

Third Sunday in



The Order of Worship **March 15, 2020**
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. You can find visitor info cards in each pew. Visitors, please place your card in an offering place in the Narthex after the service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639 J. S. Bach
I Cry to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes
Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: **So we gather together in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you!

People: **For you have been my support, O Lord, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 15** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*
(Verses 1-3)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, you know who we are and what we are capable of, both good and bad. Forgive us for neglecting your presence in the world around us, and for failing to show others your presence through us. Forgive us for

thirsting after things that will never satisfy us. As we move deeper into the season of Lent, we pray that your living waters of healing and compassion, peace and mercy, might continually wash away our sin and flow through our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***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 17:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Daniel Lewis

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-24

SERMON "In the wilderness and thirsty." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN** God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger *In Babilone*
(See insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM

(9:00) Vater unser im Himmelreich (III) Heinrich Scheidemann
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

(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. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 15** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*
(Verses 4-6)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Sinfonia (from *Cantata* No. 29) J. S. Bach

THE OFFERING

Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex as an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Bob Albiston
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Cindy Spangler
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

GREETERS (11:00): Carol Beilharz and Mary Lou Crow

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Larry Tragesser

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) LoAnn Price, Charlie and Alice Mercer, David and Shawn Owens

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon in honor of her broth-in-law, Gary Snyder on his birthday. Faithful in much.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Join us in the sanctuary for a lenten prayer service each Wednesday of Lent at 6:30.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE: You will notice a couple precautionary changes to our worship services today: the offering plate and friendship registration pads will not be passed down the aisle. The offering plates are located in the Narthex, we ask that as you exit today, you place your offering in one of the four trays as well as any visitor information or prayer requests!

TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611) was one of the finest composers of the late Renaissance. Born in Sanchidrián, Spain, he became a choirboy at the cathedral there and also studied organ. 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 (whose motet, *Sicut cervus*, was sung by our Chancel Choir in worship just last Sunday) around this time. 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 Madrid. This morning’s motet is sublime in its beauty and serenity. Its fluid vocal lines interact with each other in a most intimate and expressive manner through the use of suspensions and the tender dissonances and resolutions they create.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will resume in May.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Our next PNO is set for March 27. This event is for church member’s children age 10 and under from 5-8 pm! The cost is \$10 for one, and \$5 for each additional child. RSVP to allie_wpc@comcast.net by March 23.

ALZHEIMER AND DEMENTIA CLASS at WPC has been canceled. If you are interested in other available dates at other locations please see Gradye Parsons.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: 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.

KIDS CORNER

9:00 am: Ages 0-5 years old: Nursery available

Ages 6 years old and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

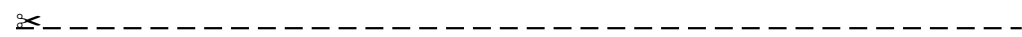
10:00 am: Ages 0-2nd grade: Fellowship time in Nursery

Grades 3rd-4th grade: Sunday School in the downstairs Prayer Room

11:00 am: Ages 0-3 years old: Nursery available

4 years old - 2nd grade: in Sanctuary until Time with the Children, then downstairs for Sunday School. Children 3rd grade and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

5TH SUNDAY MISSION: FOOD DRIVE: Second Harvest Food Bank has a wonderful program that the Missions Committee would like to collect food for the *Food for Kids Program*. Second Harvest provides the below listed items to school teachers who distribute them to children they deem to be at risk of hunger. Each child receives items from four food groups to take home for the weekend. We’re looking for SINGLE-SERVING, easy-open products. Please place your items in the bin in the Schilling Gallery by March 29th. Thank you! Macaroni with beef, spaghetti, chili with beans, red beans and rice, chicken alfredo, turkey sticks, sunflower seeds, peanut butter crackers, mixed fruit cups, peach cups, applesauce cups, raisins, carrot cups, green bean cups, milk (chocolate), easy mac, cheese sticks, instant breakfast, pudding cups, apple delight, strawberry delight, banana bars, cereal bars, 3 oz cereal, granola packets, granola bars



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):

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Adult Sunday School

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.

Faith and Life - New Member class will be held during the 10:00 education hour on March 15. These classes are perfect for those of you who want to learn more about being part of Westminster and being Presbyterian. The classes will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Mary Boyd, and Dr. Phillips, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Join us if you are a new member or an inquirer!

Syria: The Burden of Memory and the Hope of the Gospel begins today during the Sunday School hour. Rev. Ann Brunger is the child of mission co-workers in the Middle East and is a member of the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA. The study will cover the history of Syria, political and religious forces in the region, and the ministry of peace and reconciliation of the Presbyterian Church in Syria and Lebanon.

SHOW AND WAMS will resume on 3/22 at 5:00 for an all-youth birthday party to celebrate everyone!

MIDDLE TENNESSEE TORNADOS AND PDA: PDA has reached out to the presbytery staff to offer any assistance that might be needed down the road. We anticipate that there will be ongoing needs, perhaps even opportunities for mission teams. If you would like to make a special contribution toward the Nashville recovery efforts, you may designate your check by noting PDA account DR000015 in the memo line, or by donating online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/>

VMC currently needs men’s pants (especially sizes 30 -34), mens shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, jackets, hand soap, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!