

First Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship

February 26, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mensch, willst du leben seliglich, BuxWV 206 Dieterich Buxtehude
O Mankind, If Thou Wilt Blessed Be

Chorale text: O man, if thou wilt blessed be And dwell with God eternally, Then shalt thou keep the Ten Commands Which God hath placed in our hands. Kyrieleis!

Martin Luther, 1525

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

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael Yates

One: Gentle God, we are searching

All: We come out into the wilderness with Jesus to find you

One: Loving Christ, we are tempted

All: We come out into the wilderness with you to find our way

One: Holy Spirit, we are yearning for life

All: You lead us out into the wilderness to find life

One: We come to worship, to be filled with your Spirit, and to be changed

All: Grant us your blessing. Grant us your mercy. Grant us your grace.

Amen.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 41 (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

*CALL TO CONFESSION

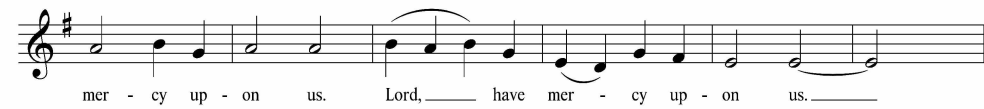
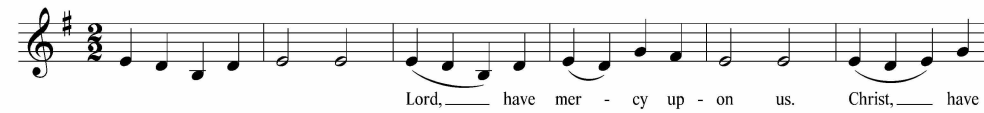
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess our sin, for our fears have overcome us, and our desires have misled us, and we have tried to live without you. But you, and you alone, are our life. Forgive our sin, heal the desperation in our hearts, and feed us with your Bread of Life, that we may walk in your ways forever.

Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



*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



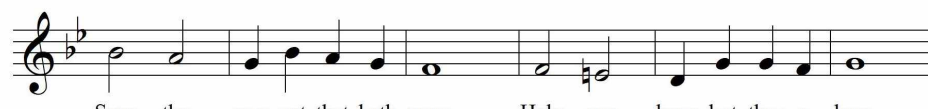
TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

*CANTICLE (11:00) To My Humble Supplication

Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille



A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

MEDITATION "Whiplash"

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

*HYMN NO. 649 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners...In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

PASTORAL PRAYER ... 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.

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. 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) Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

trans. Peter Van Eenam

Members of the Brass Choir

(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. 166 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

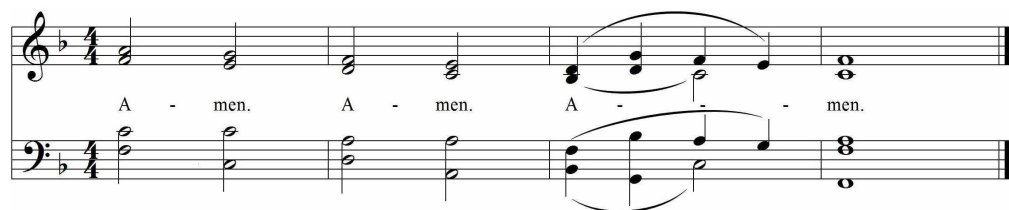
St. Flavian

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00) Amen

Danish melody



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE Fantasia in g

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Josh Birdwell

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Charlotte Van Beke

GREETERS: (11:00) Chip and Pat Herzog

LITURGIST: Michael Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Members of the Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Oros

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Casey Page and Ken Huges

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Gary Rowcliffe, Rob & Susan McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paula Hogan in honor of her mother’s birthday.

FINNISH COMPOSER JEAN SIBELIUS (1865-1957) is widely regarded as his country’s greatest composer, and his music central to Finland’s developing a national identity during its struggle to become independent from Russia. Amidst growing political discontent in Finland in the 1890s, Sibelius wrote a series of works that helped confirm his reputation as the foremost musical champion of the Finnish nationalist cause, including his tone poem *Finlandia* (1899-1900).

