

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

“The law may express sin but it cannot suppress sin.”

- *Thomas Adams*

Pentecost
June 4th, 2017

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 35:27-28

Let those who delight in my righteousness
shout for joy and be glad
and say evermore,
“Great is the Lord,
who delights in the welfare of his servant!”
Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.”

*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

Glory Be to God the Father

* *Please stand as you are able*

Glory Be To God the Father

Horatius Bonar, 1868

Gregory D Wilbur, 2011

D B min G D/F# G B min B min7/A G

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry
 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain! Glo - ry
 Glo - ry to the king of an - gels, Glo - ry to the Church - 's king, Glo - ry
 "Glo-ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Ho-nor,

D DMaj7/C# min G D/F# B min D/A G D/F# Asus4 B min D/A

be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry,
 be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo-ry,
 to the king of na - tions! Heavenand earth, your prais - es bring; Glo-ry,
 rich - es, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo-ry,

G D/F# D A/C# B min G D/F# Emin7/G A D

glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

CALL to CONFESSION

Matthew 23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

French Reformed Church of Frankfurt (1555)

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we recognize and confess frankly that in the presence of your most holy Majesty we are wretched sinners, and that we, even from the first beginning by which we were conceived and born, are prone toward every evil and strangers from every good: because of this vice we continually transgress your most holy laws, and for that reason procure destruction for ourselves by your most just judgment.

But nevertheless, Lord God, we do repent so to have offended your goodness, and therefore we condemn ourselves all our excessively wicked deeds, praying that you would hasten to the aid of this our calamity in keeping with your mercy. Pity all of us, therefore, O most merciful and piteous God and Father, we implore you by the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and forgive our vices that have been wiped away and all our filth that has been washed away, and increase day by day the power and gifts of your Holy Spirit in us, because of whom we, truly and earnestly understanding our misery and recognizing our unrighteousness, may truly repent, in order that we, having died to sin by this repentance, may hereafter abound in the fruits of righteousness and innocence, by which we may please you through Jesus Christ your Son, our only Redeemer and Mediator.

Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 3:23-25

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN OF SALVATION

Wondrous King, All-Glorious, N^o. 166

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

N^o. 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

Ezekiel 5

“And you, O son of man, take a sharp sword. Use it as a barber’s razor and pass it over your head and your beard. Then take balances for weighing and divide the hair. 2 A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. And a third part you shall take and strike with the sword all around the city. And a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will unsheathe the sword after them. 3 And you shall take from these a small number and bind them in the skirts of your robe. 4 And of these again you shall take some and cast them into the midst of the fire and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will come out into all the house of Israel.

5 “Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. 6 And she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes. 7 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, and have not even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you, 8 therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. 9 And because of all your abominations I will do with you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again. 10 Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments on you, and any of you who survive I will scatter to all the winds. 11 Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord God, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will withdraw. My eye will not spare, and I will have no pity. 12 A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them.

13 “Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury upon them and satisfy myself. And they shall know that I am the Lord—that I have spoken in my jealousy—when I spend my fury upon them. 14 Moreover, I will make you a desolation and an object of reproach among the nations all around you and in the sight of all who pass by. 15 You shall be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and a horror, to the nations all around you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and fury, and with furious rebukes—I am the Lord; I have spoken— 16 when I send against you the deadly arrows of famine, arrows for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, and when I bring more and more famine upon you and break your supply of bread. 17 I will send famine and wild beasts against you, and they will rob you of your children. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword upon you. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Second Helvetic Confession (1566)

The law of God, therefore, is thus far abrogated; that is, it does not henceforth condemn neither work wrath in us. "For we are under grace, and not under the law". Moreover, Christ did fulfill all the figures of the Law. Wherefore, the shadow ceased, when the body came; so that, in Christ, we have now all truth and fullness. Yet we do not therefore disdain or reject the Law. We remember the words of the Lord saying, "I came not to destroy the Law and the prophets, but to fulfill them". We know that in the Law are described unto us the kinds of virtues and vices. We know that the Scripture of the Law if it is expounded by the gospel is very profitable to the church, and that, therefore, the reading of it is not to be banished out of the church. For although the countenance of Moses was covered with a veil, yet the apostle affirms that the veil is taken away and abolished by Christ. We condemn all things which the old or new heretics have taught against the Law of God.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 130

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Amen.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT

Galatians 3:19-26

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

"Why Then the Law?," Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts, N^o. 242

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise, N^o. 305

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Savior, Blessed Savior N^o. 531

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

Q. 38. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A: No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

5/28	Psalms 70	Luke 16:19-17:10	Hosea 13-14
5/29	Psalms 71	Luke 17:11-37	Joel 1
5/30	Psalms 72	Luke 18:1-17	Joel 2:1-27
5/31	Psalms 73	Luke 18:18-43	Joel 2:28-3:21
6/1	Psalms 74	Luke 19:1-27	Amos 1-2
6/2	Psalms 75	Luke 19:28-48	Amos 3-4
6/3	Psalms 33	Ezekiel 36:22-28	1 John 1

MISSIONARY UPDATE

From the Boceks in Turkey

- Pray that they will be able to effectively minister to Christian Syrian Refugees. Governments are busy helping the 3 million Muslim refugees. No government (not the US, not Turkish, not European) is helping Christians from Syria. These countries give welfare services only to Muslims.
- For peace in Turkey under a turbulent civil government.
- For God to abundantly bless the Boeck's ministry in Turkey: for the saints to be edified and for the lost to be called unto Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

ALL-CHURCH GOSPEL OF JOHN STUDY

Meeting at the Krulish's home, this week only. Usually at the Fomichenkos.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

ELDER NOMINATIONS

The church is receiving nominations for men to the office of elder. Candidates must be male members of the church. To be received as a nominee, the candidate must be nominated by 2 individuals who are (a) of no relation to the nominee, and (b) of no relation to one another. Nominations are open between now and June 18th.

NOTES

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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

Contact us: (360) 602-1501 🍀 admin@solochristo.org
Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.

Elders: Mr. Tom Berkompas Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)
Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)

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