



Art by Delaney Sears

The Order of Worship

April 30, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

PRELUDE Prelude No. 4 in A-flat Minor Catherine Rollin
 Ruth Ann Bendy, Piano

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Exultate justi in Domino Adriano Banchieri
 Exultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini illi in cithara: in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum: cantate ei canticum dulce, bene psallite illi in vociferatione.

Sing ye all for joy in the Lord, your God, O ye righteous ones; praise befits the upright. Give ye thanks and praise unto God, with harp give thanks; and with psaltery and ten-stringed harp, chant now His praises. Sing to the Lord God, sing Him a new song. Sing to the Lord God, sing ye with sweetness. Play with skill for the Lord God, with a shout of joy unto Him.

Psalm 33:1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP Middle School Youth 2013 Ellie Yates

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise the Lord, from earth and heaven, all creatures and lands, all people young and old together.
 Leader: Let us praise everything on the earth. Let us praise the sun and the moon, the waters and the skies.
People: Thank you for the ground, the trees, the animals, even the mosquitoes, the ticks, the ladybugs. God has created them for a reason and so we are thankful.
 Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

People: Praise great sea creatures and all ocean depths, all mountains and valleys, every seed and growing tree.
 Leader: Praise the Lord for all blessings.
All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord alone is exalted above the earth and the heavens. Welcome to this amazing day!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Buinessan*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Caroline McRae
 Written by the 2017 WAMS (5th-8th Graders)

O God, please forgive us for all our sins and what we've done wrong. Help us to understand what we can do better, And what we can accomplish in the upcoming week and in all the days and weeks we have before us. Help us to overcome the obstacles we face And rise up like eagles on the unseen winds. Make us realize we could do better. We ask you to forgive every bad thing, and every mistake. Thank you for guiding us on the right paths and for all you have given us. Thank you for cleaning us from our sins this spring and in all seasons of our lives. Amen

KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Caroline McRae
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 3:1-8 James Hutzenbiler
ANTHEM (11:00) Song of Isaiah Richard Proulx
 Cry aloud, ring out your joy, ye citizens of Zion, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold, my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing from springs of salvation.

based on Isaiah 12:2-6

Peter Van Eenam, Handbells

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 Clara Oakes
REFLECTIONS Tolson Bell, Max Yates, Barbara Adamcik
***HYMN NO. 525** (blue hymnal) Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am, Lord*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Confirmation Class 2016
 Noah Burgin (9:00); Spencer Williams (11:00)

God has created us and is the light, warmth and compassion that this world needs. God guides us in our journey through life, love and faith, and allows us to flourish. Jesus teaches us that God does not judge, or hate, or strike fear in people. I believe the Holy Spirit is always present, even when we question our faith, and we are called to be a caring and considerate church.

Christianity is a way of acting and living. It is seeing the brightness at the end of the tunnel, even when surrounded by darkness. It is being positive even when the tunnel seems to go on forever. It is finding joy in the little things that we pass by every day. It is appreciation, appreciation for these little things as well as appreciation for the amazing things such as your friends, family, and life. It is not judging people by the harsh scars on the outside seen by the eyes, but by the burdens and actions felt by the heart. It is hope. Hope that never gives up on you or anyone else. But the most important of all, Christianity is love.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Ruth Ann Bendy; Garrett Rowcliffe

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
God's love is everlasting.
 Come, let us praise God joyfully.
Let us come to God with thanksgiving.
 For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;
Thank you, God.
 For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;
Thank you, God.
 For work to do and strength to work; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;
Thank you, God.
 For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;
Thank you, God.
 For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values;
 for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;
Thank you, God.
 For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;
Moment of silent prayer...
 Gracious God, we give thanks this morning for the gift of life, the wonder of creation, the bonds of friendship, the challenge of faith, the comfort of your presence.
Lord, hear our prayer.
 Help us, we pray, to be responsible citizens of the Earth, to value it as a living work of art, to take care of it as good stewards, and to enjoy its gifts of beauty and recreation.
Lord, hear our prayer.
 We give thanks, O God, for this community of faith, for its ministry to those with individual needs, for its outreach to the community, for its seeking to be a place where faith and life connect.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant us the compassion to care about and work to relieve human suffering, to stand with victims of tragedy and disaster, and to be a Christ-like neighbor to all who share this planet with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God of our greatest dreams and highest aspirations, as we now go forth to make our mark on the road of life, we thank you that you walk with us through the seasons of our lives; from childhood to adolescence, from adolescence to young adult. Be with us in the transition from the familiar to the new, be with us in times of sorrow and times of joy, grant us the courage to accept setbacks and failures, and the faith to trust that nothing can separate us from your love; a love which we have experienced from our family and friends, from this church family, but which we see most clearly through Jesus Christ, who taught us all to pray together, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Think on These Things Mark Patterson
Whatever is pure, whatever is true, whatever is noble and just and good; think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things, and the God of peace will be with you. All that’s pure, all that’s true, all that’s noble and just and good; think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things, and the God of peace will be with you. When the cares of life confound you, when the storms of doubt sweep in, turn to God with all things in prayer, and a peace beyond all knowing will guard you and guide you.