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING During the Congregational Meeting today after the 11AM service, we will elect 3 at-large members of the congregation to join Vice-Chair Gloria Borum and Chair William Milam on the Westminster Nominating Committee. The following have been suggested and are being proposed for election; Debbie Schmid, Williams Gibbons, and Amy Reddick. We appreciate their willingness to serve in this important role in the life of the church.

LENT SUPPERS AND REFLECTION

Please join us each Wednesday of March for our Lenten Series, “Write the Vision, Make it Plain: Seeing Christ in the Arts”. Each week we will share a soup supper at 5:45, and then a short prayer service at 6:30, including a conversation with a member of the congregation about their art. This week, March 1, Judy Jorden will inaugurate the series with a presentation about painting. Our line up of stars includes:

March 8: Penny Tschantz on poetry

March 15: Mark Hulsether on music

March 22: The Environmental Team with a dramatic presentation honoring Mother Earth

March 29: Melissa Everett on fabric art

This is a drop-in series, so come when you can, and we can enjoy this Lenten journey together.

THE YOUTH OF WESTMINSTER invite you to make this Season of Lent even more meaningful by doing daily acts of kindness and grace. They have created a calendar of daily activities to help focus and grow during this journey towards Easter. You may find one on the tables in the narthex. We hope you enjoy using it!

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF THROUGH the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA):

PDA has direct relationships with church partners in Turkey and Syria, and particularly in Northern Syria, where the war and subsequent sanctions have led to much distress, compounded by the recent earthquake. These relationships make it possible to get aid to communities that are often cut off from other resources. If you would like to contribute to WPC for this relief via check, please note that the gift is for "Earthquake Relief," and we will forward any gifts to the PDA.

BIG SCARY QUESTIONS (Tuesday at noon) We will discuss mental health issues and the community of faith. A PCUSA paper on the topic will be sent out this week. If you are not already on the list and want to be, please let Anne know. Don't worry if you haven't been coming; anyone who has an interest in this topic is welcome.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Celebration of Life for Bill Rutherford will be held at Westminster, Saturday March 4, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow in the Schilling Gallery. We need several volunteers to bring food/light snacks. Please contact deb_wpc@comcast.net or the church office if you would to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m.

- **Adult Bible Study:** This class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth. Led by Scott Brunger in the McKinnon Room.
- **Feasting on the Word:** Led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers. Studies the scriptures used in worship. Meets in Lisa Kaufman Hall.
- **The Wired Word:** Looks at current events with a theological eye. Meets in the library in the education wing.
- **SHOW (High School):** Exploring The Way of Pilgrimage, A great preparation for our upcoming pilgrimage to New Mexico! Creative, thoughtful reflection.
- **WAMS (Middle School 5th-8th) -** Who are we as humans, what is our purpose, and why are we here? Using the STIR curriculum, Middle schoolers will have discussion and watch fun videos.

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Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Worship:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

During 11:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Primary Sunday school for children 4 years old.-Kindergarten

Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the

Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

THE ABBEY DEADLINE IS TODAY AT 5:00PM - Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: A special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God’s love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

TRUSTEES

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 – Worship
- 10:00 – Sunday School
- 11:00 – Worship
- 11:55 – Congregational meeting
- 12:15 – PNC- Library
- 12:15 – Session meeting McKinnon Room
- 1:00 – UT Hospice Memorial Service
- 2:00 – Play Practice - Lisa Kaufman Hall

Monday, February 27

- 4:30 – p.m. Young Musicians - Lisa Kaufman Hall
- 5:00 – Family Dinner
- 5:30 – Rainbow Choir - Lisa Kaufman Hall
- 7:00 – Congregational Zoom with Barnettes

Tuesday, February 28

- 12:00 – Big Scary Questions - McKinnon Room
- 6:00 – Choristers

Wednesday, March 1

- 4:30 – Companions- Prayer Room
- 4:45 – Boys' and Girls' Choirs
- 5:45 – Lenten Soup and Service
- 7:45 – Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 2

- 10:30 – Women's Bible Study
- 4:30 – Brass Choir
- 6:00 – Play Practice - Lisa Kaufman Hall
- 7:00 – Handbell Choir

Saturday, March 4

- 11:00 – Bill Rutherford Memorial Service

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 both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 5. The deadline to make the donation is March 30. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$_____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____