow, Nancy Cundall

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paula Hogan in loving memory of John Hogan. Best dad ever.

JEAN BERGER (1909-2002) was a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator, receiving his education at the universities of Heidelberg and Vienna. He also studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris, where he lived from 1933 to 1939. Following two years spent as an assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and as a faculty member of the Brazilian Conservatory, Berger moved to the United States and soon worked in the Office of War Information producing foreign-language broadcasts and USO shows. From 1946 to 1948, he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC. He entered the academic world in 1948 when he joined the faculty at Middlebury College in Vermont. Subsequent appointments would include positions at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado. This morning's motet is one of his best-known choral works and is rich in gentle, colorful harmonies.



ORGANIST BOYD JONES will be heard in recital at Westminster Church **this 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. His program will be wonderfully eclectic, including music by J. S. Bach, Paul Hindemith, Felix Mendelssohn, Johann Pachelbel, Camille Saint-Saëns, Domenico Scarlatti, and William Grant Still, among others. The congregation is cordially invited to attend and a nursery will be provided. Please come out and join us for an enjoyable evening of fine organ music!

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those affected by natural disasters, and resources for communities working to resolve oppression and injustice.

SHOW AND WAMS meet from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Tonight we'll be breaking glass, melting metal, and lifting cars!!! Yes, it is another 'Try-It' night, XXTREME version!! Rick Rawe is going to teach us all how to change a tire. (You will all experience the thrill of lifting a car... with one hand!!) Betty McKeehan will be teaching the art of fancy cooking. And you will melt metal and break glass when Barbara and Angela Shilling show everyone how to make their own stained glass art. We will enjoy the fruits of our labors when we eat the dinner prepared by Chef Betty (and the rest of us!) All parents are invited to try-it with us (for fun and another pair of watchful eyes!!)

SCOTLAND TOUR: We have received a proposal for the tour to Scotland! There will be an informational meeting on April 9th immediately following the 11:00 worship service. If you are interested, please join Mary Boyd in the library so you can hear the details.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

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

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:

Spring Workday at Westminster

Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds.

Saturday, April 8, from 8 AM to 12 Noon

Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside

Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks.

You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership.

Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lenten Study McKinnon Room
 Rev. John Muntz leads us in our study of Sabbath. Today we'll talk about
 Community and Delight.

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!

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THE SESSION		
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