

First Sunday in *Lent*

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 10, 2019
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 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee Flor Peeters

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Come, All You Servants of the Lord English Folk Melody

Come, all you servants of the Lord, who work and pray by night, by day,
Come bless the Lord within this place; with lifted hands your homage pay.
The Lord now bless from heaven above, and shine on you with radiant face;
The Lord who heaven and earth has made, illumine you with peace and grace.
from Psalm 134; adapted, Arlo Duba

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come into God’s presence with singing.

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Every whisper, of every waking hour, I’m choosing my confessions”

Losing My Religion, R.E.M.

***HYMN NO. 81** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (USA)

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.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. 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) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Daniel L. Schutte

This Is My Father's World Franklin L. Sheppard

Texts by Daniel L. Schutte and Maltbie D. Babcock

(11:00) Prayer for Peace David M. Cherwien

O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease.

The wrath of nations, now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, they works of old; the wonders that thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Henry W. Baker

***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**

***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

Deuteronomy 6:10-19

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Bill Farnham

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

ANTHEM (11:00) If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

John 14: 15-18

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Puer nobis nascitur*
(See insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. G. Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Rachel Powell and James Everett
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 1-15: Susan McKeehan
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MARCH 16-31: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Jacob Phillips
GREETERS (11:00): Bob and Ada Pfohl
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jim Boyd
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Organist: John Brock
Conductor: Ibbie Muntz
(9:00) Deborah Phillips, Soprano
(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:
(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher
(11:00) Janice and Rick Rawe, Marty Pryor, Alice and Charlie Mercer

2022 ELDER NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee has a deadline of TODAY for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2022, one Youth Elder for the class of 2020, and one Trustee for the class of 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact a committee member or the church office. The committee consists of Cindy Pearman (Chair), Scott Brunger (Vice Chair), Lisa Ellis, Bitsy Ingram, and Bill Wiesehuegel.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz, her children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM NOTES

Today's setting of "If Ye Love Me" is by British composer, Philip Wilby (b.1949). Though much of Wilby's work is for brass and winds, we are grateful he was inspired to this achingly beautiful choral/organ setting of the John 14 text. His music pours forth from a heart of deep Christian beliefs and strong confidence in God's promises.

"Prayer for Peace" was written by Minnesota composer, organist, conductor, music educator, and clinician David Cherwien (b.1957). His numerous appointments include Artistic Director of the The National Lutheran Choir. The anthem's pleading text was penned in 1861 by prolific British hymn writer Henry W. Baker, inspired, in part, by scriptural references from Psalms, Isaiah and Micah. A setting of this prayer, using a different hymn tune, is in The Presbyterian Hymnal (#295). So many years later, we still plead for peace.

JUSTICE KNOX NEWS: Please be with us at the Westminster Justice Knox meeting today immediately following the 11 AM worship service. Snacks will be served and we will be finished in an hour! We'll talk about our part in Justice Knox and how we can help in the areas of: affordable housing, education and mental health. For further information about Justice Knox, please contact: Jackie Vanden Dorpel, .

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: You are invited to join with Companions in Christ to journey deeper into your relationship with God during Lent. Companions meet for song, silence, scripture reading and prayer in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and worship with Companions in Christ this Wednesday, March 13th.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, March 14th at 7:30am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled, "One Dane's Take on Happiness and the Role of Hygge and How That Relates to Us as Americans and Christians", will be presented by Peter Tortorelli. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Ron Alexander. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. Bring a friend and join us.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 14th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at the church as well as non food items. Please note the time for teams to pick up their food recipient sheets for delivery is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley, , if you are able to make deliveries. Thanks for your help!

TECHNOLOGY HELP will be available TONIGHT! Westminster has spared no expense to bring some of the most knowledgeable technology experts here to help you use your portable devices. Who are these experts?... THE YOUTH!! Join us from 5-7 pm. We'll have a dinner together, then the youth will be available to coach anyone who would like a technology lesson on how to use your phone, tablet, or laptop. No question is too basic!! What's an app? How do I download an app? Which are the best?, etc. Our EXPERTS are happy to help!!

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is March 12 at 6:30. Refreshments provided by Worship, Music and Arts Ministry Team.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.

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.

KID'S CORNER

Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.
Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate).
Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4th grade and under.



GODSPELL
Presented by the Westminster Players
SAVE THE DATE!
April 5, 7:30 PM
April 6, 7:30 PM
April 7, 3:00 PM

SPRING WORKDAY: Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, March 30, from 8 AM to 12, 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 before EASTER!!