

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*And behold, the tears of the
oppressed, and they had no one to
comfort them!*

-Ecclesiastes 4:1

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 3rd, 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.

PRELUDE

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*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

Sing Praise to the Lord! N^o. 21

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:27-28

Zion shall be redeemed by justice,

and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

But rebels and sinners shall be broken together,

and those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

* *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

Genevan Liturgy, 1541

Eternal and Almighty Father;

We acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death.

But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

Thou Art the Way, N^o. 154

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 & SERMON TEXT

2 Samuel 3:22-39

Just then the servants of David arrived with Joab from a raid, bringing much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David at Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. ²³When Joab and all the army that was with him came, it was told Joab, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has let him go, and he has gone in peace." ²⁴Then Joab went to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is it that you have sent him away, so that he is gone?" ²⁵You know that Abner the son of Ner came to deceive you and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing."

²⁶When Joab came out from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the cistern of Sirah. But David did not know about it. ²⁷And when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the stomach, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. ²⁸Afterward, when David heard of it, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever guiltless before the Lord for the blood of Abner the son of Ner. ²⁹May it fall upon the head of Joab and upon all his father's house, and may the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge or who is leprous or who holds a spindle or who falls by the sword or

who lacks bread!”³⁰ So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

³¹ Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, “Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and mourn before Abner.” And King David followed the bier.³² They buried Abner at Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.³³ And the king lamented for Abner, saying, “Should Abner die as a fool dies?

³⁴ Your hands were not bound;
your feet were not fettered;
as one falls before the wicked
you have fallen.”

And all the people wept again over him.

³⁵ Then all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was yet day. But David swore, saying, “God do so to me and more also, if I taste bread or anything else till the sun goes down!”³⁶ And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them, as everything that the king did pleased all the people.³⁷ So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king’s will to put to death Abner the son of Ner.³⁸ And the king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?³⁹ And I was gentle today, though anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah, are more severe than I. The Lord repay the evildoer according to his wickedness!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 5.

Question 12. Since then, by the righteous judgment of God, we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, is there no way by which we may escape that punishment, and be again received into favor?

A: God will have his justice satisfied: and therefore we must make this full satisfaction, either by ourselves, or by another.

Question 13. Can we ourselves then make this satisfaction?

A: By no means; but on the contrary we daily increase our debt.

Question 14. Can there be found anywhere, one, who is a mere creature, able to satisfy for us?

A: None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man has committed; and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it.

Question 15. What sort of a mediator and deliverer then must we seek for?

A: For one who is very man, and perfectly righteous; and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is also very God.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103

OF DAVID.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

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.

For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his word,

obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works,

in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart N^o. 48

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON & SERMON TEXT

James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come

and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

Injustice and the Kingdom of God, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia!, N^o. 283

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

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*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

- Fri., Apr. 8: Heidi Sturtevant's bridal shower, 7PM.
Mon., Apr. 11: Women's Book Study and Scripture Troupe, 1:45-4pm. 11117 NE
189th St., Battle Ground, WA
Fri., Apr. 15: Men's forum at the Berkompas'.

ALL-CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES

- Wed., Apr. 13: Meeting at the Fomichenko's.
Thurs., Apr. 14: Meeting at the Sturtevant's.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

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WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Review q. 52-54.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

4/3	Psalm 84	Exodus 39	Matthew 27:1-26
4/4	Psalm 85	Exodus 40	Matthew 27:27-56
4/5	Psalm 86	Leviticus 1-2	Matthew 27:57-28:20
4/6	Psalm 87	Leviticus 3:1-4:21	Hebrews 1
4/7	Psalm 88	Leviticus 4:22-5:19	Hebrews 2
4/8	Psalm 89	Leviticus 6	Hebrews 3
4/9	Psalm 90	Leviticus 7	Hebrews 4:1-13

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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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