

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



*For we are God's servants, working together;
you are God's field, God's building.*

1 Corinthians 3:9

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*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

Lucis creator

Hieronymus Praetorius

◆ Call to Worship

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us into life.

◆ Hymn 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
you call us into community, teach us your ways,
and bless us with abundant life.

Yet we turn aside to follow other paths:
we listen to the world's call rather than your call to commitment;
we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us;
we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts
from forgiveness and reconciliation.

Forgive us when we wander from your love.
Draw us into community with each other,
and feed us with the sustaining provision of your grace,
that we may grow in faithfulness
and work together in peace.

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.

HS 71

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life.

God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.

God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS No. 84

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!

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community 11 a.m.

Time with Children and Youth 11 a.m.

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalm 119:1-8

OT pg. 535

Anthem 11 a.m.

Love Is Little

Shaker song
arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.

Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

Epistle

I Corinthians 3:1-9

NT pg. 143

Sermon

Whose Side Are You On?

Brian Blount

◆ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the *Sarasota Statement*

We trust in Jesus, who calls disciples to love unconditionally, who confronts brutality by refusing to take arms, and who defies racism by forming a community out of every tribe, people, and nation.

**Jesus aligns with people who are poor, meek, persecuted, and reviled,
and calls the church to do the same.**

To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect, through a collection of people we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor.

**We grieve the ways in which we create division between people
whom Christ has created for community.**

We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.

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We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases,
joining the community that reflects God's grace, Christ's kingdom,
and the Spirit's action.

- ◆ Hymn HS 65 **The Servant Song** *Servant Song*

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer hymnal, p. 35

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Now Praise, My Soul

Michael Praetorius

11:00

Christ Hath a Garden

English folk song

arr. Gerald Near; text, Robert Bridges

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come:

That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering HS 81

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;

Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;

Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:

All glory, honor to God's name.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

**We thank you, God, that you have blessed us
with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.**

**May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love
as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 733 **We All Are One in Mission** *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

- ◆ The Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Now Praise, My Soul

Michael Praetorius

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Walter Wadlington by his wife Ruth.

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 6:30 A.M. OR 6:30 P.M.

As the season of Lent begins, I would like to invite you to an Ash Wednesday service at Westminster. Our Ash Wednesday services are brief — 20-30 minutes — and include music, prayer, liturgy, and the imposition of ashes. As in previous years, we have two choices: 6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. If you're on your way to work or are a morning person anyway, stop by the sanctuary for a brief service at 6:30 a.m. Then, join other morning worshippers for a cup of coffee or tea and a pastry in the Gathering Place. If this seems a little early, you're welcome to our evening service at 6:30 p.m. Either way, the time of Ash Wednesday this year should be etched on our minds! Just remember...6:30.

Blessings
Ken Henry

CHRISTIAN FORMATION February 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Forgiveness through the Lens of
Theater, Library
Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Lent in Plain Sight, Room 208
Faith and Family, Lounge
Opening Doors, Room 209

Participants in Worship

Liturgists

Lynne Clements
Ken Henry

Fellowship Team

Crystal and Rob Smith
Fran Sargent

Deacon of the Day

Judy Sands

Ushers

8:30 Ed and Pearl Nowell
11:00 Paul Schakel
Dan Nissen
David Strider

Greeter

8:30 Bernice Booker
11:00 Billie Best

Lay Reader

8:30 Rozanne Oliver
11:00 Phil Best

Sound Engineer

8:30 John Kleinschmidt
11:00 Mark Outlaw

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, February 16

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,
Youth, and Adults
Youth Sunday Rehearsal,
sanctuary

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

Monday, February 17

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering
lower lounge

Tuesday, February 18

6 p.m., UKirk & Wesley Dinner
& Film, Wesley Foundation

Thursday, February 20

4 p.m. Choristers rehearsal,
choir room
7 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal,
choir room

Friday, February 21

7:30 p.m. OCS 40th Anniversary
Concert, sanctuary

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Brian Blount in Worship and Christian Formation: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, president of Union Presbyterian Seminary, to our pulpit. Rev. Blount is preaching and teaching on 1 Corinthians.

Prayer Shawl Gathering: Join other fiber arts folks for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and knitting/crocheting, on February 17, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the lower lounge. Please contact Beth Hochstetler, whoch24@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PACEM Sign Ups: We're looking forward to hosting the PACEM men's homeless shelter, March 7-21. Please consider signing up as a volunteer to make dinner, transport linens, provide evening companionship or activities, or spend the night. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/PACEM-2020.

Children and youth, 4th grade and above, are invited to participate in worship as acolytes during Lent, March 1-April 12. A training session will be held on February 23 for all those interested in participating. Please contact Megan Sharp, music@westminsterva.org.

Save the dates: June 15-21 for Westminster Musical Week! We will meet each evening from 5-8 pm to produce an intergenerational musical on Sunday, June 21 in worship. Look for more information in the bulletin and enews next week.

Ukirk: Special event! On Tuesday, February 18, we'll meet at the Wesley Foundation at 6 p.m. for dinner and a screening of the film *American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel*.

The 40th anniversary concert of **Westminster's Organ Concert Series** features Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble, directed by Megan Sharp and organist Jonathan Schakel. This special anniversary concert, "Lutheran Choral Vespers" will include music by Praetorius, Scheidemann & Scheidt.

All Things New: Mark your calendar for the **Annual Women's Retreat** at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia on **April 24-26!** For several years, 20-22 women have gathered to enjoy fellowship, study God's word, relax, and make/strengthen friendships. Please consider joining us this year. The cost is \$200 and includes two nights of lodging, five meals, and two reception hours (plus all materials and many great memories). Registration is this coming Sunday, February 16, in the Gathering Place (between services and after the 11 a.m. service) or you can stop by the church office. Make your check out to Westminster Presbyterian Church and complete the registration form to hold your spot. Questions? Please a member of the retreat committee: Lynne Clements, Patty Vandever, Dana Eastman, Heather Warren, or Beth Nissen. Interested in being a part of the planning committee this year? Just let one of us know!