



THIRD 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 Variation VII J. S. Bach
(from the chorale partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*, BWV 768)
Hail, Kind Jesus

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

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
Daniel Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.
People: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.
Leader: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!
People: How we have longed for joy and love!
Leader: God continually blesses and heals us.
People: Praise be to God for God's steadfast love. AMEN.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 372** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O for a World *Azmon*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER FOR CONFESSION**

This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

***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 Psalm 145 :1-10

***CANTICLE** (11:00) To My Humble Supplication *Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Rachel Powell
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18

SERMON "Image" Rev. Rachel Penmore

***HYMN NO. 20** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
From Patmos Abbey-The Order of Saint Columba

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. 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.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online 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) Come, Glad Hearts W. A. Mozart

Come, glad hearts in joyful measure, Sing of those who spread the treasure which in God's own Word we find. Blessed tidings of salvation; Peace on earth their proclamation; Love from God to all mankind.

O may we, Thy truth confessing, And Thy holy word possessing Serve and love Thee evermore. Unto Thee our voices raising; Thee with all our lives now praising Evermore, forevermore.

trans. Robert Campbell

Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Ruth Ann Bendy, Soprano

(11:00) O Most Merciful Charles Wood
Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the Redeemer's Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Bishop Reginald Heber and Psalm 104

***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. 649** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00)
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Amazing Grace*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer
Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli
PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros, Bill Wiesehuegel
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) Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe
LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Dan Collins
SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall, Scott Brunger

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Brenda Seip, Wanda Barber, John Shilling, Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God by Daniel and Melanie Lewis.

OUR THANKS to Ruth Ann Bendy and Meredith Mackay for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

CHARLES WOOD (1866-1926), an Irish composer and teacher, was educated at the Royal College of Music and Cambridge University, becoming a professor at the latter in 1924, teaching harmony and counterpoint. His pupils include such prominent English composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. This morning's offertory anthem is beautifully crafted, exhibiting subtle details of nuance and expression. In celebration of J. S. Bach's birthday, which is tomorrow, I'm sharing one of my favorites of his organ works.

Peter Van Eenam

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

LENT AT WESTMINSTER: We are offering a weekly Lenten study and prayer service. Rev. Gradye Parsons will lead the study using his book, *Open to Me the Gates* and we will end each week with a time of evening prayer. The study/prayer service will be each Wednesday during Lent (March 9 - April 6) at 5:30 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Feasting on the Word

Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based study, meets in person in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class looks at scriptures that are from the lectionary readings for each week.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study class chooses books of the Bible for in-depth study each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class meets in person in the McKinnon Room AND on Zoom.

The Wired Word

The Wired Word meets at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. You'll get an email with the week's current events topic that is discussed with an eye and ear toward scripture. The discussion is always lively. Jump in! The class is meeting in the library this fall to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is a special offering and the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs; PDA, Presbyterian Hunger Program and self-development of people.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely. To support our response, designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444.

THE REV. DR. ANNE MCKEE TO BE INTERIM PASTOR AT WESTMINSTER:

The Interim Pastor Search Committee is very pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Anne McKee, a friend to many at Westminster Presbyterian Church, has accepted the position of Interim Pastor. Dr. McKee, who has served in several pastoral and church related positions in over 35 years of ministry and has been most recently the Campus Minister at Maryville College, will bring to our congregation the kind of in-depth experience that will help us in this transitional period. The committee talked with several of her colleagues and associates about what Dr. McKee will bring to Westminster, and they all agreed that she is the one for the job. She will inspire us from the pulpit, be engaging on a personal level with both staff and the congregation, and help us create a vision that will guide Westminster toward a promising future. Dr. McKee's covenant has been approved by Session. Subject to final approval by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, she will be on the job beginning April 11, and will be in the pulpit on Easter Sunday.

Gloria Borum, Buz Johnson, Linda Judge-McRae, Charlie Mercer, and Michael Yates, your Interim Pastor Search Committee

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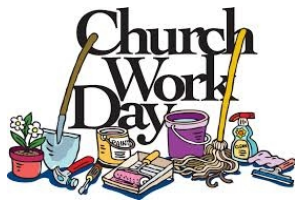
Ron Alexander



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, March 24th, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Larry Ridley who will present a program entitled "Maryville Adventures in Studying Theology". MAST is a Lilly Endowment-Funded resource at Maryville College and a program that several of our members and staff are very familiar. With the lifting of the mask mandate, we are once again able to offer food in the Fellowship Hall. So, come enjoy good food and fellowship and an interesting program. If you have any questions, please text or call Tim Crais @972-948-2887 or Larry Ridley @ 865-414-1751.

Bring a new member or friend if you can.

SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER



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

Saturday, March 26, anytime from 8 AM to 12 N

Numerous and diverse outside jobs for all

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 !!



SPRING FLING: Spring has sprung! Let's celebrate together with some fellowship and food! Please make plans to join us Sunday, March 27th for a **WPC Spring Fling!** We will have several food trucks available in the parking lot immediately after worship. Seating will be available in the Pavilion, but bring a chair if you'd like to sit out in the sunshine. Food trucks and a rain plan will be announced in the coming week! In the meantime, RSVP at

<https://forms.gle/RReApXi1qg6Z6Q6x9>.



We are excited to announce that our awesome Westminster Players are going to be presenting a concert version of *Godspell* on Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the Westminster sanctuary. Our friend and music director, Jake Cannon, is coming from NYC to conduct and accompany the performance!! The afternoon will be extra special and so uplifting, and the audience will have a chance to join in the fun too! Westminster's Connect Team will be hosting a Mediterranean feast after the concert.

Bless the Lord My Soul, rest assured that *Day By Day* we will *Learn Our Lessons Well* and *Prepare Ye* the best concert possible using *All Good Gifts* we have to offer!!