

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*Faith is our seal; assurance of
faith is God's seal.*

- Christopher Nesse

January 22nd, 2017

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.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please visit the sound table in the back of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL to WORSHIP

Nehemiah 9:5

Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

*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

*PSALM of PRAISE

O Bless the Lord, My Soul, p. 11

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL to CONFESSION

Ezekiel 16:62

I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God.

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we humbly ask You, and for the sake of Your Name, be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Beneath the cross of Christ, we come to know that ours is the guilt, but Yours the forgiveness; ours the condemnation, but Yours the gift of justification; ours the bondage, yet Yours the freedom of adoption and new obedience. Even the faith by which we profess our dear Savior's sacrifice was itself won for us by His death. Therefore, we cry out to You in sorrow for our sins and in thanksgiving for Your gift. Give us the grace, we pray, to receive again this word of the cross, which alone can refresh us on our pilgrim way, and send us out again into the world.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

*DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

At the conclusion of the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: Amen!

*HYMN OF SALVATION

Man of Sorrows! What a Name, N^o. 246

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

N^o. 731

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 and SERMON TEXT 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (NASB)

Now these are the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse declares,

The man who was raised on high declares,

The anointed of the God of Jacob,

And the sweet psalmist of Israel,

²“The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,

And His word was on my tongue.

³“The God of Israel said,

The Rock of Israel spoke to me,

‘He who rules over men righteously,

Who rules in the fear of God,

⁴Is as the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,

A morning without clouds,

When the tender grass *springs* out of the earth,

Through sunshine after rain.’

⁵“Truly is not my house so with God?

For He has made an everlasting covenant with me,

Ordered in all things, and secured;

For all my salvation and all *my* desire,

Will He not indeed make *it* grow?

⁶“But the worthless, every one of them will be thrust away like thorns,

Because they cannot be taken in hand;

⁷But the man who touches them

Must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,

And they will be completely burned with fire in *their* place.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 79. May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

A. True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance; their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 25

OF DAVID.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

Amen.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:27-36

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

As the Sun on a Cloudless Morning, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, N^o. 311

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

New Songs of Celebration Render, N^o. 14

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 74^o



O Bless the Lord, My Soul

James Montgomery, 1819

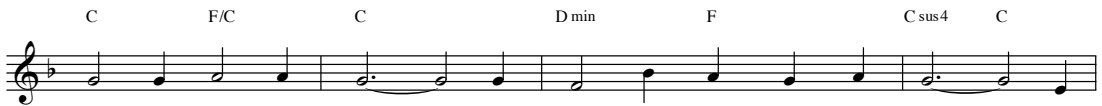
Based on Shepherd, Southern Harmony
Adapted by Gregory Wilbur, 2009



O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro - claim! And
He will not al - ways chide; He will with pa - tience wait; His
He clothes you with His love; Up - holds you with His truth; And



all that is with - in me join To bless His ho - ly Name! O
wrath is ev - er slow to rise, And read - y to a - bate. He
like the ea - gle He re - news The vig - or of your youth. Then



bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind! For -
par - dons all your sins; Pro - longs your fee - - ble breath; He
bless His ho - ly Name, Whose grace has made you whole, Whose



get not all His ben - e - fits! The Lord to you is kind.
heals all your in - firm - i - ties, And ran - soms you from death.
lov - ing - kind - ness crowns your days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Call Jehovah Your Salvation (Psalm 91).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

1/22	Psalms 97	Mark 12:18-44	Isaiah 54
1/23	Psalms 98	Mark 13	Isaiah 55-56
1/24	Psalms 99	Mark 14:1-31	Isaiah 57
1/25	Psalms 100-101	Mark 14:32-52	Isaiah 58
1/26	Psalms 102	Mark 14:53-15:15	Isaiah 59
1/27	Psalms 103	Mark 15:16-47	Isaiah 60
1/28	Psalms 104	Mark 16	Isaiah 61

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

BAPTISMAL FEAST

Today! Please join us after worship to celebrate the Jan. 1 baptism of Jack Berkompas.

ALL-CHURCH GOSPEL OF JOHN STUDY (typically meeting at the Fomichenko's home, 7PM)

Wednesday, 1/25

Thursday, 2/2 *Location TBA; new baby at the Fomichenkos!*

Wednesday, 2/8

Thursday, 2/16

Wednesday, 2/22

PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

1/26 – 27, Greenlake Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA. (*The Pastor and Elder Berkompas will be attending but still available by phone.*)

NOTES

WESTMINSTER

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Meeting at: Clark County Square Dance Center
10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

Times: Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

Contact us: (360) 602-1501 🍀 admin@solochristo.org
Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.

Elders: Mr. Tom Berkompas Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)
Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)

Deacons: Mr. Christopher Berkompas Mr. Dave Buhrmaster
Mr. Terry Craig Mr. Dylan Gollehon
Mr. Roy Märtin (Chairman) Mr. Dan Seifert
Mr. Joseph Sturtevant