
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

February 25th, 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent



Take heart; it is I.

- THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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: Jesus exhorts us to take heart and trust in him in the midst of all of our sins, anxieties, failures, and weaknesses. Look for the words “heart” and “trust.” Consider how we often fail to trust in the Lord, yet how He continually shows himself to be faithful, as He graciously receives sinners like ourselves.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: ISAIAH 30:15

In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 28:6-7**

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

§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: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR, NO. 97**

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

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 93**

The LORD reigns;

he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed;

he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established;

it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,

the LORD on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

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:

- For the growth of faith our hearts, resulting in obedience in our lives*
- For the ministry of justice to be carried out by our county and state courts*
- For the ministry of RUF on university campuses across the US*
- For the ministries of the Slavic Reformation Society*
- For the ministry of the WPC's Diaconate*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

***HYMN: BE THOU O GOD EXALTED HIGH, p. 12**

***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: EXODUS 34:5-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

GOSPEL READING & SERMON TEXT: MARK 6:45–52

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE EMDEN CATECHISM (1554)

Question 26: In addition to the teaching of the law, must we also believe in Jesus Christ?

Answer: Yes indeed, for it is impossible to please God without faith, and it is this faith which yields a new obedience, that is, the performance of good works in God's children, which they diligently perform to the glory of God and the benefit of their neighbor.

Question 27: What is true faith?

Answer: A certain confidence or trust, derived from God's Word and wrought in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, of the good and saving favor of our heavenly Father toward us by virtue of the merits obtained by our only Mediator, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: TAKE HEART, REV. DAN YORK

***HYMN:** JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS, NO. 498

***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.

[°] lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death †The congregation is permitted to kneel.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PSALM 26:2

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: FROM AUGUSTINE'S *CONFESSIONS*

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do?

But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that You have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours.

Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow You in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: GALATIANS 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING, NO. 660

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.

§ 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**

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.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

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.

*** 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:** *JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN*, p. 10

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Verse Words by Isaac Watts

Verse Music by John Hatton

Chorus Words and Music by

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

Majestically ♩ = 76

B♭ Cm7 B♭/D F/E♭ E♭ B♭/F Gm Cm7 F^{sus} F

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc cess - ive jour - neys run;
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He re - igns; The pris - ner leaps to lose his chains;
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Bless - ing and ho - nor to our King;

5 Dm Gm E♭ Cm7 F^{7sus} F⁷ B♭/D E♭ Cm7

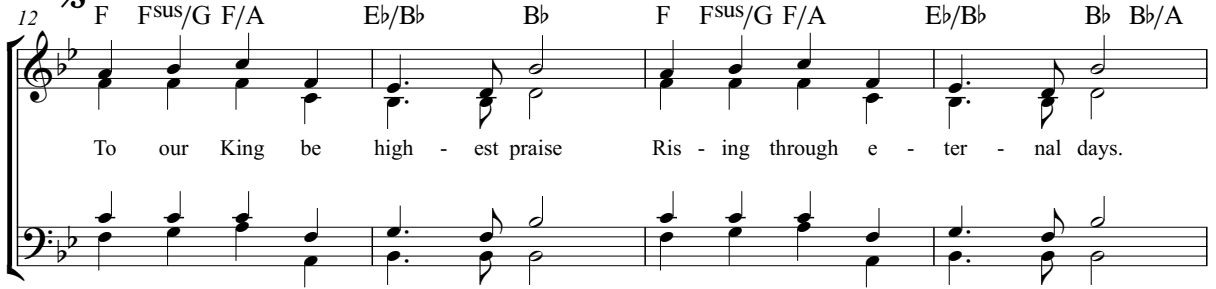
His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And all the sons of
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the

8 1. B♭/F F⁷ B♭⁵ A♭/B♭ B♭⁵ E♭/B♭ A♭/B♭ 3 B♭/F F⁷ B♭ 2.3.4.

set no more. want are blessed.
 on His Name.
 loud a - men!

