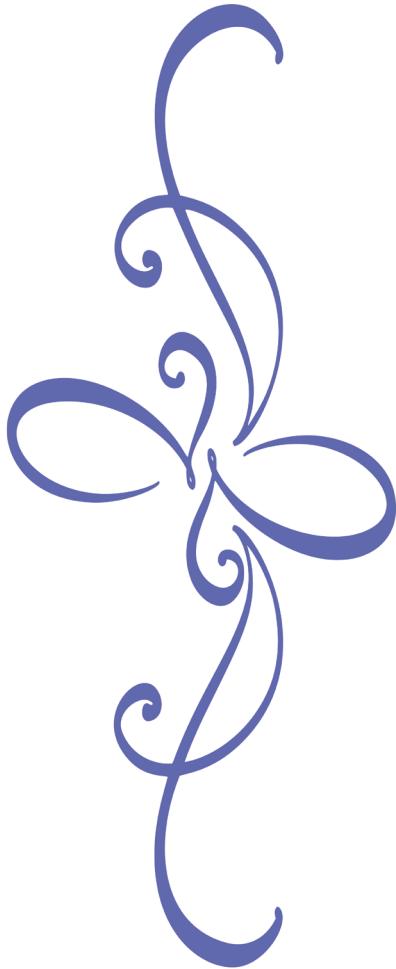


Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019



*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?*

Isaiah 43:19a



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

Adagio

Rosalie Bonighton

- ♦ Call to Worship

We are God's church:

We come together to worship with glad and generous hearts.

We are God's church:

We come together to grow in faith and love.

We are God's church:

We come together to share our lives in common.

We are God's church:

We come together to devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

We are God's church:

We come together to celebrate, for many signs and wonders are being done among us!

- ♦ Hymn HS 51

Gather Us In

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

In your gracious presence,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will;

we have broken your law;

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,

and we have refused to hear the cries of the needy.

Forgive us.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more like you.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

No. 322

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

- ◆ Sung Response
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

Time for Children and Youth

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 43:15-19a	OT pg. 632
New Testament Lesson	Acts 2:42-47	NT pg. 112
Sermon	A New Reality	Lynne Clements

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith
 - We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 - The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 - The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

hymnal, pg. 16

The Offering

Offertory

Ain't That Good News

arr. Edward Boatner
 Nancy Paulson, soprano

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

No. 591

◆ Prayer of Dedication

As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too,
 for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves.
 Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service,
 our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation,
 and that our words may be words of peace.
 For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

◆ Hymn 343

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to respond by bringing forward
 our Presbytery Hunger Offering for hunger relief work (see back page to learn more.)

◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in C

George Frederic Handel

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given in memory of his parents, George and Anne Spence,
 and his sister-in-law, Bridget Spence, by Dave Spence.*

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 has “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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Guest Organist

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Sound Engineer

Michael Constanzo

Fellowship Team

Ruth Wadlington

Sally Telford

Ushers

Saunders Midyette (head)

Ed Nowell

Forrest Kerns

Deacon of the Day

Judy Sands

Lay Reader

Judy Sands

Greeter

Debby Garth

Coming Up

Sunday, July 28

- 8:30 a.m. Meet and Greet with Dorothy Piatt
- 10 a.m. Worship
- Hunger Offering
- Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Reception to Greet Dorothy Piatt

Tuesday, July 30

- 6 p.m. PROSAMi Meeting, library

Sunday, August 4

- 10 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour



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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for today following the service for the purpose of calling our new Associate Pastor for University and Social Justice Mission, Dorothy Piatt. (See her brief bio insert with this bulletin.) A motion will also be put forth to adjust Lynne's Terms of Call. Since Ken is away on study leave, Rev. David Garth will preside as Moderator.

The **Hunger Offering** will be received during the final hymn in today's worship. In 2018 your contributions, along with other congregations in our Presbytery, contributed \$68,153 to emergency food relief, including emergency food centers, school backpack programs, and county food pantries, as well as support for advocacy groups like Bread for the World and Virginia Hunger Solutions.

Come to fellowship hall today after worship for a **reception for Dorothy Piatt**. Join us for coffee, cake and conversation.

When you go out to lunch/dinner, you can support **The Alliance for Interfaith Ministry**. AIM is the featured charity during Sedona Taphouse's Steak Out for Charity every Monday in July. AIM provides emergency assistance to those in need to prevent evictions, utilities disconnections, provide medications, and more. For more information visit www.aimcville.org.

Westminster is joining Zion Union Baptist Church for a trip to the **National Museum of African American History and Culture** in Washington, D.C. on August 17. Cost is \$50. Call 434-297-2271 by August 1 to reserve your spot.

On August 11 at 11 a.m. the Green Team is screening "**Paris to Pittsburgh**," a film that celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. As the weather grows more deadly, they aren't waiting on Washington to act. Come to the library to learn about their incredible stories and be inspired to create change in your own community! To see the movie trailer, visit www.paristopittsburgh.com.