

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019



*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today through the mighty strength
of the Lord of creation.*

St. Patrick

Welcome 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

Folk Song

Percy Whitlock

◆ Call to Worship

For such a time as this,

we gather this day to give thanks to God, for God is good.

For such a time as this,

God calls us into community, to be the Body of Christ and to find our courage.

For such a time as this,

we give thanks for speakers and prophets who spoke on our behalf.

Remember, Amos did not remain silent.

Remember, Esther did not remain silent.

Martin Luther King, Jr. did not remain silent,

neither did Jesus remain silent.

All of these spoke of a truth rooted in God's love.

Therefore, all God's people, everywhere, find your courage.

Speak love.

Speak justice.

Speak out!

◆ Hymn 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, as much as we desire to speak love, to speak justice, and to speak out,
we confess that there are days and situations when we remain silent.**

When those around us speak falsehoods, we do not challenge their authority.

We do not voice our concerns.

When those around us speak half-truths, our words fail us.

We are ashamed. Help us to speak the truth in love.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.

Open to us a future in which hearts and minds can be changed;

**and grant us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

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 John 8:2-11
This is Good News for God's people. For through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response No. 83
All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and evermore.

◆ Sharing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements for the Church and Community 11:00

Time for Children and Youth 11:00

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson Amos 7:7-15 OT pg. 806

Anthem 11:00 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* African-American Spiritual
I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey. arr. Nolan Williams
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. and Carl Haywood

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when the shades of life are falling,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; when my heart within is aching,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:16-20, 26-31 NT pg. 10

Sermon Speaking without Fear Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith
What shall we do?
We shall love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds, and souls.
We shall follow the teachings of Jesus and listen to him.
We shall put our trust in God's Holy Spirit.
We shall walk by faith and not by sight. We shall pray without ceasing.
We shall seek to unmask idolatries in church and culture.
We shall speak love.

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What shall we do?

We shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We shall respect the wisdom of our elders.

We shall protect the lives and the reputations of those around us.

We shall cherish the relationships entrusted to us.

We shall not take what is not ours. We shall learn the value of enough.

We shall feed the hungry. We shall speak justice.

What shall we do?

With believers in every time and place, we shall speak out
that nothing in life or in death will separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 443 11:00 O Christ, the Great Foundation *Aurelia*

- Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16

- The Offering
- Offertory
- 8:30 *Allegretto* César Franck
- 11:00 *My Soul Is a Witness* African-American spiritual
 Witness, witness for my Lord, My soul is a witness for my Lord. arr. Jay Althouse
 Samson! He was the strongest man. You read it in the Bible and you understand.
 And way back yonder in ancient times, old Samson fought those Philistines.
 Samson was a witness for my Lord.
- Noah! He was a righteous man. You read it in the Bible and you understand.
 The Lord appeared to him in the dark and commanded Noah to build the ark.
 Noah was a witness for my Lord.
- Who will be a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord!

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering HS No. 52
- Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
 Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
 We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
 Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication
- Thank you, Lord, for providing us with the resources we need so we can pursue,
 with joy, the life you have called us to live.
- We are grateful for days of health, laughter, friendship, and grace.
- Every day is a gift, every moment a treasure.
- Remind us that our true life-purpose is not to cling to what we have
 or to store up our wealth in bigger barns.
- Help us to love freely and to grow stronger each day.
- In the name and by the power of Christ Jesus, we now offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak *Canonbury*

◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

White Note Paraphrase

James Macmillan

During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the Closing Voluntary for a short period of meditation.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Billie Best in honor of her sisters, Ann and Gay, on the occasions of their birthdays.

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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.:

Creating a Culture of Generosity: Living Abundantly - Dr. Deborah Rexrode, Associate for Stewardship, Presbytery of the James, Library
Contemporary Theology, Room 207
Faith and Family, Lounge
Opening Doors, Room 208
Coffee with the Pastors, Gathering Place

Next Sunday, March 24:

Creating a Culture of Generosity: Leaving a Legacy - Dr. Deborah Rexrode, Associate for Stewardship, Presbytery of the James, Library
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Participants in Worship

Liturgist

8:30 Kevin Adams

11:00 Diana Brawley

Acolyte 11a.m.
Robert Stetkevych

Sound Engineers

8:30 Mark Outlaw

11:00 Mike Moore

Deacon of the Day

Lucy Burnette

Lay Readers

8:30 Betsy Donohoe

11:00 Mike Moore

Fellowship Team

Ron and Gail Wiley

Virginia Rovnyak

Ushers

8:30 Barbara and Bascom Deaver

11:00 Linda and Chris Seaman, Paul Schakel, Irv Cox

Greeters

8:30 Dana Eastman

11:00 Billie Best, Debbie Wolfe

Coming Up

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,

Youth and Adults

9:30 a.m. Coffee with the Pastors

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting,
lounge

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

Thursday, March 21

4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal,
choir room

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

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Third Sunday of Lent

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9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,

Youth and Adults

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

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



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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

New to Westminster? Join our pastors for coffee today. Ken Henry will tell us about our church, ministries, and pastors! Come to room 209 at 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, March 27, at 6 pm. you have the opportunity to enjoy a Guatemalan meal, “**Dinner with Maria,**” cooked and served by Maria at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, where Maria is in sanctuary. You’ll also hear about her journey of migration, detention, life in Virginia, and sanctuary. Cost is \$25/person. Contact Irene Townsend, irene.townsend@gmail.com, to reserve your place.

Gather with other Westminster women of all ages at beautiful Graves Mountain for a weekend, April 26-28, to explore “**Grace: Mending What Is Broken.**” Take this opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Register today in the Gathering Place or email Heather Warren, hlwarren@ntelos.net.

Today and on March 24, **Dr. Deborah Rexrode**, the Assoc. for Stewardship for the Presbytery of the James, will lead a three-week class at 9:30 a.m. in the library, exploring how we create a culture of generosity and discussing how Scripture informs our role as stewards of God’s generosity.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, March 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower lounge. Join us for fellowship and fiber art. Questions? Contact Beth, which24@gmail.com.

Hunger Offering — Westminster and the Presbytery of the James invite you to give five cents for each meal you enjoy to relieve hunger locally and globally. These will be collected during worship on Sun., March 31. In 2018 congregations in our Presbytery contributed \$68,153 to emergency food relief, including emergency food centers; school backpack programs, and county food pantries. Donations also support advocacy groups like Bread for the World and Virginia Hunger Solutions.

What do you think about **Church School** for our preK-6th grade children at Westminster? What are we doing right? What could we do better? Share your thoughts and ideas by completing our short Google survey (case sensitive): bit.ly/WPSurvey3019.

The **Nominating Committee** is seeking **your recommendations** for people to serve as ruling elders, pastoral deacons, and members of the 2020 Nominating Committee. If you’re interested or would like to suggest a nominee, contact a Nominating Committee member: Beth Nissen, Rosemary Beard Heflin, Billie Best, Nathaniel Brawley-Magee, Ricky Weikle, Will Hochstetler, and Candace Spence.