

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019



*The Church is to be
a community of faith,
entrusting itself to God alone,
even at the risk of losing its life.*

Book of Order, F-1.0301

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping here today! Feel free to take a *Welcome to Westminster* pamphlet from the pew rack. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible. If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dieterich Buxtehude

◆ Call to Worship

All creation proclaims the mysterious love of God.

God's love permeates the deepest darkness.

The light of God shines on us with new hope.

Call us, O God, to be people of compassion and justice.

Open our hearts, O God, to see your light and live in your hope.

Let us prepare our hearts, minds, and hands for service.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and put new and right spirits within us.

Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana,

we need a change.

We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We are discouraged in the face of injustice,

divided politics, racially-motivated hatred, and gun violence.

We need a change.

Yes, Lord, we need a change:

a change in our own attitude,

a change in how we do business,

a change in our priorities,

a change in our understanding of mercy,

a change in our hearts.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and put new and right spirits within us.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS No. 74

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The psalmist prays to God:

“Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are restored, forgiven, and made whole.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response



All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!
With all the an - gel choir re - jice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

Announcements for the Church and Community

Time for Children and Youth

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

OT pg. 651

Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-12

NT pg. 54

Sermon

The Church of Self or Soul?

Ken Henry

◆ Litany for Reception of New Members

The church is a family of people with a variety of gifts, united by the Spirit revealed in Jesus of Nazareth. By this Spirit, we are joined in caring, forgiving, helping and loving one another.

Thanks be to God.

The church is the people of God, with a diversity of needs, ideas and visions, inspired by the Spirit burning through the words and deeds of Jesus, as told in the Scripture. By this Spirit, we are opened to the world and all people as our sisters and brothers.

Thanks be to God.

The Spirit of Christ restores and redeems creation, bringing order out of chaos, unity in the midst of disunity, life in the midst of death.

Thanks be to God.

Presenting New Members

Jeannie Miller, Ruling Elder

Question to New Members

Will you be faithful members of this congregation and share in its worship and ministry? And will you through your fellowship, study and service, seek to fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ? I will.

Question to the Congregation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these new members in word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and be a faithful members of Westminster Presbyterian Church? We do.

Prayer and Deacons' Welcome

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

The Offering

Offertory

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

◆ Presentation of the 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

◆ Hymn 452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

◆ The Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich

Dieterich Buxtehude

◆ Please stand, if you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Dick Haines
in loving memory of Charity Haines.*

Christian Education

*Join us on Sunday mornings for a class that can
enrich your perspective and experience at Westminster.*

Join us today at 9:30 a.m.:

**Old Testament from Scratch - Introduction:
The Bible**, Lynne Clements, Library

Louise Penny Book Studies, Betsy Donohoe,
Room 209

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208

Next Sunday, January 27:

Old Testament from Scratch - The Law, Hal
Collums, Library

Louise Penny Book Studies, Betsy Donohoe,
Room 209

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208

Participants in Worship

Liturgist

Lynne Clements

Greeters

Jane and Carl Matthews

Sound Engineer

Mike Moore

Ushers

Phil Best (Head)

Dan Heuchert

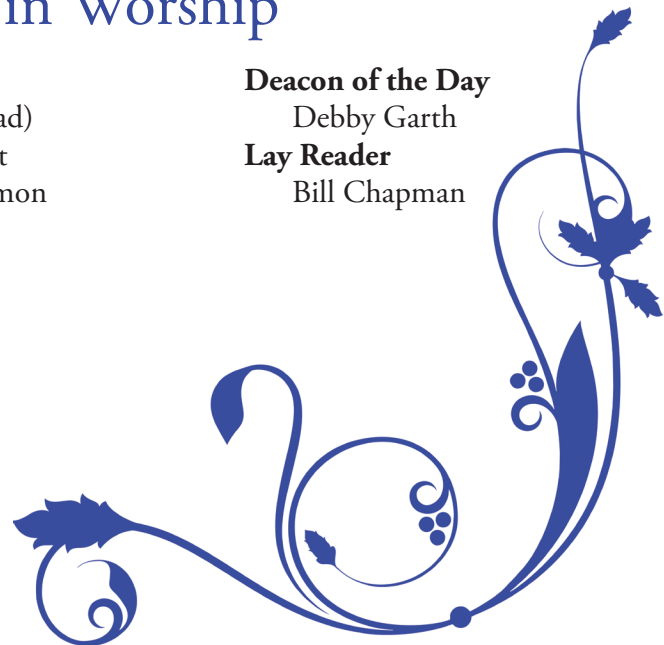
Christa Livermon

Deacon of the Day

Debby Garth

Lay Reader

Bill Chapman



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Coming Up

Sunday, January 20

11 a.m. Worship with Reception of New Members

12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting, followed by Congregational Lunch and welcoming new members

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office Closed

Wednesday, January 23

6:30 p.m. Peace, Justice & Inclusion Ministry, lower lounge

Thursday, January 24

4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal, choir room
7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, choir room

Sunday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour
12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal, choir room

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WESTMINSTER EVENTS

Welcome our New Members today, not only in worship but as part of the Congregational Lunch, following the Annual Meeting. Get to know these newest members of our church family:

Gail Hassmer

Peter and Jessica Dimmick

Colin Lee

William McBride

Rebecca McGregor

Luanne Murphy

Ann and Barry Parks

Jana and Richard Surdi

Jean Turrentine

Martha and Ken Wertz

Prayer Shawl Ministry — Join us on Monday, January 21, from 6:30 to 7 p.m., in the lower lounge for a time of sharing, praying and knitting/crocheting. Perhaps this is one of your New Year's resolutions...we hope you will be part of this special ministry. Call Beth Hochstetler, 978-1674, if you have any questions.

Souper Bowl of Caring has begun! Bring your cans and non-perishable items to the Fellowship Hall through February 3. One hundred percent of our collection helps families in our community. Together, let's tackle hunger!

PACEM — This year Westminster will host the PACEM (People and Congregations Engaging in Ministry) men's homeless shelter, March 9-23, and, based on previous years, we will likely host 40-50 guests each night in Fellowship Hall. This ministry is one of the best ways that we can fulfill our Christian commitment to love all our neighbors. It's a pleasure to get to know our guests and share time with them. Please visit <http://bit.ly/PACEM2019>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DREAMers on Grounds at UVA have organized a vigil on Friday, January 25, at 6 p.m. at the Amphitheater on Grounds. (If you're on Facebook, you can share the event with your friends.) The vigil is in remembrance of the lives lost in detention centers/ICE custody in the past two years, including the lives of the two children who died during the students' Christmas break. Show your support of the students as they organize and grieve, demonstrating that you, too, are mournful about the conditions that led to this loss of life and liberty.

