

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*What greater encouragement can a man have
to fight against his enemy than when he is
sure of the victory before he fights — of final
victory?*

- Richard Sibbes

The Third Lord's Day of Advent
December 13th, 2015

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.

PRELUDE

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 54:6 - 7

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

*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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!, N^o. 198

CALL TO CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:12 - 13

When the righteous triumph, there is great glory,
but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves.

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

* *Please stand as you are able*

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Worship (1908)

Most holy and merciful Father;

We acknowledge and confess in Thy Presence:

Our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses against Thee.

Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned:

In wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts; in forgetting Thy love.

But Thou, O Lord, have pity upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son our Savior.

And O most holy and loving Father: send Thy purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech Thee, that we may henceforth live in Thy light, and walk in Thy ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deuteronomy 33:29

Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you,
a people saved by the Lord,
the shield of your help,
and the sword of your triumph!
Your enemies shall come fawning to you,
and you shall tread upon their backs.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name, N^o. 104

PRAYER FOR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

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

“Put your feet on their necks,” Joshua 10:16 - 28

These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told to Joshua, “The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.” 18 And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, 19 but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the Lord your God has given them into your hand.” 20 When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21 then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave.” 23 And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24 And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings.” Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. 25 And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.” 26 And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees.

And they hung on the trees until evening. 27 But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Hessian Catechism (1607)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten from the Father in eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed lost and accursed man – gained, won from all sins, from death, from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but rather with His holy, dear blood and with His guiltless suffering and death; through which I am His and live in His kingdom under Him, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives, and reigns in eternity. That is certainly true.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Magnificat, Luke 1:46 - 55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on

all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*, No. 26

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-20

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

“No one takes it from me,” John 10:7 - 18

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

In Triumph Over His Enemies, Rev. Jerid Krulish

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

*COMMUNION HYMN

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor, N^o. 230

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 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*, N^o. 195

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



NOTES

WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

A. (Children’s) That because God is our God and Redeemer, we must keep all His commandments.

WEEKLY BIBLE (& THEOLOGICAL) READING

Sun.: Ps. 130-131, WCF 12-13, Rev. 6; *Mon.:* Ps. 132, WCF 14-15, Rev. 7; *Tue.:* Ps. 133-134, WCF 16, Rev. 8; *Wed.:* Ps. 135, WCF 17, Rev. 9; *Thu.:* Ps. 136, WCF 18, Rev. 10; *Fri.:* Ps. 137, WCF 19, Rev. 11; *Sat.:* Ps. 138, WCF 20, Rev. 12;

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.
- *Christmas Evening Worship:* Dec. 20, 6:00 PM. (*Please note the time*).
- *DesRoches Baptism & Baptismal Feast:* Jan. 3
- *There will not be a Men’s Forum in December; it will resume in January.*
- *Sturtevant Baptism & Baptismal Feast:* Jan. 24
- *Presbytery:* Jan. 28-29. (Pastor Krulish, Elder Koch out of town.)

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