

# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

Never put your finger on someone's faults unless it is  
part of a helping hand.

*- Anonymous*

The Lord's Day  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### \*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

### \*HYMN of PRAISE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, N<sup>o</sup>. 30*

### 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.

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\* *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

from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your Holy name.

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Isaiah 49:8

Thus says the Lord:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;  
in a day of salvation I have helped you;”

## DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

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

## HYMN OF SALVATION

*One There Is, above All Others* N<sup>o</sup>. 186

## PRAYER, and 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

1 Chronicles 19:10-15

When Joab saw that the battle was set against him both in front and in the rear, he chose some of the best men of Israel and arrayed them against the Syrians. <sup>11</sup>The rest of his men he put in the charge of Abishai his brother, and they were arrayed against the Ammonites. <sup>12</sup>And he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will help you." <sup>13</sup>Be strong, and let us use our strength for our people and for the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what seems good to him." <sup>14</sup>So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Syrians for battle, and they fled before him. <sup>15</sup>And when the Ammonites saw that the Syrians fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, Joab's brother, and entered the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 40*

What does God require in the sixth Commandment?

**That I do not revile, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor either in thought, word, or gesture, much less in deed, whether by myself or by, but lay aside all desire of revenge; moreover, that I do not harm myself, nor willfully run into any danger. Wherefore also to restrain murder the magistrate is armed with the sword.**

Does this Commandment speak only of killing?

**No, but in forbidding murder God teaches us that He abhors its very root, namely, envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge; and that in His sight all these are hidden murder.**

But is this all that is required: that we do not kill our neighbor?

**No, for in condemning envy, hatred, and anger, God requires us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy, and kindness toward him, and to prevent his hurt as much as possible; also, to do good even unto our enemies.  
Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*RESPONSIVE READING The Decalogue, *with* New Testament Readings

Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me."

**For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.  
(1 Corinthians 8.6)**

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

**Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)**

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain."

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17)**

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

**There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.**

**(Hebrews 4:9-10)**

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

**Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.**

**(Colossians 3:20)**

“You shall not murder.”

**“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 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.” (Matthew 5:21-22)**

“You shall not commit adultery.”

**Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4)**

“You shall not steal.”

**We urge you, brothers, to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)**

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

**Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)**

“You shall not covet.”

**Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)**

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT Galatians 5:25-6:5**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 7:1-5**

“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



\*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

*“Keep In Step with the Spirit,”* Rev. Jerid Krulish

\*COMMUNION HYMN

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us  
life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of  
sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may  
enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King,  
And so with thankfulness and faith we  
rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

## 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

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer, N<sup>o</sup>. 65*◦

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N<sup>o</sup>. 74



## HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, N<sup>o</sup>. 338

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

*This week's:*

Q. 134. What does the bread represent?

A. The body of Christ, broken for our sins.

*Next week's:*

Q. 135. What does the wine represent?

A. The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

9/11	Psalms 34	Romans 1	Esther 7-8
9/12	Psalms 35	Romans 2	Esther 9-10
9/13	Psalms 36	Romans 3	Daniel 1
9/14	Psalms 37	Romans 4	Daniel 2
9/15	Psalms 38	Romans 5	Daniel 3
9/16	Psalms 39	Romans 6	Daniel 4
9/17	Psalms 40	Romans 7	Daniel 5

## PRAYER

### *MISSIONARY UPDATE*

Pray for the Kruzchkovs in Russia:

- The first ever SRS-sponsored church building is now functioning! Pastor Ruslan, Light to the World Church, reports that the 6 days-a-week men's devotional discussion has grown from 2 men to 7, just from using the new facility. Praise God! The Holy Spirit is pushing the Gospel and the Church where they have never been before!
- The hard news is that Anton Moroz, Ruslan and Olga's young adult son, a 2016 graduate of Covenant High School of Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Tacoma, WA, has been diagnosed with tuberculosis. This means every adult member of Ruslan's family has now contracted this disease. Anton is being treated in Vladivostok.
- Please pray for Romanovka! Pray that Anton Moroz would be healed of TB and enjoy a full recovery; that God would have mercy on Romanovka and even the entire Far East by giving wisdom and boldness to doctors and officials to address and eradicate TB; also pray that the use of the new church building will open many doors for the Gospel and that God will use it to provide blessings to Light to the World Church and the village of Romanovka.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

### GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

*Everyone welcome! Meeting at the home of Jonathan and Christa VanGelder. Contact the church of address/directions.*

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

### YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

*A study for younger men. Dinner is provided. Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions.*

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

## Notes



# WESTMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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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*Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.*

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

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