WESTMINSTER

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

"Everyone wants a revolution. No one wants to do the dishes."

- Tish Harrison Warren

The Lord's Day October 1st, 2017 Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are thankful that you have joined us today as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There may be some elements of our worship today that are unfamiliar to you, but please don't worry about that, you will catch on soon enough. If you have any questions about our church, or about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the pastor, elders or deacons would be happy to help you find answers.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Standing and raising hands

Because we are whole people with bodies as well as souls, we use our bodies in worship, as the Bible commands. We raise our hands to look to God for help and bless God (Ps. 28:2, 63:3), and we stand to hear the Word out of reverence for God (Neh. 8:5).

The Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of communion is a rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you are unbaptized, or not a church member, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

Liturgical response

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be **boldfaced and indented:** The Lord be with you! [*Leader*]

And also with you! [Congregation]

Children

You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We believe that children naturally love those whom their parents love, and so the best way to help children grow in their love for the Lord Jesus is to have families worship together.

We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the back room. If your children have never been in worship before, don't worry at all. We realize this is unusual for many people, and we would be happy to offer you help, tips and encouragement.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please visit the sound table in the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude

Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.

Apostolic Greeting

$^{*}CALL$ to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; World without end, Amen, Amen.

*PRAYER of INVOCATION

*HYMN of PRAISE

Give to Our God Immortal Praise, N°. 3

CALL to CONFESSION

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

A time of silence is provided for private, individual confession before the Lord.

Psalm 124:8

Nº. 734

Deuteronomy 8:2

^{*} Please stand as you are able

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from Daniel 9

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servants and to their pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O our God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name.

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Isaiah 49:8-11

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up."

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

After the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: Amen!

 $\label{eq:HymnofSalvation} Hymn \text{ of } S \text{alvation}$

Blessed Lord, In Thee is Refuge, N^o. 513

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE and OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON and SERMON TEXT

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵ The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. ⁶ The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷ All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. ⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

N°. 731

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.
^{1°} Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?
It has been already in the ages before us.
¹¹ There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (3rd Century AD)

I believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell¹; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholicⁱⁱ Church; the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ⁱ "Hell,": lit. "Hades," meaning Jesus truly died.

ⁱⁱ"catholic" means "universal," it does not refer to the Roman Catholic church.

*RESPONSIVE READING

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

*New Testament Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.^[d]

¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:22-34

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his^[e] kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

"Liturgy," Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

The Sands of Time are Sinking, N^o. 546

The SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

You are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian who has been admitted to the Lord's Table. Our communion elements are wine and bread. If you are unable to take regular bread and wine, please signal one of the elders (with the trays), and we can provide you with gluten-free bread; non-alcoholic grape juice is found in the innermost ring of the communion trays for those who need to abstain from alcohol.

*HYMN of COMMISSIONING New Songs of Celebration Render, N^o. 14

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

Nº. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Give to Our God Immortal Praise, N^o. 3

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's:

Q. 139. Will he come again?

A. Yes; at the last day Christ will come to judge the world.

Next week's:

Q. 142. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?

A. They shall be cast into hell.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

10/2	Psalms 56	Ephesians 1	Ezra 10
10/3	Psalms 57	Ephesians 2	Nehemiah 1-2
10/4	Psalms 58	Ephesians 3	Nehemiah 3
10/5	Psalms 59	Ephesians 4	Nehemiah 4
10/6	Psalms 60	Ephesians 5	Nehemiah 5
10/7	Psalms 61	Ephesians 6	Nehemiah 6:1-7:4
10/8	Psalms 62	Philemon 1	Nehemiah 7:5-73

PRAYER

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Pray for the Leahmans in Brazil:

- For the Leaman men as Leah travels to Washington state for a wedding.
- Doug and Leah are counseling a couple through a tough marriage crisis. They desire prayer for God's deliverance and that His glory would be shown through the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

Everyone welcome! Meeting at the home of Jonathan and Christa VanGelder. Contact the church for address/directions.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

A study for younger men. Dinner is provided. Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions. October 10th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study. (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

<u>Notes</u>

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