Philippians 4:4-9

Andy Bryenton, Cello

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Abbey James

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 490** (red hymnal) (11:00) Now in the Days of Youth *Diademata*

***CHARGE AND BENECTION** Finn Burgin

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

Danish melody

POSTLUDE Passacaglia in G Minor G. F. Handel

Spencer Williams, Piano

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS – MAY 1-15: Susan Baughman and Brenda Seip
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Meghan Oros

GREETERS (11:00): SHOW and WAMS Youth

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) James and Melissa Everett, Ellie Yates and Lucy Gordon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS: Sophia and Will Manrod, Kara and Macy Porter, Lucy Gordon, Eric Partelow, Shea Bell, Chloe Smith, Alice Gawne, Bobby Manrod, Anna Grace Gilbert, Ella Wright, Rhys Whipple, Fiona Collins, Jake Phillips

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Cindy and Brad Pearman in honor of their children: Sarah, Will and Lauren.

OUR THANKS to Andy Bryenton for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Westminster Choristers. Many thanks also to Ruth Ann Bendy and Spencer Williams for providing the prelude and postlude.

MARK PATTERSON (b. 1969), an acclaimed composer, conductor, and teacher, currently serves as Director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia, where he leads a comprehensive music program for adults, youth, and children. He received his education and degrees from Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at Austin. Westminster Choristers is especially pleased to share this morning’s offertory anthem, which combines a most fitting text with warm, lyrical vocal lines and the added beauty of cello.

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

WOMEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

KIDS’ CLUB: Next Sunday, May 7 we’ll meet in the Schilling Gallery following the 11:00 worship service. We’ll stop for lunch on the way to Family Bowl (213 Hayfield Road). Bring socks and a change of clothes. There is no cost for bowling. Please RSVP to Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net so we know how many lanes to reserve.

VBS Sign-ups
Passport to Peru: Discovering God’s Good Gifts
June 5-8, Ages 3-5th Grade

VBS sign-ups have begun! Look for sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery. We will need a few volunteers for decorations, snacks and shepherds. If you would like to join the fun, contact Angela Grobe or Debbie Babelay.

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Rise Against Hunger All-Church Project

Save the date for our super service project, Sunday, May 21 during Sunday School and after the 11:00 worship service. We will be packaging meals to feed 35,000 school children. If we have 150 people, they say we will complete the task in 2 hours. This project is appropriate for all ages and we need your help! These meals will go to high-impact areas (usually schools). This allows children to attend school and helps families to insure their children have access to regular meals. We’ll begin the event by having a tasting of the food as it might be served around the world. After we sample the meal, we will get to work! **Look for a sign-up link to be sent out very soon.**

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study Library
Join us as we continue a study of the Gospel of Mark.
The Wired Word Prayer Room
This class discusses the spiritual and religious implications of stories in the news.
Toxic Charity McKinnon Room
Join Tim Ryan in the McKinnon Room today for a discussion based on Robert Lupton’s book, *Toxic Charity*.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Are you new to Westminster? Have you been visiting and want to learn more? We are offering a three-week look at who we are beginning May 7. Rev. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd will lead Welcome to Westminster, a chance to see who we are as Christians, as Presbyterians, and Westminster. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall each week.

Class of 2017	THE SESSION	Class of 2019
Phil Barnette	Class of 2018	Debbie Babelay
Bitsy Ingram	Leigh Dunlap	Daniel Collins
William Milam	JP Mackay	Terry Crow
Bryan Powell	Linda Van Beke	Cindy Pearman
Brenda Seip	Wes Williams	Jay Schmid
Youth Elder: Tolson Bell	Michael Yates	
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		
	TRUSTEES	
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