

 WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of  
HOLY WORSHIP

*For God cannot be rightly called  
upon, unless our minds be calm  
and peaceable.*

- John Calvin

The Lord's Day  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**W**elcome 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.

## PRELUDE

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

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**  
Young men and maidens together,  
**old men and children!**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for his name alone is exalted!**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

N<sup>o</sup>. 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

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\* *Please stand as you are able*

# \*PSALM OF PRAISE

## From Heaven O Praise the Lord

Psalms 148

From heav'n O praise the LORD; ye heights, His glo - ry raise. All  
LORD,  
Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name; for  
From earth O praise the LORD, ye deeps and all be - low; wild  
Let all the peo - ple praise, and kings of eve - ry land; let  
Je - ho - vah's name be praised a - bove the earth and sky. For

an - gels, praise ac - cord; let all His host give praise. Praise  
when the word He spake they in - to be - ing came. And  
winds that do His word, ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow; ye  
all their voic - es raise who judge and give com - mand. By  
He His saints has raised and set their pow'r on high. Him

Him on high, sun, moon, and star, sun,  
from that place where fixed they be, where  
moun - tains high, ye ce - dars tall. Ye  
young and old, by maid and youth, by  
praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race, O

moon and star, ye heav'ns a - far, and cloud - y sky.  
fixed they be, by His de - cree they can - not pass.  
ce - dars tall, beasts great and small, and birds that fly.  
maid and youth, His name in truth should be ex - tolled.  
Is - rael's race, near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD!

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:9-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

The English Congregation of Geneva (1556)

O eternal God and most merciful Father, we confess and acknowledge here, before Your divine majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that in us there is no goodness. For the flesh evermore rebels against the spirit, whereby we continually transgress your holy precepts and commandments, and so purchase to ourselves, through Your just judgment, death and damnation.

Notwithstanding, O heavenly Father, forasmuch as we are displeased with ourselves for the sins that we have committed against you, and do sincerely repent us of the same, we most humbly implore you, for Jesus Christ's sake: to show your mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and to increase thy Holy Spirit in us, so that we, acknowledging from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness, may from henceforth not only mortify our sinful lusts and affections, but also bring forth fruit that is agreeable to your most blessed will; not for the worthiness thereof, but for the merits of Your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior, whom You have already given as an oblation and offering for our sins.

For His sake we are certainly persuaded that You will deny us nothing that we shall ask in His name, and which is according to Your will. For Your Spirit does assure our consciences that You are our merciful Father, and so You love us, Your children, through Him, and that nothing is able to remove Your heavenly grace and favor from us.

To You, therefore, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide,

**nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,

**so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him**

PSALM OF SALVATION

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, N<sup>o</sup>. 76*

PRAYER FOR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

GIVING OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

N<sup>o</sup>. 731

**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

Song of Songs 4:1-15

Behold, you are beautiful, my love,  
    behold, you are beautiful!  
Your eyes are doves  
    behind your veil.  
Your hair is like a flock of goats  
    leaping down the slopes of Gilead.  
Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes  
    that have come up from the washing,  
    all of which bear twins,  
    and not one among them has lost its young.  
Your lips are like a scarlet thread,  
    and your mouth is lovely.  
Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate  
    behind your veil.  
Your neck is like the tower of David,  
    built in rows of stone;  
    on it hang a thousand shields,  
    all of them shields of warriors.  
Your two breasts are like two fawns,  
    twins of a gazelle,  
    that graze among the lilies.  
Until the day breathes  
    and the shadows flee,  
    I will go away to the mountain of myrrh  
    and the hill of frankincense.  
You are altogether beautiful, my love;  
    there is no flaw in you.  
Come with me from Lebanon, my bride;  
    come with me from Lebanon.

Depart from the peak of Amana,  
from the peak of Senir and Hermon,  
from the dens of lions,  
from the mountains of leopards.  
You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride;  
you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes,  
with one jewel of your necklace.  
How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!  
How much better is your love than wine,  
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!  
Your lips drip nectar, my bride;  
honey and milk are under your tongue;  
the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.  
A garden locked is my sister, my bride,  
a spring locked, a fountain sealed.  
Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates  
with all choicest fruits,  
henna with nard,  
nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,  
with all trees of frankincense,  
myrrh and aloes,  
with all choice spices—  
a garden fountain, a well of living water,  
and flowing streams from Lebanon.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Calvin's Catechism (1545)

Q. 243: What kind of affection should we have in prayer?

**First, that we feel our misery and poverty, and that this feeling should beget sorrow and anguish in us. Secondly, that we have an earnest desire to obtain grace from God. This desire will also kindle our hearts, and engender in us an ardent longing to pray.**

Q. 244: Does this derive from our nature, or from the grace of God?

**Here God must come to our aid, for we are too dull, but the Spirit of God helps us with groanings that cannot be uttered, and forms in our hearts the affection and zeal that God requires.**

**Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 21

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,  
**and in your salvation how greatly he exults!**

You have given him his heart's desire  
**and have not withheld the request of his lips.**

Selah

For you meet him with rich blessings;  
**you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.**

He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
**length of days forever and ever.**

His glory is great through your salvation;  
**splendor and majesty you bestow on him.**

For you make him most blessed forever;  
**you make him glad with the joy of your presence.**

For the king trusts in the Lord,  
**and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.**  
Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
**your right hand will find out those who hate you.**  
You will make them as a blazing oven  
**when you appear.**  
The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,  
**and fire will consume them.**  
You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
**and their offspring from among the children of man.**  
Though they plan evil against you,  
**though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.**  
For you will put them to flight;  
**you will aim at their faces with your bows.**  
Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
**We will sing and praise your power.**  
**Amen.**

\*PSALM OF RESPONSE

*Rejoice, All People, Homage Give, No. 73*

\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

\*SERMON LESSON

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

\*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON     *A Bull Carefully Navigating a China Shop*, Rev. Jerid Krulish

\*COMMUNION HYMN                     *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*, N<sup>o</sup>. 498

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                     *A Christian Home*, N<sup>o</sup>. 719

\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN                     #74<sup>o</sup>



## NOTES

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## WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

*Review Questions 39-41.*

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Psalm 99 - 106; 2 Chronicles 10 - 21; Matthew 27:57 - 28:20; Hebrews 1 - 6

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

- *Sunday School:* Join us (almost) every Sunday as we explore the “History of the Old Testament.” If you have ever been confused about “Bible that Jesus read,” (and who hasn’t?) please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30. All ages welcome.
- *Adult Christmas Dinners:* Sign up to host, and/or to be a guest at our adult Christmas dinners, fun and fellowship for all. Dinners are held Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4-5. You can sign up for one or both nights. **Sign-ups are open until Nov. 22. Please email Aria Krulish, or signup here at church.** Please note: there are no accommodations for children; also note that the purpose is to spend time with the congregation; please, no requests for certain guests.
- *Men’s Forum:* At the Koch’s, Fri., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. 7:00PM.
- *Annual Thanksgiving service:* Nov. 26, 10:00 AM.

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