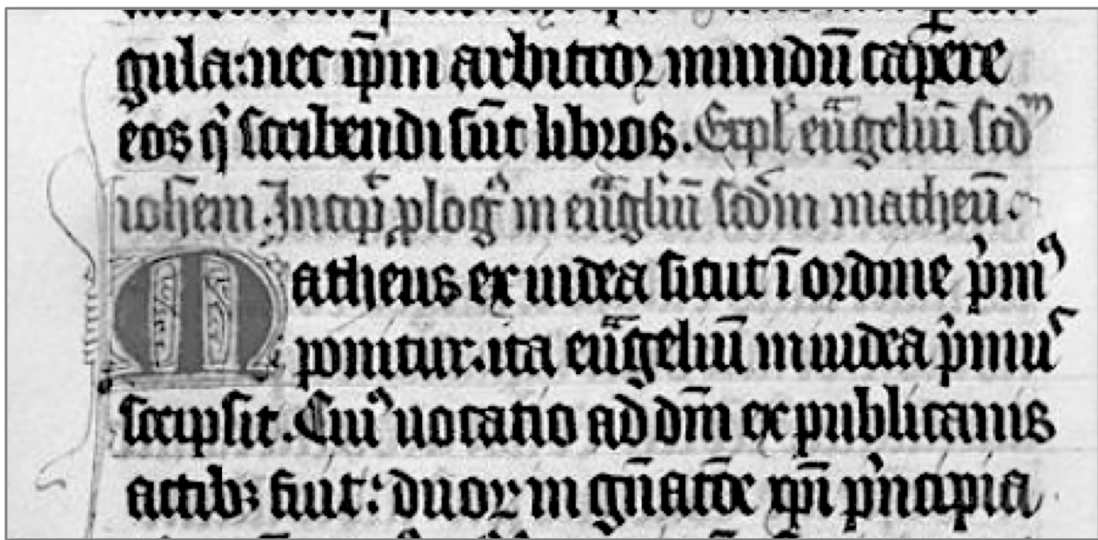

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

February 18th, 2018

The First Sunday of Lent



*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

- PROVERBS 1:10

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:

Our worship will keep you busy! We often think of worship as “singing songs” and “hearing a sermon,” but there is greater depth available to us. We pray and read together, we use our bodies, we hear, and eat, and respond, and all from the heart.

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!**

Please note the * and § symbols to indicate standing or standing and raising hands.

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: It all comes down to this. Despite all the books in the Christian Book and Tchotchke store, a lifetime’s worth of reading in the theological libraries, and the countless magazines produced every month, the Christian life is not especially complex. Solomon brings it down to one simple and easy statement describing a life of faith, and he goads us on to pursue it. If you hear the Great Shepherd speaking, pay attention...

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: ISAIAH 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 85:8-9**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

§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: NOW UNTO JEHOVAH, p. 11**

** Please stand if you are able. § Please stand and raise your hands.*

***RESPONSIVE READING:** PSALM 19

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,

making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,

enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean,

enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,

and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,

even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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:

- Our commitment to the Kingdom of God, and the rule of Christ in all things.*
- The worship of God in our homes and private lives.*
- The Leaman family in Brazil.*
- The Jewish peoples won to Christ*
- The rule of Christ in our public education system*
- All Christians to look to the Gospel as the solution to tragedy and national ills.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

***HYMN: GOD IS KNOWN AMONG HIS PEOPLE NO. 66**

***SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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 LESSON & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JAMES 1:19-27

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 22:34-40

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of man?

A. Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *THE SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE BIBLE*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN:** *BE THOU MY VISION* NO. 642

***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.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PSALM 95:7-9

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

[°] lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death

PUBLIC CONFESSION: “RESTING IN GOD,” THE VALLEY OF VISION

Our Father most high, most glorious, the thought of Your infinite serenity cheers us, for we are toiling, troubled, and distressed, but You are forever at perfect peace. Your designs cause You no fear or worry, as they stand fast as the eternal hills. Your power knows no bond, Your goodness lacks nothing. You bring order out of confusion, and our defeats are Your victories: The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

We come to You as sinners, full of sorrows, defiance, and discouragement, we confess our sins, and leave every concern entirely to You, we leave every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep love and commitment in our hearts; let us live near to the great Shepherd, hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Keep us from deception by causing us to abide in the truth, from harm by helping us to walk in the power of the Spirit. Give us more intense faith in the eternal truths, burning into us by experience the things we know; let us never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that we may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, and know in it the power of the Spirit.

