

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

- Luke 2:11

The Second Lord's Day of Advent
December 6th, 2015

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are thankful that you have joined us today as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There may be some elements of our worship today that are unfamiliar to you, but please don't worry about that, you will catch on soon enough. If you have any questions about our church, or about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the pastor, elders or deacons would be happy to help you find answers.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Standing and raising hands

Because we are whole people with bodies as well as souls, we use our bodies in worship, as the Bible commands. We raise our hands to look to God for help and bless God (Ps. 28:2, 63:3), and we stand to hear the Word out of reverence for God (Neh. 8:5).

The Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of communion is a 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 are unbaptized, or not a church member, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

Liturgical response

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

The Lord be with you! [*Leader*]

And also with you! [*Congregation*]

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 believe that children naturally love those whom their parents love, and so the best way to help children grow in their love for the Lord Jesus is to have families worship together.

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 back room. If your children have never been in worship before, don't worry at all. We realize this is unusual for many people, and we would be happy to offer you help, tips and encouragement.

PRELUDE

Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 8:13

But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy.
Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

*GLORIA PATRI

N^o. 734

**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.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord!, p. 10

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeremiah 3:25

Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. For we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

A time of silence is provided for private, individual confession before the Lord.

* *Please stand as you are able*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Genevan Liturgy (1543)

Eternal and Almighty Father;

We acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death.

But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, N^o. 164

PRAYER FOR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

GIVING OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

N^o. 73 I

**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.**

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Him You Shall Honor, Isaiah 8:1-15

Then the Lord said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.' 2 And I will get reliable witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me."

3 And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz; 4 for before the boy knows how to cry 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

5 The Lord spoke to me again: 6 "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, 7 therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, 8 and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel."

9 Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered;
give ear, all you far countries;
strap on your armor and be shattered;
strap on your armor and be shattered.

10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing;
speak a word, but it will not stand,

for God is with us.

11 For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: 12 “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Formulario (1559)

What it is to be a Christian.

Since we have to declare ourselves Christians making an open and public profession (1 Peter 3:15), we must first of all recognize that to be a Christian (that is, in general, to be of the true religion of Jesus Christ, to be His true faithful ones, to be true and living members of his body – namely of His holy church – to be by faith saved in Him and made God’s children, justified and sanctified and partakers of all the good things of Christ and to be heirs with Him of eternal life) is not a natural thing for anyone, for we are all born in an entirely contrary state, but it is a supernatural grace and gift of God, who regenerated us and has begotten us again spiritually by faith.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Take Away Scorn, for I Have Kept Your Testimonies

Psalm 119:17-24, 41-48

GIMEL

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

WAW

Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise;
then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.
I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,
and I shall walk in a wide place,
for I have sought your precepts.
I will also speak of your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame,
for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.

Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thou Art the Way, No. 154

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

The Word of the Lord

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*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

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*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON *Lord of All the Earth; Lord of my Heart*, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, N^o. 193

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

You are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian who has been admitted to the Lord's Table. Our communion elements are wine and bread. If you are unable to take regular bread and wine, please signal one of the elders (with the trays), and we can provide you with gluten-free bread; non-alcoholic grape juice is found in the innermost ring of the communion trays for those who need to abstain from alcohol.

*HYMN OF COMMISSIONING *Be Thou My Vision*, N^o. 642

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN N^o. 74^o



Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord!

Thy king - dom come, O Lord, Thy reign, O Christ, be - gin; break
 Where is Thy rule of peace and pur - i - ty and love? When
 When comes the pro - mised time that war shall be no more, op -
 We pray Thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in Thy great might; re -
 O'er hea - then lands a - far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet: a -

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with Thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin.
 shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
 pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee Thy face be - fore?
 vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for Thy sight.
 rise, O morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set.

ST. CECILIA

Leighton George Hayne, 1863

WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

A. (Children's) "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Psalm 119:129 – 176; Psalms 120 – 129; 3 John 1; Revelation 1 - 5

Optional: WCF 2-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

- *Sunday School:* Join us (almost) every Sunday as we explore the “History of the Old Testament.” If you have ever been confused about “Bible that Jesus read,” (and who hasn’t?) please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30. All ages welcome.
- *Christmas Evening Worship:* Dec. 20, 7:00 PM.

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