

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019



*Faith isn't about having everything
figured out ahead of time;
faith is about following the quiet voice of God
without having everything figured out
ahead of time.*

Rachel Held Evans

*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

Prelude & Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

◆ Call to Worship

*We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
 who calls us each by name.*

*We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
 who restores our souls.*

*We give thanks for the One who walks with us through the shadowy valleys of death and doubt,
 who comforts and protects us.*

*We praise the One who seeks us,
 whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
 This is the God we have come to worship!*

◆ Hymn 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

Call to Confession

*God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray,
 therefore in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace.

We have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation.

We repent of these hurtful ways.

Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others.

Guide our feet into the way of peace.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

No. 572

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 1:5b-8, Psalm 118:29

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of all our offenses, therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

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 23

OT pg. 474

Anthem 11:00

Kwake Yesu nasimama/You're the Solid Rock of My Life

Trad. Kenyan

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.

Sung in English and Swahili

He's the solid rock of my life.

English text, Greg Scheer

There's no other place I can hide

'til the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood,

and I'm saved because of his blood.

It is not the work of my hands

that has washed away all my sins.

I'm redeemed, and all of my days,

Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.

When my days on this earth are done,

and I stand at God's holy throne,

my heart will not have any fear

in Christ's righteousness I am here.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

NT pg. 120

Sermon

Lynne Clements

◆ Hymn HS 29 11:00

My Shepherd Is the Living Lord

Resignation

Sacrament of Baptism 8:30

Margaret Anne Doran
Steve Sherman, Ruling Elder

Confirmation 11:00

◆ Affirmation of Faith

In spite of many unanswered questions...

I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,
 who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,
 who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity,

In spite of many unanswered questions...

I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's Son,
 who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
 who took upon himself the healing of the human race,
 who bearing the burden of our sins went to Golgotha carrying his cross,
 who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried in a borrowed tomb,
 who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive,
 and who, today, meets us in places we least expect.

In spite of many unanswered questions...

I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,
 within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,
 who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,
 who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church.

In spite of many unanswered questions...

I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,
 and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy.

In spite of many unanswered questions...

I believe.

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

hymnal, pg. 16

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Kwake Yesu nasimama/You're the Solid Rock of My Life

See page 3

11:00

Tunaomba Mungu Atawale

arr. John R. Paradowski

We pray God to reign. We pray Jesus to reign.

Sung in English and Swahili

We pray the Spirit to reign.

Swahili text: Rev. Elias Kitoi Nasari

We pray that our God may be praised here forever.

May we find strength in God's mercy and love.

We thank our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer;

sing out our song to all people everywhere.

◆ Doxology

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

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness;

Your love overflows our hearts.

Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

◆ Hymn 522

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers on May 5 were given by Elisavinda Echeverri-Gent in memory of Heather Arnold.

The flowers today are given by Pam Gale in honor of all mothers.

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.

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Participants in Worship

Liturgist

Ken Henry

Sound Engineers

8:30 Michael Constanzo

11:00 Elton Oliver

Lay Readers

8:30 Margo Hamilton

11:00 Marilyn Mathews

Fellowship Team

Christian Education

Committee

Ushers

8:30 Bob Bedford (head)

Jack Townsend

11:00 Phil Best (head),

Rick and Linda Seaman

Deacon of the Day

Lucy Burnette

Greeters

11:00 Billie Best

Patty Vandever

Musicians

Roger Authers, organist

Jane Penner, pianist

Margaret Anne Doran, soloist

Coming Up

Sunday, May 12

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. Classes

Noon Assoc. Pastor Nominating
Cmte., Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, May 14

10:30 a.m. Worship Committee,
lounge

12:15 p.m. Assoc. Pastor
Nominating Committee,
Common Grounds

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Study
Group, lower lounge

Thursday, May 16

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

6:30 p.m. Musical Rehearsal,
choir room

Sunday, May 19

8:30 a.m. (only) Worship

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Assistant Sexton



WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Sacrament of Baptism: Margaret Anne Doran is receiving the sacrament of baptism and making her profession of faith at the 8:30 a.m. service today with the assistance of Elder Steve Sherman. By passing through the baptism streamers in the sanctuary doorways, we are reminded that, in baptism, those already baptized are called to remember their own baptisms and reaffirm the faith embodied in this sacrament.

This morning at 11 a.m., we celebrate **Confirmation**, an important step on the journey of faith. For all the members of the J2A class, this journey has included learning about being Presbyterian, who God is, the act of worship and prayer, the call to serve others and live a life of faith. Some of these young people are ready today to publicly profess their faith, becoming members of Christ's church. As a congregation, we bear witness to their profession of faith and recommit ourselves to their nurture and growth.

Margaret Anne Doran*

Lauren Elgin*

Henry Ham*

Hayden Heflin*

Caspar Henneman*

Jacob Mayo*

Will Miller

Walter Moak**

Ford Scott*

Anna Smith

Thomas Vik

*confirmed today

**confirmed at a later date

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.**

Our next **Thursday E.A.T. (Everyone At the Table)** meal is on May 16 (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.

On May 12, join the Benevolence Committee to **learn how your benevolence dollars (\$93,272) are spent.** We'll hear from organizations serving children with our support, including Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Children's Health Improvement Program (CHIP), LaLeche League, and Westminster Child Care Center. Come to the library at 9:30 a.m.

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. The workshop is limited to 12 participants. Cost: \$25 (materials). Please contact Lynn, 828.280.6075.

Christian Education

Join us today at 9:30 a.m.

Serving Children in Need -
Benevolence Committee, Library
Contemporary Theology,
Room 207
Opening Doors, Room 208