

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2019



*God takes care of me
like a shepherd cares for the sheep.*

I have everything I need.

Even when I am frightened,

I remember that God is with me.

based on Psalm 23
from *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*

*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

Ut re mi fa so la

William Byrd

◆ Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and give thanks!

We have come to worship the Lord.

Some of us are younger. Some of us are older.

But we are all children of a mighty God.

Together, we will learn and grow.

Together, we will praise God!

◆ Hymn

8:30

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn HS 44

11:00

God Welcomes All

Hymn 399

The children will introduce this hymn, and the congregation is invited to join on the repeat.

Call to Confession

At school, at work, at home, we often try to look perfect, like we're doing it all right.

*But God knows that's not true – that we make mistakes, get it wrong,
 say or do something we shouldn't or wish we hadn't.*

God doesn't want us to pretend to be perfect.

Instead, God invites us to confess our sin, trusting in Jesus' promise

that we are loved and forgiven and to make a new start with God and each other.

Prayer of Confession

God of all and not just some, we confess that we are not the people

you want or call us to be. When some have been left out,

we have not always reached out and welcomed them. Lord, in your mercy:

Forgive us and help us to make room at the table.

*When some voices have been silenced or not given a part, we often have not noticed nor acted as if
 they have the right to be heard. Lord, in your mercy:*

Forgive us and help us to make room at the table.

*When some have gone without a safe space for growing, we have not made their shelter and
 nurture a priority. Lord, in your mercy:*

Forgive us and help us to make room at the table.

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Help us to embody your love and speak your justice, until everyone born lives into the fullness of the promise for which you created them.

Sung Response

Hymn 769

And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace.

Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear this good news: God sent God's own child Jesus that we might know ourselves
to be loved and forgiven children of God. Hear and believe the good news:*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

8:30 All glory be to God on high

HS No. 22

And peace on earth from heaven,

And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship you, we raise

For your great glory, thanks, and praise,

O God, the great Creator.

11:00 Verse 1: Know that God is good.

Hymn 659

Verse 2: Halle, hallelujah.

Verse 3: Sung in Shona by the children

(The congregation is invited to join on the repeat of verses 1 & 2.)

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community 11:00

Presentation of Bibles to our Worship Preparation Class 11:00

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalms 23

OT pg. 474

Anthem 11:00

Jesus Is My Shepherd

folk melody arr. Charlotte Larson

Jesus is my shepherd; I'll walk with him always.

He leads me by still waters; I'll walk with him always.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

NT pg. 73

Sermon

You Will Be Found

8:30 Ken Henry
11:00 Lynne Clements

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism**Who are you?***I am a child of God.***What does it mean to be a child of God?***That I belong to God, who loves me.***What makes you a child of God?***Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.***Don't you have to be good for God to love you?***No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.***How do you thank God for this gift of love?***I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.***How do you love God?***By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

◆ Hymn HS 44 11:00

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*Houston*

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

hymnal, page 35

*We light a candle today for children who have been killed by guns, violence, sickness and neglect.**We remember with sadness those children who have lost their lives in places they should have been safe.***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.***We light a candle for all who care for us, teach us, and protect us.**We give thanks for teachers and doctors and nurses, for counselors and social workers, for leaders and decision-makers.***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.***We light a candle today for all the adults who work to help children be safe, healthy, and cared for.**We give thanks for those who make their homes and churches safe and happy places for children to be.***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.***Jesus, we thank you for the special invitation you gave children to come spend time with you.**You showed us how to love and accept all people for who they are.**You listened. You welcomed. You looked for anyone who was lost and you found them.**You invited all kinds of people to follow you and you taught them how to pray...*

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Curant

Samuel Scheidt

11:00

Come Let Us Sing for Joy to the Lord

M. Susan Brown

Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, God is the rock of our salvation.

Let's go to Jesus with thanksgiving, let's go to Jesus with our psalms.

He is the rock of our salvation. Sing for joy to the Lord our God.

Let us worship, bow before God. Kneel before the Lord our God.

We are the people of God's pasture. Shout for joy to the Lord our God.

- ◆ 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.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

- ◆ Hymn HS 29 My Shepherd Is the Living Lord *Resignation*

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Toccata in F Major* Dieterich Buxtehude

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

Participants in Worship

Liturgists
 Children of Westminster

Greeters
 8:30 Bernice Booker
 11:00 Lucy Burnette
 Debby Garth

Deacon of the Day
 Lynn Moore

Lay Reader
 8:30 Kirk Jacobs

Sound Engineers
 8:30 Mark Outlaw
 11:00 Mike Moore

Fellowship Team
 Irene and Jack Townsend

Ushers
 8:30 Ed and Pearl Nowell
 11:00 Dan Heuchert
 Aaron Heflin
 Forrest Kerns
 Elton Oliver

Violinist
 Amy Walder

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, *Glory to God* 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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Coming Up

Sunday, October 20

8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship

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

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singers Rehearsal, choir room

Monday, October 21

7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering,
lower lounge

Wednesday, October 23

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday
Wind-Down, Random Row
Brewing Co.

Thursday, October 24

4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal,
choir room

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

Sunday, October 27

8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship

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

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singers Rehearsal, choir room

5-6:30 p.m. Pumpkin Event,
courtyard

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Assistant Sexton

WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

This morning we celebrate **Children's Sunday**. We give thanks this morning for all the children who are helping to lead worship.

20/30 CreW: Are you a graduate student or someone in your 20s & 30s(ish)? Come to Wednesday Wind-Down on October 23 at 7 p.m. at Random Row Brewing Company to enjoy conversation while supporting a good cause! It's "Dab for Good" charity bingo night, and proceeds benefit The Haven. To r.s.v.p. and stay posted on future Wind-Down locations and other events, contact Dorothy Piatt, dpiatt@westminsterva.org.

Fall fun: On Sunday, October 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., come hang with the other ghouls as we carve pumpkins outside, then head in for pizza and a Halloween movie. All ages welcome! Costumes encouraged. BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin!).

New to Westminster? Come have coffee with the pastors. Join us next Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. to learn more about our church, our ministries, and our pastors! It's a great way to explore and engage further. Bring your curiosity to the Gathering Place!

Children's Halloween Concert: The Westminster Organ Concert Series is proud to present its 11th annual Halloween Concert, on Thursday, October 31, at 3:30 p.m. This fun event is open to all ages, with spooky organ music followed by an upclose tour of the pipe organ. Admission is free.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: please join us for an evening of knitting/crocheting, fellowship and prayer, October 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the lower lounge. For questions, please contact Beth Hochstetler at whoch24@gmail.com.

On **All Saints' Day, November 3**, we will read the names of those from our congregation who have died in the past year. If you would like to have the name of a friend or family member added to the list, please call 293-3133 or email kbrinkley@westminsterva.org by Tuesday, October 29.

Worship Greeters Needed:

Meet and welcome visitors and greet friends when you serve as a greeter Sunday mornings at the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Interested? Contact Lynn Moore, lwmoore253@bellsouth.net.



Christian Education

October 27

The class presented by Murray Milner is cancelled, *library*
Coffee with the Pastors, *gathering place*

Genesis: A Living Conversation, *room 209*

Contemporary Theology, *room 207*

Faith and Family, *lounge*

Opening Doors, *room 208*