

Service for the Lord's Day

Youth Sunday/Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020



*Six days later, Jesus took
with him Peter and James
and his brother John and
led them up a high mountain,
by themselves.*

*And he was transfigured
before them.*

Matthew 17:1-2

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

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

James Woodman

◆ Call to Worship

written by the YAC+ class

*This is our house, the place where we belong,
the place where we welcome strangers as guests.*

Lord, it is good for us to be here.

*Welcome this day to our community of faith;
here we are sisters and brothers in Christ.*

Lord, it is good for us to be here.

God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty, and see pain, and see hope.

Lord, it is good for us to be here.

So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts wide open, as we worship God.

Lord, it is good for us to be here.

◆ Hymn HS 33

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Restoration

Call to Confession

written by the YAC Class

We come before God knowing our many mistakes.

Here we have the opportunity to confess those together before God and one another.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

written by the YAC Class

We confess that we fail to listen to your voice.

Even when we try,

we are still afraid and reluctant to fully commit to following you.

Sometimes we don't even know what to listen for.

We confess that we don't always open our hearts

to our fellow children of God.

Forgive us.

Help us learn how to listen to you.

Show us how to love you and all your children

and guide us towards your way.

Silent Prayers

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Assurance of Forgiveness

written by the YAC Class

*Our faith teaches us that even when we don't know what to listen for,
God continues to speak anyway. May God's everlasting love be a reassurance
that we are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response

Hymn 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines o me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

◆ 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

Joey Paulson

God's Word to Us

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

NT pg. 17

Anthem

God the Source

Elena Santangelo

God, the source of all creation, was, is now, and e'er shall be.
God, the light of our salvation, through thy works thy greatness see.
Alleluia, alleluia, we shall praise and worship thee.
God, the Christ, you came to save us, from the world's unholy ways.
For our sin your life you gave us, our thanksgiving song we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, you are guardian of our days.
God, the Spirit, live within us, teach us wisdom, joy, and, love.
Bring thy strength and peace to win us for the courts of God above.
Alleluia, alleluia, come to us, O holy dove.
God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, Three in One, yet One in Three.
Speak the word that we may hear it, from our darkness set us free.
Alleluia, alleluia, bind us all in love to thee.

Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21 NT pg. 222

Sermon Eyewitnesses
Teddy Bird
Anna Livermon
Garrett Livermon

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith written by the Rite 13 Class

God doesn't occur on mountains singularly.
The holy faith comes in not one form,
but comes when we walk the Crop Walk with our church,
comes when we can commit to helping friends,
comes when we help support communities,
comes when we steward God's land carefully.
As Christians we believe that
God cares for us and God responds with love no matter what.
We know small actions can make changes grand
and that love drives out hatred and all fear.

- ◆ Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness *Spirit*

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

The Offering
Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Irish hymn
text, Hymn 450 arr. James Biery

- ◆ 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 written by the J2A Class

*Wonderful God, who spoke to Moses and Aaron on the mountaintop
and answered them with guidance, help us through the difficulties of our time.
Graciously accept the gifts we offer and transfigure them to make the world
into your holy mountainous kingdom. And the Lord's people say...*
Thanks be to God. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It*

- ◆ The Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Benedicamus Domino* Samuel Scheidt

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The watercolor art on the cover of the bulletin was done by Sarah Schlipper.

Participants in Worship

Liturgists

Youth of Westminster

Ushers

8:30 Lee Lewis

11:00 Forrest Kerns

Greeters

8:30 Bernice Booker

11:00 Bobbie Bruner

Deacon of the Day

Dana Patek

Fellowship Team

Crystal Steiger, Rob Smith

Fran Sargent

Sound Engineer

8:30 John Kleinschmidt

11:00 Mark Outlaw

Lay Readers

Youth of Westminster

Musicians

Walter Moak, piano

Joey Paulson, guitar

Paul Schakel, violin

Sarah Schlipper, cello

Anna Smith, guitar

The flowers today are given by Lucy Burnette in memory and in honor of the love of family and friends.

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26, 2020, AT 6:30 A.M. AND 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

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

Youth Sunday, February 23

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
Classes

Youth Breakfast, Common Grds.

10:30 a.m. Acolyte Training,
sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, February 25

6 p.m. Shrove Pancake Dinner,
fellowship hall

6:30 p.m. Christian Formation
Leadership Team, room 207

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

Thursday, February 28

4 p.m. Choristers, choir room

7 p.m. Adult Choir, choir room

Friday, February 29

9:30 a.m. Youth and Their Families
Ministry team, lounge

Sunday, March 1

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
Classes

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singers rehearsal, choir room

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Today, our youth lead us in worship. Members of the YAC+ class, all seniors in high school, together with their leaders designed this morning's service, choosing the Scripture, theme and music. Each of the other youth classes wrote portions of the liturgy. Our readers, ushers, musicians and preachers are all youth who have been nurtured in their faith here at Westminster. We give thanks for them and for all who have had a part in shaping their faith.

Come to the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on February 25 at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your appetite! Feast on the food — pancakes, sausage, and fruit — and on the fellowship!

Forgiveness through the Lens of Theater: Beginning this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the library, Ken Henry will lead a three-week class addressing how theater attempts to solve the problem of human forgiveness. How do the theatrical arts answer approach forgiveness? Can theater provide healing insight into how we forgive those around us? During this class, we will review and read plays and even perhaps, watch some local actors portray a one-act play that Ken wrote recently around this theme. No acting experience is required!

Children and youth, 4th grade and above, are invited to participate in worship as acolytes during Lent, March 1-April 12. There's a training session today in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for all those interested in participating. Please contact Megan Sharp, music@westminsterva.org.

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.

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. Please take a look at the insert in this bulletin and fill out the form if you're interested in this wonderful event! Bring your form to the registration table in the Gathering Place.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

March 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Forgiveness through the Lens of Theater, Library

Contemporary Theology, Room 207

Lent in Plain Sight by Jill Duffield, Room 208

Faith and Family, Lounge

Opening Doors, Room 209