

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

Being in our nature enemies of God and subjects of His wrath and judgment, we are reconciled with Him and placed in His grace by the intercession of Jesus Christ ... in His righteousness and innocence we have remission of our sins.

- *The Geneva Confession (1536)*

The Lord's Day
October 16th, 2016

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

Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

*GLORIA PATRI

N^o. 734

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

*PSALM of PRAISE

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring, N^o. 88

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL to CONFESSION

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess to You, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our sins through Christ Jesus. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to Your Word.

Almighty and merciful Father, restore our souls in Jesus Christ, that we may be merciful and kind, even as You are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Him. Let our love and charity be as abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for His sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain the life eternal through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*At the conclusion of the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

N^o. 73 I

**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

2 Samuel 16:1-14

When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, bearing two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine. ² And the king said to Ziba, "Why have you brought these?" Ziba answered, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who faint in the wilderness to drink." ³ And the king said, "And where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he remains in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.'" ⁴ Then the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." And Ziba said, "I pay homage; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord the king."

⁵ When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. ⁶ And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ⁷ And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man!" ⁸ The Lord has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the Lord has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

⁹Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.” ¹⁰But the king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the Lord has said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’” ¹¹And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the Lord has told him to.” ¹²It may be that the Lord will look on the wrong done to me, and that the Lord will repay me with good for his cursing today.” ¹³So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust. ¹⁴And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan. And there he refreshed himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Large Emden Catechism of the Strangers’ Church, London (1551)

Q. 208. What does this mean, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”?

This: “O heavenly Father! Although all our actions are nothing but sin in thy presence, and our debts daily become greater and increase in number, we beseech thee, do not descend on us in judgment, but through Christ, thy Son, bestow on us, while we are wretched sinners, thy grace and mercy, even as we gladly forgive for the sake of thy name and gladly favor (according to the affection of the heart) all who might have injured us.”

Q. 209. How do we acquire this virtue, that we will forgive our neighbor, who may have seriously offended us, and love him from the heart, and act kindly toward him?

R. We acquire it when we continuously think about and sincerely believe that Christ forgave our sin and died for us, while we were yet sinners; whenever we subjectively clasp within our hearts the love of God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, which expels all envy and begets in us love toward our neighbor. Particularly, if we voluntarily acknowledge that whatever evil our neighbor does to us is deserved, and that this is the Lord's way of repaying and punishing us for our sins, and of teaching us patience.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 3

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM ABSALOM HIS SON.

O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

many are saying of my soul,

there is no salvation for him in God. Selah

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the LORD,

and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

Arise, O LORD!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

you break the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

your blessing be on your people!

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12:3-17

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

The Words We Hear, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*, N^o. 168

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 *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*, N^o. 161

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

10/16	Psalms 145	1 Kings 1:28-2:12	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2
10/17	Psalms 146	1 Kings 2:13-46	1 Timothy 6:3-21
10/18	Psalms 147	1 Kings 3	Titus 1
10/19	Psalms 148	1 Kings 4	Titus 2-3
10/20	Psalms 149-150	1 Kings 5	2 Timothy 1
10/21	Psalms 1-2	1 Kings 6	2 Timothy 2
10/22	Psalms 3-4	1 Kings 7:1-26	2 Timothy 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS and CALENDAR

WPC PRAYER CONFERENCE WITH REV. JOHN SMED

Oct. 28-30th: (see the church's website for more details.)

Friday: Men's Forum. "How to bring prayer into the artery of life and church."

Saturday: Registration at 8:30. Sessions at 9am, 11am, 1:30pm and 3pm. Lunch is provided

Sunday: 9:30: Q&A with John Smed. 11:00: Worship, with Rev. Smed preaching.

ALL-CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Oct. 26th: Meeting at the Fomichenkos, 7PM.

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Meeting at: Clark County Square Dance Center
10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

Times: Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

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Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.

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Deacons: Mr. Taylor Bradley Mr. Christopher Berkompas
Mr. Dave Buhrmaster Mr. Terry Craig
Mr. Dylan Gollehon Mr. Roy Martin (Chairman)
Mr. Dan Seifert Mr. Joseph Sturtevant