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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Public Service of Worship*

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Lord's Day

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*“Faith is the capacity to trust God while not  
being able to make sense out of everything.”*

- JAMES KOK

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have you join us today, as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*A few notes to help you fully participate:*

LITURGICAL RESPONSE: Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be **boldfaced and indented**:

*[Leader]* The Lord be with you!

**[Congregation]** And also with you!

WORSHIP WITH THE BODY: We have been created as people with bodies and souls. Throughout our worship, besides sitting, we will stand, raise our hands, and even kneel. Please note the \* and † symbols to indicate standing or kneeling.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also known as "communion", the Lord's Supper is rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you haven't been baptized, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

CHILDREN: You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the side room. We're happy to accommodate your family in any way we can.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP:** The sovereignty of God is undisputed in Scripture. Paradoxically, man is always held out as a responsible moral agent, and held accountable for his decisions, and our decisions truly matter. Certain times in life will have us find that all manner of decisions can be wise; and still, no matter our decisions, all times are of God, who works all things for good in His timing. Look for themes of sovereignty and time this morning, and especially be aware for the happy ending that we are brought to in Jesus Christ.

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME**

### **SILENT MEDITATION: EXODUS 14:14**

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

*Please take this time of silence to prepare your hearts before the Lord.*

## **PRAISE THE LORD: *OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN***

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145:10-12**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

### **§DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART, NO. 44**

# A HOLY NATION: *THY KINGDOM COME*

## **\*RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 26**

Vindicate me, O LORD,

**for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

**test my heart and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

**and I walk in your faithfulness.**

I do not sit with men of falsehood,

**nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

I hate the assembly of evildoers,

**and I will not sit with the wicked.**

I wash my hands in innocence

**and go around your altar, O LORD,**

proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

**and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

**and the place where your glory dwells.**

Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

**nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**

in whose hands are evil devices,

**and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

**redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

My foot stands on level ground;

**in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

## **KINGDOM PRAYER**

*At the conclusion of each request, we implore the Lord's mercy to hear our prayers, as follows:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

*We pray for the following:*

- *The Stoms family in Africa: that their church will be more welcoming to International Students, for endurance as their girls are ending their home-school year, for the future ministry to international students they are planning, and for a good transition to their furlough year (including a home-school co-op and a car), and a good integration for the children as they come back to the Seattle area, including*
- *Our civil government leaders, including the President, Governor, and Vancouver City Council*
- *Municipal servants, including police, sheriffs, and firemen.*
- *Trinitas Church (PCA) in Everett, WA, and Pastor Brant Bosserman.*
- *That Clark County would hear the Gospel through our church,*
- *For our own sanctification and obedience to the truth as a body,*
- *That our offerings would be effective to spread the Kingdom of Christ.*

**Amen.**

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**HYMN: SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS, NO. 369**

# BREAD FROM HEAVEN: *GIVE US THIS DAY...*

*We give thanks for the Word of God with the following statement after each reading:*

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\* OLD TESTAMENT READING & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 3**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;<sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

<sup>14</sup>I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before

him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

<sup>16</sup>Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. <sup>17</sup>I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. <sup>18</sup>I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. <sup>19</sup>For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup>All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup>Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? <sup>22</sup>So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

**\*NEW TESTAMENT READING: ROMANS 8:26-30**

**\*GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 26:36-46**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE *FORMULARIO* OF THE ITALIAN  
PROTESTANT REFUGEES IN GENEVA (1559)**

On Predestination and Election

Since this curse falls on all men in general and being all consequently condemned to eternal death, God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, in order that not all should perish, did reserve to Himself a number known only to Himself; these He elected and predestined according to His will and good pleasure before the foundation of the world, in order to draw them out of this corrupted lump, reconciling them to Himself and adopting them as His children and heirs in His only begotten Son Jesus Christ; later calling them to Himself—each in His own time—through the preaching of His holy gospel, giving them at the same time true repentance and faith to embrace it, justifying and sanctifying them in this way and bringing them at last to the glory of eternal life.

**\*PRAYER FOR THE SERMON**

**SERMON:** *TIME*, REV. JERID KRULISH



# BE HEALED: *FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS*

## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## **\*HYMN: FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE, NO. 494**

## **EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: EPHESIANS 5:15-16**

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

## **PUBLIC CONFESSION: REFORMED CHURCH OF THE PALATINATE (1585)**

We poor sinners acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and we heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

† **SILENT REPENTANCE**

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** REVELATION 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

**GOD BE WITH US:**  
*LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION*

\* **HYMN:** *IN CHRIST ALONE*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings  
us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of  
sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may  
enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King.  
And so with thankfulness and faith we  
rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven

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† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

## **EXHORTATION AT THE TABLE**

*You are welcome to the Lord's Table if you are a baptized Christian who has been received into communal membership by this or any other church.*

*Our communion is served "in the round." At the Pastor's direction, we ask that all would move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread or wine until all have received, and then we will pray and eat together. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.*

## **SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is very good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with the Angels and Archangels and the whole company of the church triumphant, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name:

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

## **\*DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD**

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

## **\*DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## CHRIST THE LORD: THINE IS THE KINGDOM

**\*HYMN:** *LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING*, NO. 318

**\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



**FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP**

**HYMN OF THE MONTH:** ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT, NO. 401

**CHILDREN'S LESSON:** VALDÉS'S CATECHISM.

*Valdés's Catechism was titled Instructions for Children. It was published in 1549, with earlier drafts. The intention is not to have children memorize the statements, but for parents to instruct their children.*

- 1. In the first place, let them recognize God as Father, generally, by human generation, and particularly, by Christian regeneration (Gen. 2; Rom. 8).**
- 2. Let them recognize Christ as Lord, as he who has redeemed and liberated them from sin, death, and hell (1 Cor. 2).**
- 3. Let them know that God is invisible, incomprehensible, and immortal; that his attributes are omnipotence, wisdom, justice, goodness, mercy, truth, and faithfulness (1 Tim. 1 [1 Tim. 1:6]; Ps. 72 [Ps. 73, 86]).**

**WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:**

11/19	Psalms 105	John 15:1-17	2 Chronicles 19:1-20:23
11/20	Psalms 106	John 15:18-16:15	2 Chronicles 20:24-21:20
11/21	Psalms 107	John 16:16-33	2 Chronicles 22-23
11/22	Psalms 108	John 17	2 Chronicles 24
11/23	Psalms 109	John 18:1-27	2 Chronicles 25
11/24	Psalms 110-111	John 18:28-40	2 Chronicles 26-27
11/25	Psalms 112-113	John 19:1-16a	2 Chronicles 28

**PRAYER**

Pray for the missionaries in the Middle East. Their home has been searched by the police.

- 1. Pray for **peace** in their hearts (freedom from anxiety)
- 2. Pray for **faithfulness** to the ministry
- 3. Pray for **wisdom**
- 4. Pray for **health** and **safety**
- 5. Pray that the **Gospel** will speed ahead and be honored
- *"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored"*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR**

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Christmas Choirs will meet immediately following the worship service. 2-6 year olds will meet in the cry room and 7-12 year olds next to the piano.

### GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

*All are welcome. Meeting at the Jonathan VanGelder house. Contact the church for directions.*  
Wed. Nov. 29th, and following Wednesdays.

### YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

*A study for younger men. Dinner is provided. Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions.*

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.  
(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

### ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FEAST AND WREATH MAKING

Our regular fellowship feast will be followed by the opportunity to make advent wreathes to take home.

Sunday, December 3rd

### THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Please join us for a special service to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving Day, 10am.

## NOTES

