

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019



Be still:

There is no longer any need of comment.

It was a lucky wind

That blew away his halo with his cares,

A lucky sea that drowned his reputation.

Thomas Merton

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Nun ruhen alle Wälder

Jacques van Oortmerssen

◆ Call to Worship

Sometimes we are unaware of what we need to know.

Come, Jesus, open our eyes.

On some days, we believe we know what is best.

Come, Jesus, open our ears.

We make decisions. We discern a way forward. We make wrong turns.

Come, Jesus, open our minds.

And open our hearts to hear the whispers of the Holy Spirit.

We are listening.

◆ Hymn HS 27

The Voice of God Is Calling

Meirionydd

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

Based on a prayer by Thomas Merton

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself.

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does, in fact, please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

**Therefore, will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost
 and in the shadow of death.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

No. 572

Lord, have mercy, upon us.
Christ, have mercy, upon us.
Lord, have mercy, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

*Thomas Merton finished his prayer by writing the following affirmation of faith:
"I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."
This is our assurance of the God who makes us to lie down in green pastures,
leads us beside the still waters, and restores our souls.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

◆ Sung Response

Easter Hymn

Hymns of praise now let us sing; Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community 11:00

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 30 OT pg. 478

New Testament Lesson Acts 9:10-18 NT pg. 119

Communion Meditation Holy Fire Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith

based on Isaiah 40:28-31

**This we have come to know,
this is what we have heard:
the Eternal is an everlasting God, creator of heaven and earth,
who does not grow weary or faint; whose wisdom is unsearchable,
giving energy to the meek and strength to those who have none.
Even youths shall faint and grow weary,
young athletes shall fall exhausted;
but those who love the Lord Jesus and patiently put their trust in God,
shall renew their strength; they shall soar with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint. Amen.**

Prayers of the Congregation

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Galliard

William Byrd

11:00

As We Gather at Your Table

K. Lee Scott

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word,
 help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
 teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
 send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

◆ 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.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

*The Lord be with you.***And also with you.***Lift up your hearts.***We lift them up to the Lord.***Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, O Lord, our God,
 sustainer of the universe. . . . who have looked to you in hope to proclaim with them
 your glory in their unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;

HS No. 78

Heaven and earth are full of your glory**Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*You are Holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son,
 the Light of the World Great is the mystery of faith:*

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

HS No. 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Aria sub elevazione

Gottlieb Muffat

Hymn 503 11:00

Come, Risen Lord

Sursum Corda

Prayer After Communion

- ◆ Hymn HS 44 **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** *Houston*
- ◆ The Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Curant* Samuel Scheidt

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The Lord's Supper – All are welcome to the Sacrament of Communion — indeed, anyone who desires a relationship with God in Jesus Christ is welcome. Communion is served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle and use a side aisle to return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you prefer to receive communion in the pew, please indicate this to an usher.

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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.

Participants in Worship

Liturgists

8:30 David Garth
11:00 Diana Brawley

Greeters

11:00 Jim and Debbie Wolfe

Ushers

8:30 Ken and Lucille Digges
11:00 Michael Costanzo (head)
Lucy Burnette
Hal Collums

Deacon of the Day

Dick Haines

Lay Readers

8:30 Sheila Hazen
11:00 Virginia Rovnyak

Sound Engineers

8:30 Barb Mann
11:00 Mark Outlaw

Fellowship Team

Rich Gregory
Gail Ott

Communion Preparers

Lucy Burnette
Liza Millett

Communion Servers

8:30 Steve Sherman
Barb Mann
11:00 Will Hochstetler
Rosemary Heflin
David Heflin
Carl Mathews

Coming Up

Sunday, May 5

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. Classes
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour
 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal, choir room
 1 p.m. Musical Rehearsal, choir room
 7 p.m. Session Meeting, library

Tuesday, May 8

6 p.m. New Elders Dinner, lounge

Thursday, May 9

12:30 p.m. Adult Lunch, library
 4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal, choir room
 4:30 p.m. Musical Rehearsal, choir room
 5:30 p.m. E.A.T. Dinner, Common Grounds

Sunday, May 12

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. Classes
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour



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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

A **Congregational Meeting** is called for today at 12:15 p.m. to elect Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2022, elect a Nominating Committee, amend the WPC Congregational Manual, and other business.

Westminster's next **Adult Luncheon** is on Thursday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Our speaker is Michelle Robertson, the Executive Director of Westminster's Child Care Center. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship, friendship and lunch. If you have any questions, contact Anne Andrews, 434-977-0429 or andrews.saa@gmail.com.

Our next **Thursday E.A.T. (Everyone At the Table)** meal is on May 9 (dinners continue on Thursdays, through May 30). Join us for fellowship and a simple meal at 5:30 p.m. at Common Grounds. Visit www.westminsterva.org and click on the E.A.T. Dinner banner for links to r.s.v.p. or sign up to provide a portion of one of the dinners.

Sunday classes for children, youth and adults conclude for the program year on May 12. On May 19, there is **one service at 8:30 a.m.** (UVA graduation weekend) and no childcare available. On May 26, we switch to our **summer schedule** with **one service at 10 a.m.**

Study hours hosts needed: With the university's final exams underway, UKirk is hosting study hours at Common Grounds from noon until 10 p.m. through May 8. We need volunteers to "host" our student guests — making sure snacks and beverages are kept stocked. Sign up for 2.5-hour shifts at www.westminsterva.org — click on news, then on the link in the Study Hours' post.

Awakening the Sage Within: On Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Lynn Moore, PhD, will facilitate a day-long workshop on this fascinating practice. Sage-ing is a spiritual practice that involves harvesting the wisdom of our lives and finding ways to transmit that wisdom as a legacy to future generations. Cost: \$25 (materials). Contact Lynn, 828.280.6075 lwmoore368@gmail.com.

Christian Education

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

Join us today at 9:20 a.m.

Creation Care 101 - Kendyl Crawley Crawford, Virginia Interfaith Power & Light, Library

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Opening Doors, Room 208

Next Sunday, May 12

Serving Children in Need - Benevolence Committee, Library
Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208