

The Order of Worship

**March 27, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

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

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP**

Natty Piel

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!
People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.
Leader: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!
People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.
Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.
People: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 35** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe den Herren

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER FOR CONFESSION**

Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray. 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*

EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11-24

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON “Home and Not Alone” Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 435** (*Glory to God* hymnal) There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
In Babilone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unisn)
We don't regard anyone from a human point of view. We look beneath the surface, seeing divinity in every face. We don't focus on the obvious - whether lifestyle, economics, place in society but look more deeply to glimpse the Christ within. There is an angel in every boulder and behind every rough-hewn and rocky surface. We don't even regard ourselves from a human point of view. Regardless of what we think of ourselves, we are God's beloved children and God embraces us. Grace is greater than sin. Love never ends, and welcomes every lost child home.

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) The Lord’s Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

Jan Barber, Handbells

(11:00) My Soul Longs for You, O God Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Hal H. Hopson

My soul longs for you, O God. Long I wait; hear my prayer, Make known all your ways and teach me your truth. O Lord, forgive my sin. Your love is steadfast ever sure; Lord, hear my prayer. Sing, my soul, O be joyful. God will hear, He will pardon. He is good, His love is everlasting. O sing His glory evermore. My eyes are ever toward the Lord. He will keep all His own. The Lord is My strength and stay, In Him I hope, a constant guide is He.
adapted from Psalm 25

***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. 772** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Live into Hope *Truro*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** Canzona Domenico Zipoli

*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: Penny Tschantz and Josh Birdwell

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Lyla Hagan, Elizabeth Morrison
GREETERS: (11:00) Linda and Scott Rutherford
LITURGIST: Natty Piel
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Tim Crais

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Reed Ellis, Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Tom Byerley, Georgann Byerley, Mark Potocik, Jay Schmid

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Vernon and Gail Bruner with deep appreciation for the dedication and talents of the WPC staff

OUR THANKS to Jan Barber for her enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

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.

STATED SESSION MEETING will be held today in the McKinnon Room at 12:15pm.

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.

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE is a lovely setting of the ancient chorale melody to which Martin Luther added his metrical paraphrase of The Lord’s Prayer. Scheidemann’s ornamentation of the melody is replete with echo-like passages (though not on two different manuals) and florid, scalar lines exploring the tenor range through the treble. Typically, this solo line would be played on stops found in a division of the organ perched on the balcony railing directly behind the organist. This solo color would often include the Sesquialtera II. In our instrument this stop is found on the Swell and it is comprised of two ranks (sets) of pipes speaking substantially higher than the note played, one an octave and a fifth and the other two octaves and a third. This “double-draw” stop has an extra degree of versatility in that the lower rank can be used by itself if the stop knob is drawn halfway (the upper rank is added when the knob is fully drawn). This is another instance of the ingenuity with which our stoplist and organ were designed. The Sesquialtera can also be combined with a 2’ rank to help create the integral part of a cornet, a vivid registration (a group of stops) containing 8’, 4’, 2 2/3’, 2’, and 1 3/5’.

A CHAMBER RECITAL will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Cindy Emory, harp; Hillary Herndon, viola; Maria Castillo Rodriquez, flute; and Andy Bryenton, cello; will be performing works by Bax, Ravel, and Debussy. There is no entrance fee. Please come enjoy the music!

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.

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.

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 to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

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SPRING FLING FOOD TRUCK EVENT IS TODAY!!



Please join us after church for beautiful fellowship and LUNCH!! Three food trucks will be in our WPC parking lot with many lunch options for children and adults. We're providing drinks and dessert, and there are even activities for the children (of all ages :) **Pro tip: if you attend the early service, you can access food trucks at 11:30, before the late service concludes! Back by popular demand... we have once again set up a VIP (very important Presbyterian) section in the pavilion where anyone can sit and rest after you order and pay for your food. The youth will bring you your food when it is ready!!! Joining together with our church family is such a blessing!!



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!!

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

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 20. The deadline to make the donation is April 12, 2022. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:
