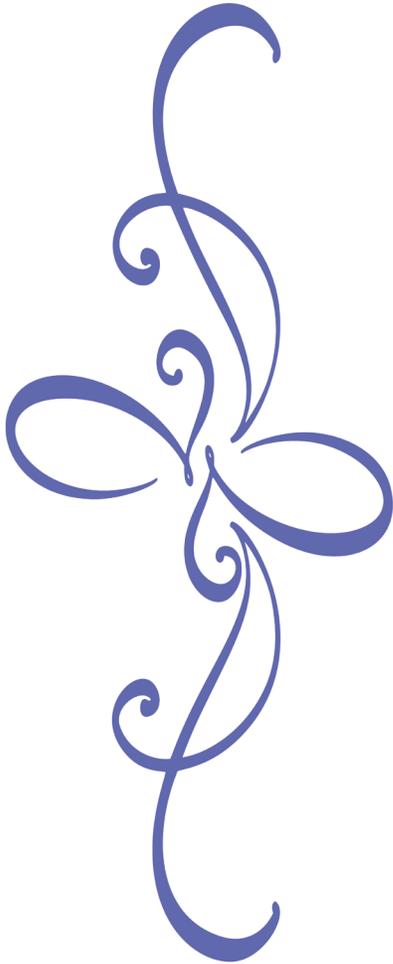


Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020



*May the path that Christ walks
to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:
may this path run through our life.
May we be the road Christ takes.*

Jan Richardson

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

Prélude - Petit Canon

Nadia Boulanger

◆ Call to Worship

Let us kneel in the darkness,

until we see God's light emerge.

Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,

as Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.

Let him speak to us and teach us love.

◆ Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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Call to Confession

We are living in uncertain times. We are living in times of distrust and division.

We long for God's hand to tear down walls and build up compassion and empathy.

Therefore, we dare to approach God with honesty. Hear our prayers.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God,

that there are times when what we want far exceeds what we need.

We often go to great lengths to acquire what we desire.

Like King Ahab, we become resentful and sullen when we don't get our way.

We are reluctant to acknowledge the consequences of our own actions,
ignoring your cries for justice.

Even when we live more simply,

we remain tempted to judge what other people do and say.

Our judgments produce labels that we apply with ease, erecting barriers to your grace.

How can we love our neighbors as ourselves with such barriers in place?

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

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Assurance of Forgiveness

*Through the grace of God in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response



All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!



With all the an - gel choir re - joice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community

Time with Children and Youth

God's Word to Us

New Testament

Galatians 2:15-20

NT pg. 177

Anthem

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song
arr. Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air,
And every day to walk in the paths we choose,
'Tis the gift we pray we may ne'er come to lose.

Old Testament

1 Kings 21:1-21a

OT pg. 313

Sermon

Not for Sale

Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith

based on The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth;
we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering,
the poor, and the downtrodden.**

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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, *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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Hal Collums

Deacon of the Day

Cheryl Oliver

Lay Reader

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Support Our Flower Ministry!

Each Sunday we arrive at Westminster with certain expectations that everything will be ready for worship as it always has been. The pews will be tidy, the choir ready to sing, the communion prepared if it’s the first Sunday of the month, and that there will be flowers on the shelves at the front of the sanctuary. Unfortunately, because the flowers are not funded through the church budget but are donated by individuals within the congregation each week, we have reached a point at which we will see an increasing number of Sundays without any flowers in the sanctuary.

The Worship Committee, with the approval of the Session, would like to create a contingency fund that would be used to cover the cost of flowers for any unfunded Sunday. The weekly cost is \$80 for two arrangements. (The flowers can either be taken home by the donors or are left for the deacons to deliver to a parishioner in need.)

Donations in any amount would be gratefully accepted and much appreciated. These funds would help keep this ministry vital and vibrant. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to the church office. Simply designate on the memo line that it is for the Contingency Flower Fund. If you have any questions or comments, contact me, ecm259@hotmail.com.

Liza Millett

Worship Committee



Coming Up

Sunday, January 19

11 a.m. Worship

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

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour
Singers rehearsal, choir room

Monday, January 20

Church office is closed.

7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry,
lower lounge

Thursday, January 23

11 a.m., Pfeiderer Service

4 p.m. Choristers rehearsal,
choir room

7 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal,
choir room

Friday, January 24

6 p.m. Children's Snow Party,
fellowship hall

Sunday, January 26

11 a.m. Worship

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

12:15 p.m. Congregational Mtg.,
with Congregational Lunch after

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring begins today! The youth of Westminster are commencing their annual canned food drive to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Once again, they are challenging the congregation to see who can bring in the most donations. Bring your cans and non-perishable items to fellowship hall through February 2. Every single contribution helps families in our community. Together, let's tackle hunger!

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Please join us for this special ministry, on Monday, January 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower lounge. It is a time for prayer, fellowship, and, of course, knitting/crocheting. Questions? Contact Beth Hochstetler, whoch24@gmail.com.

All children, Pre-K through 5th graders, are invited to a **Snow Party** on Friday, January 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll have snow-themed activities, pizza, our annual snowball "toss," then finish with a movie and popcorn. R.s.v.p. at www.westminsterva.org or on our Facebook. Questions? Please contact Sarah Bedford, sarahEbedford@gmail.com.

All Westminster Church members are asked to attend **the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 26**, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship. Everyone is also welcome to a lunch in fellowship hall following the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect trustees, receive annual reports, and review the 2019/2020 budgets.

If you would like to make a **donation** of bread, fruit, or cheese and crackers for the **Annual Congregational Meeting** luncheon on Sunday, January 26, please contact Irene Townsend, 713-819-2932.

Westminster will host the **PACEM men's shelter**, March 7-21. This will be our 15th year of hosting PACEM! If you have been looking for opportunities to serve your neighbors, join our ranks. Or if you are interested in serving as a volunteer in March, watch this space.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

January 26 at 9:30 a.m.

The Survival Value of Caring, Library

Genesis: A Living Conversation, Room 209

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 208

Pick up an Adult Education brochure and calendar in the narthex or gathering place to find a complete list of Adult Christian Education offerings this winter and early spring.