

CONFESSION OF SIN (congregation seated)

O God, we confess how often we act out of fear.
In our daily lives, we try to remain faithful to you and treat others with dignity,
but when we are afraid, we abandon what we believe.
On Sunday morning, we speak and sing of justice, love, truth, and community,
but on Monday morning, we keep silent and forsake our call.
On Monday morning, our courage and convictions fade into the background
of our busy and distracted lives.
We fear being misunderstood by someone who is different from us.
We fear saying the wrong thing in a tense situation.
We fear someone will realize we are not as enlightened
as would we like others to think we are.
We fear losing our power and privilege.
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit within us.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Swee Hong Lim



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died
for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, believe the gospel.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HS No. 84

Through north and south and east and west
may God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun, God's reign begins;
God's will be done: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

MINISTRY MOMENT — STEWARDSHIP

David Saunier

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-15

(OT pg. 48)

ANTHEM (11:00) *Open Book*
Nadine Roddy, marsh reed flute

Terry Bradley
Transcribed by Jane Edmister Penner

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14

(NT pg. 199)

SERMON **Rekindling the Gift Within**

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN *My Lord! What a Morning* No. 449

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Concerto in A Minor: Adagio* Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Bach

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 591
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* No. 474

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Concerto in F Major: Allegro* Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Bach

Following the benediction, it is fine to exit or remain for the Closing Voluntary;
however, everyone is encouraged to go to the Fellowship Hall for refreshment and fellowship.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2016*

*"Grant rather that the words of fire which you speak to others
through my mouth may equally bring enlightenment and warmth to my inmost
being, that as a torch-bearer bringing light to others I may likewise enlighten
myself. May true warmth be kindled in me."*

Jean-Pierre Camus

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort
and restore me.
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of
all that love me,
Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger.
Amen.*

St. Patrick

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Canzona in G Minor* Domenico Zipoli

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,
God rekindles the gift of faith in us.*

*We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the
branches of the tree of life,*

**knowing that while friends may turn against us,
God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

*We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,
God prepares a feast for us.*

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*HYMN *O Day of Radiant Gladness* No. 470

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.