

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
PUBLIC WORSHIP

"Adoption ... is the highest privilege that the
gospel offers: higher even than justification."

- *J.I. Packer*

The Lord's Day
June 25th, 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 96:7-9

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

*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

O Worship the King, N^o. 2

CALL to CONFESSION

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

* *Please stand as you are able*

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

The Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate (1585)

We poor sinners acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and we heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*After the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

HYMN OF SALVATION

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less!, N^o. 521

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

Deuteronomy 32:1-6

“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
² May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distill as the dew,
like gentle rain upon the tender grass,
and like showers upon the herb.
³ For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God!
⁴ “The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.
⁵ They have dealt corruptly with him;
they are no longer his children because they are blemished;
they are a crooked and twisted generation.
⁶ Do you thus repay the Lord,
you foolish and senseless people?
Is not he your father, who created you,
who made you and established you?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 12: Of Adoption

All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, “Abba, Father”, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a Father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 102

A PRAYER OF ONE AFFLICTED, WHEN HE IS FAINT AND POURS OUT HIS COMPLAINT BEFORE THE LORD.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

let my cry come to you!

Do not hide your face from me

in the day of my distress!

Incline your ear to me;

answer me speedily in the day when I call!

For my days pass away like smoke,
 and my bones burn like a furnace.
My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
 I forget to eat my bread.
Because of my loud groaning
 my bones cling to my flesh.
I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
 like an owl of the waste places;
I lie awake;
 I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
All the day my enemies taunt me;
 those who deride me use my name for a curse.
For I eat ashes like bread
 and mingle tears with my drink,
because of your indignation and anger;
 for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
My days are like an evening shadow;
 I wither away like grass.

But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.**

For your servants hold her stones dear

and have pity on her dust.

Nations will fear the name of the Lord,

and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

For the Lord builds up Zion;

he appears in his glory;

he regards the prayer of the destitute

and does not despise their prayer.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

He has broken my strength in midcourse;

he has shortened my days.

“O my God,” I say, “take me not away

in the midst of my days—

you whose years endure

throughout all generations!”

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.
The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.
Amen.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT

Galatians 4:1-11

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

“The Audacity of Children,” Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

Not What My Hands Have Done, N^o. 461

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

Blessed Are the Sons of God, N^o. 526

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 74^o



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Glory Be to God the Father

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's: Q. 55. Who will be saved?

A. Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ, and lead holy lives.

Next week's Q. 72. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

A. Ten commandments.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

6/25	Psalms 95	Acts 7:1-43	Zephaniah 3
6/26	Psalms 96	Acts 7:44-60	Haggai 1-2
6/27	Psalms 97	Acts 8:1-25	Zechariah 1-2
6/28	Psalms 98	Acts 8:26-40	Zechariah 3-4
6/29	Psalms 99	Acts 9:1-22	Zechariah 5-6
6/30	Psalms 100-101	Acts 9:23-43	Zechariah 7-8
7/1	Psalms 102	Acts 10	Zechariah 9-10

PRAYER

MISSIONARY UPDATE

The Deacons recently took up a love offering for the Kruzchkovs in Russia, in order to help meet ongoing financial needs and to fix his car. The congregation stepped up and gave \$3,215.

Praise God for the generous hearts of His people.

Adoration

We also worship the Holy Ghost the Comforter, whom the Son hath sent from the Father, even the Spirit of truth who proceedeth from the Father, and who is sent to teach us all things, and to bring all things to our remembrance; who indited the scriptures, holy men of God writing them as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. John 15:26. John 14:26. 2 Peter 1:21.

We adore thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth; and the eternal Word, who was in the beginning with God, and was God, by whom all things were made, and without whom was not any thing made that was made, and who in the fulness of time was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and shewed his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Matthew 11:25. John 1:1, 2, 3. Galatians 4:4. John 1:14.

Thou hast proclaimed thy name: The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. And this name of thine is our strong tower. Exodus 34:6, 7. Proverbs 18:10.

Confession

We have set those affections on things beneath, which should have been set on things above, where our treasure is, and where Christ sits on the right hand of God, the things which we should seek. Colossians 3:2, 1. Matthew 6:21.

We have named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2:19.

We have minded the things of the flesh more than the things of the Spirit, and have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton, and have nourished our hearts as in a day of slaughter. Romans 8:5. James 5:5.

Petition

Lord, all our desire is before thee, and our groaning is not hid from thee; even the groanings which cannot be uttered: For he that searcheth the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit. Psalm 38:9. Romans 8:26, 27.

From the fulness that is in Jesus Christ (in whom it pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell) let every one of us receive, and grace for grace. John 1:16. Colossians 1:19.

Lord, give us to seek not our own only, but every one his brother's welfare. 1 Corinthians 10:24.

Thanks

Let our souls bless the Lord, and let all that is within us bless his holy name; yea, let our souls bless the Lord, and not forget any of his benefits. Psalm 103:1, 2.

Thy goodness is thy glory, and it is that for which all thy works do praise thee, and thy saints do bless thee. Exodus 33:19. Psalm 145:10.

If we have lived joyfully with our relations, and they have been to us as the loving hind and as the pleasant roe, we must give thee thanks for it; for every creature is that to us, and no more, that thou makest it to be. Ecclesiastes 9:9. Proverbs 5:19.

Intercession

We pray, as we are taught, for all men, believing that this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth, and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all. 1 Timothy 2:1, 3, 4, 6.

Let the Lord whom we seek come to his temple like a refiner's fire, and fuller's soap, and let him purify the sons of Levi, and all the seed of Israel, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness, pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years. Malachi 3:1-4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

ALL-CHURCH GOSPEL OF JOHN STUDY

Meeting at the Fomichenko's home.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

CHURCH PICNIC/FELLOWSHIP MEAL

At the home of Mark and Cherie Sturtevant

Today (Sunday, June 25) after church

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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

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