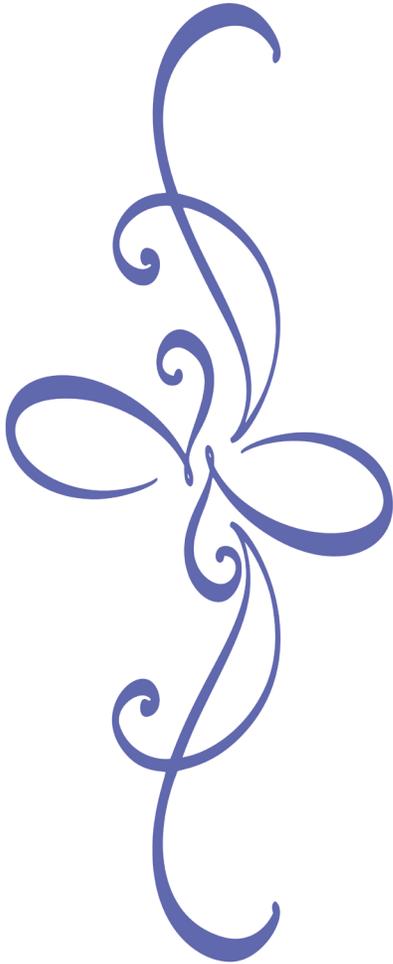


# Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2020



*The Lord declares, "Am I a God  
who is only nearby and not far off?  
Can people hide themselves in secret places  
so I might not see them?"*

Jeremiah 23:23-24

**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

*Toccata prima — Recercar*

*Girolamo Frescobaldi*

### ◆ Call to Worship

based on Psalm 34

*Bless the Lord at all times.*

**God is close when our hearts are broken. God delivers us from our distress.**

*Come. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**God is close when our hearts are broken. God delivers us from our distress.**

*Come and listen. Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.*

**God is close when our hearts are broken. God delivers us from our distress.**

*Turn from wrong, and do what is right. Seek the peace of Christ.*

**God is close when our hearts are broken. God delivers us from our distress.**

*Come. Listen. The Spirit of God draws near.*

**O God, lift up our spirits and hear our songs of praise.**

### ◆ Hymn 165

**The Glory of These Forty Days**

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

### Call to Confession

*What is the distance between God and human suffering? Why does God sometimes feel so near and yet, other times, so far away? We come this morning desiring to close the distance between God's presence and our human predicament. We long to have a closer relationship with the God who is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

### Litany of Confession

*Holy God, we have broken the covenant. We have sinned and wandered into a far country. We hardly remember where we came from. Lord, we are so far from home.*

**Please God, draw us closer and bring us back.**

*We have distanced ourselves from the people closest to us.*

*We allow petty things to come between us, and then we let those things grow.*

*We resist reconciliation. We keep our distance. Lord, we are so far from home.*

**Please God, draw us closer and bring us back.**

*We long to return to you, but we do not know the way, or we are too stubborn or weak or distracted to get there.*

*We fail to make any progress in the right direction, and here we are, Lord, we are so far from home.*

**Please, God, draw us closer and bring us back.**

Silent Prayers

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*On the mountain of Horeb, God declares to Moses: "I have observed the misery of my people, I have heard their cries for deliverance, and I have seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, Moses, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people out from under the burden of slavery." These liberating words to Moses and the people are not unlike God's words for us today. For I declare to you that God in Jesus Christ still desires people to be free from sin's oppressive yoke. Come. God draws near.*

**We are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ◆ Sung Response

Hymn 618

**All glory to our Lord and God,  
For love so deep, so high, so broad:  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.**

## ◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community 11 a.m.

## God's Word to Us

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

NT pg. 3

Psalter

Psalm 34:15-22

OT pg. 481

Homily

Ken Henry

## ◆ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the Iona Community

*We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.*

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action,  
into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Prayers of the Congregation

## The Offering

## Offertory

8:30

*Sonata sexta*

Gaetano Valeri

11:00

*O for a closer walk with God*

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;

text: William Cowper

A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;

I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;

So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

## ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup

HS 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,****Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:****We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;****Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

*The Lord be with you.***And also with you.***Lift up your hearts.***We lift them up to the Lord.***Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,**O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs**and with all the faithful of every time and place,**who forever sing to the glory of your name:***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;**

HS No. 78

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***...Great is the mystery of faith:***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

HS 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

*Toccata alla levatione*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

## Prayer After Communion

**O God, with gratitude and praise you have blessed and fed us in this sacrament,****united us with Christ, and given us hope in the face of turmoil,****to remind us that in you, everything is already alright.**



## Coming Up

**Sunday, March 1**

**First Sunday in Lent**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation  
Classes

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singers rehearsal, choir room

**Tuesday, March 3**

8 p.m. UKirk Dessert &

Discussion, Common  
Grounds

**Wednesday, March 4**

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap

**Thursday, March 5**

4 p.m. Choristers, choir room

7 p.m. Adult Choir, choir room

**Saturday, March 7**

PACEM begins

**Sunday, March 8**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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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## New Member Classes in March!

**Interested in becoming a Westminster member?** Looking for a place to call home and learn more about what it means “to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). If you find yourself answering “yes” to any of these questions, then come to any or all of the new member classes offered in March: Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in room 208.

**March 15: What is Westminster?** In this class, Ken Henry will talk with class members about the meaning of membership, as well as the various ministries at Westminster. You will leave this one-hour class with a greater appreciation of how the church is organized to carry out its mission and purpose in the world.

**March 22: What is our mission?** In this class, Dorothy Piatt, with other church leaders, will talk about our benevolence giving and our commitment to other nonprofit organizations in Charlottesville, as well as how our church feels called to reach out to UVA students and faculty.

**March 29: What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?** We are a congregation of the Reformed tradition in the Presbyterian Church(USA). For hundreds of years, our motto has been “Reformed and Always Reforming.” Ken will speak about the roots of the Protestant Reformation and the emergence of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION March 8 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Forgiveness through the Lens of Theater**, Library

**Lent in Plain Sight** by Jill Duffield, Room 208

**Contemporary Theology**, Room 207

**Faith and Family**, Lounge

**Opening Doors**, Room 209

## Participants in Worship

### Liturgists

Lynne Clements

Dorothy Piatt

### Fellowship Team

Ruth Wadlington, Sally Telford

### Deacon of the Day

Dick Haines

### Ushers

8:30 Tina Goode, Dick Gibson

11:00 Paul Schakel

James Burch, Dick Gibson

### Communion Preparers

Liza Millett, Dana Eastman

### Acolyte

11:00 Wayne Hyder

### Greeter

11:00 Mike Moore

### Lay Reader

8:30 Sheila Hazen

11:00 Ann Parks

### Sound Engineer

8:30 Carol Gilchrist

11:00 Forrest Kerns

### Elders Serving Communion

8:30 Lee and Wayne Cilimberg

11:00 Dana Eastman

Tim Peck

Dick Guerrant

Cheryl Oliver