Lord, help us, for we are often lukewarm and chill; unbelief mars our confidence, sin makes us forget You. Let the weeds that grow in our souls be cut at their roots; grant us to know that we truly live only when we live unto You, that all else is trifling. Your presence alone can make us holy, devout, strong and happy. Abide within us as Your body, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and King.

Amen.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: HEBREWS 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

After the declaration, let the congregation respond, "Amen."

HYMN: BLEST IS THE MAN, p. 12

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.

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.

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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

At this time, please move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread until all have received, and then we will eat together. The wine will be distributed in the same manner. It is our privilege to bless the non-communing children.

Our bread is gluten-free. The fruit of the vine is real wine, except for the innermost ring of the tray, which has no alcohol.

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

***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.

***HYMN: REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART NO. 604**

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



Now Unto Jehovah

Psalm 29
Vs 1, The Psalter 1912
Vs 2-4, Book of Psalms, 1871

Gregory Wilbur, 2009



Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, All glor - y and strength



and do - min - ion ac - cord; As - cribe to Him glor - y, and ren - der Him hon - or. In



beau - ty of ho - li - ness, wor - ship the Lord. The voice of Je - ho -
The voice of Je - ho -
Each one in His tem -



vah comes down on the wa - ters; In thun - der the God of the
vah is might - y, is might - y; The voice of Je - ho - vah in
ple His glor - y pro - claim - eth. He sat on the flood; He is



glor - y draws nigh; Lo, o - ver the waves of the wide - flow - ing
ma - jest - y speaks; The voice of Je - ho - vah the ce - dars is
King on His throne. Je - ho - vah all strength to His peo - ple im -



wa - ters Je - ho - vah as King is en - thron - ed on high!
break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of Leb - a - non breaks.
part - eth; Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er bless - eth His own.

Psalm 32 Blest is the Man

Isaac Watts, 1719

Distress

Adapted by Gregory Wilbur, 2008

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Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, Whose guilt is
 Blest is the man to whom the Lord Im - putes not
 From guile his heart and lips are free; His hum - ble
 How glor - ious is that right - eous - ness That hides and

G D A B min G E min F#min B min

par - doned by his God; Whose sins with sor - row are con -
 his in - i - qui - ties; He pleads no mer - it of re -
 joy, his ho - ly fear, With deep re - pen - tance well a -
 can - cels all his sins, While a bright ev - i - dence of

A G D E min G B min

fessed, And cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
 ward, And not on works, but grace re - lies.
 gree, And join to prove his faith sin - cere.
 grace Through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:

HYMN OF THE MONTH: *THEE WE ADORE, ETERNAL LORD! NO. 19*

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.

40. That it behooves the Christian to worship God in spirit and in truth, approving of everything that God does as good, just, and holy, and remaining contented with all that happens [contenting himself with all that occurs to him, both adverse and prosperous]. Moreover, it behooves him to worship Christ, holding all that Christ affirms and said as certain, firm, and true (John 4, 18).

41. That at the time appointed by the divine Majesty, Christ will come glorious and triumphant to judge the living and the dead, God having raised up all the dead. At this universal judgment, those who have not accepted the grace of the Gospel, so that faith be efficacious in them, will be condemned to eternal punishment as unbelievers and infidels. Those who have accepted the grace of the Gospel and have placed themselves in the water of baptism, as Noah placed himself in the ark, will acquire eternal life, most glorious and most happy (1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4; Mt. 24, 26).

42. That in this glory and in this felicity, Christians will be perpetually with Christ, enjoying God and Christ, for they will see and know God and Christ clearly, even as they are known and seen by God and by Christ (1 Cor. 13).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
2/19	The Basics of Faith	Prayer	1 Cor. 14	Ps. 35
2/20	The Basics of Faith	Ask in faith	James 1	Ps. 36
2/21	The Basics of Faith	Giving in faith	2 Cor. 9	Ps. 37
2/22	The Basics of Faith	The Imitation of Christ	1 Cor. 12	Ps. 38
2/23	The Basics of Faith	Grow in Faith	Hebrews 11	Ps. 39
2/24	The Basics of Faith	Enter the Kingdom	Ephesians 4	Ps. 40

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Pray for our missionaries in the Middle East

- Continual prayer for safety in a place of turmoil both politically and spiritually.
- For God to bless their church family/congregation and for their ministry to reach the lost/unsaved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome. Meeting at the home of Kristine Ozaine.

Wednesdays at 7pm

YOUNG MEN'S PROVERB'S STUDY:

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

February 27th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

