

Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019



*I am the dust and the ashes
of the temple of the Holy Ghost,
and what marble is so precious?
But I am more than dust and ashes:
I am my best part, I am my soul.*

John Donne

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us 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

Ach wie flüchtig, ach wie nichtig

Georg Böhm

◆ Call to Worship

*Strength is commanding
the wind and sea to obey,*

**Strength is wielding
a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

*Strength is standing in solidarity
with the powerless.*

Strength is turning a cheek.

*Strength is loving an enemy. We come to worship
a God who redefines our vision of strength.*

◆ Hymn 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Ljons

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection
but are caught in the worries of the world.

We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life
but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.

Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

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

HS No. 74

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news: Those who are in Christ are a new creation;
the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.
All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.
And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ 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 is done:
Alleluia, 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 11:00

Prayer for PACEM Guests and Volunteers

God's Word to Us

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

NT pg. 60

Anthem 11:00

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-49

NT pg. 166

Sermon

Of Dust and Heaven

Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Creator almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.
He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

"An Inclusive Apostles' Creed" from The United Methodist Church

◆ Hymn 346 11:00

Christ, You Are the Fullness

Arirang

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Angel Band

music: William B. Bradbury

words: Jefferson Hascall

11:00

Ubi caritas et amor

arr. Christoph Dalitz

sung in Latin

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are gathered into one body,
beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,
and may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we with the saints also,
see Thy face in glory, O Christ our God: The joy that is immense and good,
unto the ages through infinite ages.

◆ 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

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection
but are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life
but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.**

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

◆ Hymn HS 25

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Ryburn

◆ Benediction

Changed by the Servant Christ, send us and together we will go!

Changed through patient waiting for the Lord, send us and together we will go!

Changed by the Suffering Servant, send us and together we will go!

Changed by Christ's victory over death, send us and together we will go!

Changed by the peace of the Risen Lord, send us and together we will go!

Changed by God's steadfast love, send us and together we will go!

Changed by the Good Shepherd, send us and together we will go!

United in the reign of Christ, send us and together we will go!

Closing Voluntary

Canzona

Dieterich Buxtehude

- ◆ Please stand, if you are able.

Participants in Worship

Liturgist

Lynne Clements

Ushers

8:30 Dave Spence (head)

Jack Townsend

11:00 Dave Spence (head)

Candace Spence

Jana Surdi

Sound Engineer

8:30 Michael Constanzo

11:00 Elton Oliver

Music Participants

8:30 Ken Henry, guitar, vocals

Nancy Takahashi, bass

Mark Outlaw, mandolin

Jack Townsend, banjo

Elton Oliver, banjo

John Kleinschmidt,

guitar, vocals

11:00 Dana Patek, soprano

Steve Patek, tenor

Deacon of the Day

Lynn Moore

Fellowship Team

Pam Rini

Liza Millett

Lay Reader

8:30 Sheila Hazen

11:00 Judy Sands

Greeters

8:30 Irene Townsend

11:00 Virginia Rovnyak

Debbie Garth

Hearing Enhancement – Westminster is equipped with personal hearing assistance devices for use by our worshippers. These are available in the narthex, to be checked out from the ushers before services. Our sanctuary is equipped with “T-coil” technology.

Large-Print versions of the bulletin, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, and our own *Hymnal Supplement* are available for use during the service. If you would like to use any of these large print copies, please ask an usher.

Children and Worship – Families are encouraged to worship together, whenever possible. We strive to include children who are first graders and older in our worship service. Children’s pew Bibles, children’s bulletins, and worship bags are available from the ushers. A “comfort room” is available downstairs for those with small children who might need a place to rest or play. A speaker in that room makes it possible to hear the service.

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 - The Prophets,
Hal Collums, Library

Poetry of the Hebrew Bible - Old Testament
Ken Henry, Room 209

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208

Next Sunday, March 3:

Old Testament from Scratch - The Writings,
Rebecca McGregor, Library

A Touch of Sage-ing, Lynn Moore, Room 209

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208

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Coming Up

Sunday, February 24

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,
Youth and Adults

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday rehearsal,
sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal,
choir room

Wednesday, February 27

5 p.m. Lectureship Committee,
lounge

Thursday, February 28

4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal,
choir room

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

Friday, March 1

7 p.m. Pre-Concer Talk, sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert,
sanctuary

Sunday, March 3

8:30 & 11 a.m. Youth Sunday
Worship

9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,
Youth and Adults

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Join the **Men's Breakfast** at Moose by the Creek on Thursday, February 28. We'll have coffee at 8 a.m. and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to gather with other men from Westminster to share good conversation and a meal. You're welcome to bring a friend!

The **Westminster Organ Concert Series** continues its 39th season on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., with Italian organist Edoardo Bellotti. A renowned performer and improviser, Mr. Bellotti has taught in Italy, Germany, and the U.S., where he was Assoc. Professor of Organ, Harpsichord and Improvisation at Eastman School of Music. Currently, he is Professor of Organ at the Hochschule für Künste in Bremen, Germany. His program includes music by Buxtehude, Handel, Bach, and Kuhnau. A pre-concert talk by organbuilder John Boody will begin at 7 p.m. The concert is free, open to the public, and will be followed by a reception.

PACEM is coming to Westminster soon — March 9-23! There are still opportunities to serve as evening hosts or overnight volunteers. Sign up online or in-person in Fellowship Hall after worship. Important dates: Training for New Volunteers is Feb. 24 after the 11 a.m. service, with an alternate date of March 3. Then, on Thursday, March 7, at 4:30 p.m., administrator Sandy Wilcox will conduct a walk-through of the church facilities that we use for PACEM. New volunteers are welcome!

SUNDAY CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

The Nature of Lament — This Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Ken Henry will give a presentation on *The Book of Lamentations* and the nature of lament. What does it mean for us to lament over what was done in the past, our missed opportunities? Through text study and discussion, we will also explore how and if poetry can provide us with the language of grief and healing. Jack Townsend will be assisting, Room 209.

Come next Sunday, March 3, to a **class on "Sage-ing"** at 9:30 a.m. Sage-ing work is about honoring the past, looking to the future and living in the present. It's about helping "elders" reclaim their role as leaders by sharing wisdom gained through life experience, Room 209.

