

 WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of  
HOLY WORSHIP

*True wisdom is a divine revelation.*

- George Barlow

Palm Sunday  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**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 107:39-43

When they are diminished and brought low  
**through oppression, evil, and sorrow,**  
he pours contempt on princes  
**and makes them wander in trackless wastes;**  
but he raises up the needy out of affliction  
**and makes their families like flocks.**  
The upright see it and are glad,  
**and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
**let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

### \*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

### \*PSALM OF PRAISE

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul, N<sup>o</sup>. 57*

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\* *Please stand as you are able*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeremiah 4:22

“For my people are foolish;  
they know me not;  
they are stupid children;  
they have no understanding.  
They are ‘wise’—in doing evil!  
But how to do good they know not.”

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>i</sup>

**O God, our sins are not hidden from you: we have been foolish our disobedience, and our lusts have been hurtful; we have been even as the beasts before you.**

**We see that our sin is an evil thing, and bitter; that we have forsaken the Lord our God, and that Your fear has not been in us.**

**What shall we say after this, for we have forsaken your commandments? We have sinned, and we know that the wages of sin is death.**

**Lord, we have no where else to turn, and yet you are a God who pardons, who is merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; rich in mercy to all those that call upon you, for the sake of the redemption we have through Christ’s blood. In Him, you have given us the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Your grace, wherein you have abounded toward us in all wisdom and insight.**

**Truly our hope is ever in you: deliver us from all our transgressions, that we may not be the reproach of the foolish, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

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<sup>i</sup> from Psalm 69:5; Titus 3:3; 1 Timothy 6:9; Romans 6:23; Psalm 69:5; Psalm 39:7-8; Ezekiel 33:11; Psalm 86:5, 15; Ephesians 1:7-8, Romans 8:1.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*, N<sup>o</sup>. 469

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 & SERMON TEXT

2 Samuel 3:1-22

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

<sup>2</sup>And sons were born to David at Hebron: his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel; <sup>3</sup>and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; <sup>4</sup>and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; <sup>5</sup>and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

<sup>6</sup> While there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul. <sup>7</sup> Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And Ish-bosheth said to Abner, “Why have you gone in to my father’s concubine?” <sup>8</sup> Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ish-bosheth and said, “Am I a dog’s head of Judah? To this day I keep showing steadfast love to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not given you into the hand of David. And yet you charge me today with a fault concerning a woman. <sup>9</sup> God do so to Abner and more also, if I do not accomplish for David what the Lord has sworn to him, <sup>10</sup> to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba.” <sup>11</sup> And Ish-bosheth could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

<sup>12</sup> And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, “To whom does the land belong? Make your covenant with me, and behold, my hand shall be with you to bring over all Israel to you.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Good; I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you; that is, you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul’s daughter, when you come to see my face.” <sup>14</sup> Then David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul’s son, saying, “Give me my wife Michal, for whom I paid the bridal price of a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.” <sup>15</sup> And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband Paltiel the son of Laish. <sup>16</sup> But her husband went with her, weeping after her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, “Go, return.” And he returned.

<sup>17</sup> And Abner conferred with the elders of Israel, saying, “For some time past you have been seeking David as king over you. <sup>18</sup> Now then bring it about, for the Lord has promised David, saying, ‘By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines, and from the hand of all their enemies.’” <sup>19</sup> Abner also spoke to Benjamin. And then Abner went to tell David at Hebron all that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin thought good to do.

<sup>20</sup> When Abner came with twenty men to David at Hebron, David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. <sup>21</sup> And Abner said to David, “I will arise and go and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and

that you may reign over all that your heart desires.” So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Emden Catechism (1554)

Q. 90: What are you asking for in the sixth petition when saying, “Lead us not into temptation?”

**A. That from here on in our gracious Father will protect us against all harmful temptations of body and soul, and that by His almighty power, both in prosperity and adversity He will bring us through all temptations so that we will not be ensnared in them, but by faith be victorious.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 92

A PSALM. A SONG FOR THE SABBATH.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**and your faithfulness by night,**

to the music of the lute and the harp,

**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O Lord!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

The stupid man cannot know;  
**the fool cannot understand this:**  
that though the wicked sprout like grass  
**and all evildoers flourish,**  
they are doomed to destruction forever;  
**but you, O Lord, are on high forever.**

For behold, your enemies, O Lord,  
for behold, your enemies shall perish;  
**all evildoers shall be scattered.**

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;  
**you have poured over me fresh oil.**  
My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;  
**my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
**and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
**they flourish in the courts of our God.**

They still bear fruit in old age;  
**they are ever full of sap and green,**  
to declare that the Lord is upright;  
**he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

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

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Blessed Lord, in Thee Is Refuge, N<sup>o</sup>. 513*

\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

*The Foolishness of the Righteous and the Wicked*, Rev. Jerid Krulish

\*COMMUNION HYMN      *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*, N<sup>o</sup>. 520

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      *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*, N<sup>o</sup>. 551

\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN      N<sup>o</sup>. 740



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Tue., Mar. 22: Robyn Bloomer Baby shower, 7PM at Berkompas home.

Wed., Mar. 23: Small Group Bible Study #1, at the Fomichenko's house, 7PM. (Please see them for directions). Bring a Bible, pen, and notebook. *Will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.*

Thurs. Mar. 24: Small Group Bible Study #2, at Mark & Cherie Sturtevant's house, 7PM. (Please see them for directions.) This second study will be similar to the study the night prior. *Will be held the day after the study at the Fomichenko's house, regardless of date.*

Fri. Mar. 25: Good Friday service, 7PM at the church.

Sun. Mar. 27: Easter Sunday! Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for worship on this special day.

Fri., Apr. 1: New Baby Celebration for Carreras, Koch home.

Fri., Apr. 8: Heidi Sturtevant's bridal shower, 7PM.

~Looking Ahead~

Our friend Doug Bond will be leading a trip to Germany to visit sites and share the history of the Reformation from June 15-25 this summer, the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the beginning of the Reformation with Martin Luther's 95 Thesis. Visit [www.bondvoyage.webs.com](http://www.bondvoyage.webs.com) for more info.

## WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

**A. [Children’s] “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”**

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

3/20	[Palm Sunday]	Psalms 24	Zechariah 9:9-12	Luke 19:29-40
3/21	[Mon. in Holy Week]	Psalms 71	Isaiah 42:1-7	Matthew 21:12-46
3/22	[Tue. in Holy Week]	Psalms 12	Isaiah 49:1-7	Matthew 22
3/23	[Wed. in Holy Week]	Psalms 55	Isaiah 50:4-11	Matthew 23
3/24	[Maunday Thursday]	Psalms 102	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 26:1-25
3/25	[Good Friday]	Psalms 54	Zechariah 13:7-9	John 18
3/26	[Holy Saturday]	Psalms 88	Job 19:21-27a	1 Peter 3:17-21

## HYMN OF THE MONTH

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, No. 277. (Following page)

## NOTES

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n, *Alleluia!*  
Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Meeting at:* Clark County Square Dance Center  
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*Times:* Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

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Mr. Dave Buhrmaster                      Mr. Terry Craig  
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