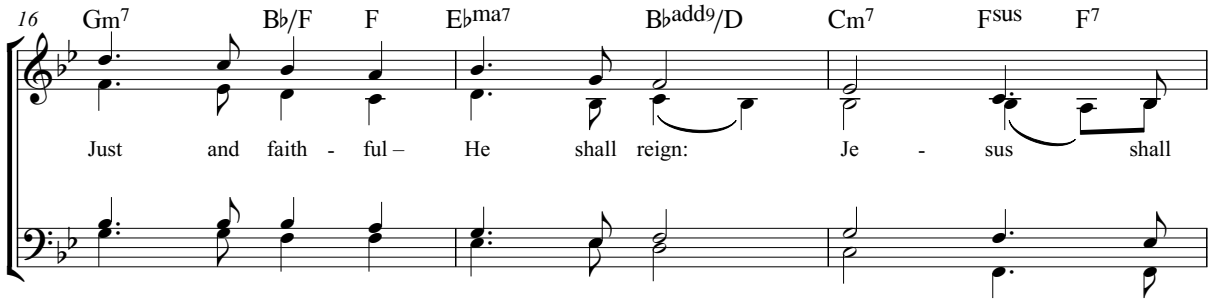
Refrain

12 F FSus/G F/A Eb/Bb Bb F FSus/G F/A Eb/Bb Bb Bb/A



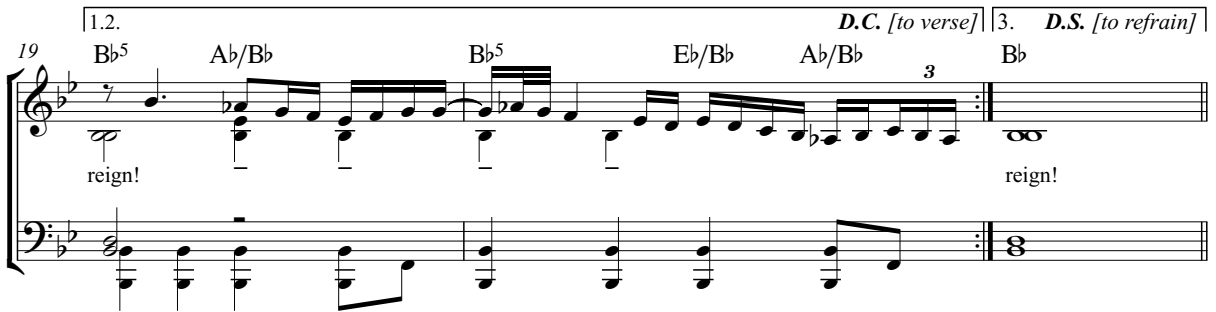
To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.

16 Gm7 Bb/F F Ebma7 Bbadd9/D Cm7 FSus F7



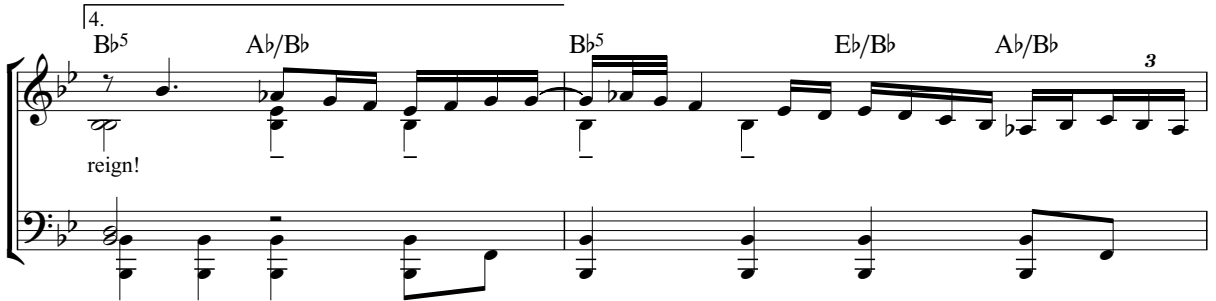
Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall

19 1.2. Bb5 Ab/Bb Bb5 Eb/Bb Ab/Bb 3 Bb D.C. [to verse] 3. D.S. [to refrain]



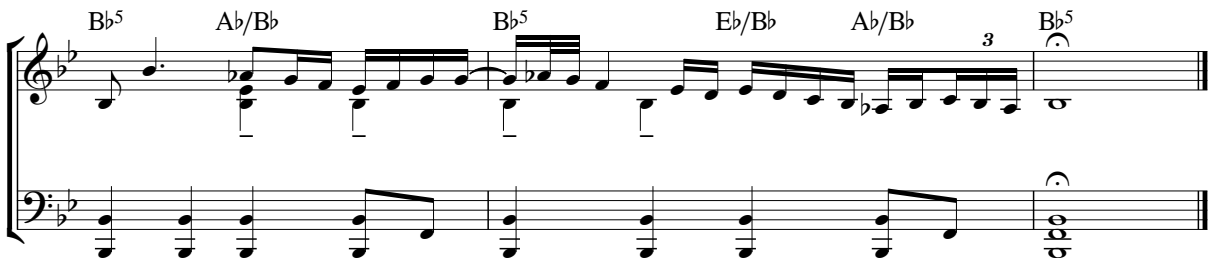
reign! reign!

4. Bb5 Ab/Bb Bb5 Eb/Bb Ab/Bb 3



reign!

Bb5 Ab/Bb Bb5 Eb/Bb Ab/Bb 3 Bb5



reign!

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(Hymnal, Key of Bb)

Be Thou O God Exalted High

Psalm 57

Isaac Watts & Nicholas Brady, 1696
from A New Version of the Psalms of David

Gregory D Wilbur, 2011

C F C/E G sus4 C/E F

Be thou, O God ex - al - ted High; And as Your glor - y fills the
O God, my heart is fixed; 'tis bent Its thank - ful tri - bute to pre -
A - wake, my glor - y; harp and lute, No long - er let your strings be
Your prais - es, Lord, I will re - sound To all the list - ening na - tions

G sus4 F A min C/G F C/E

sky, So let it be on earth dis - played, Till You are here, as
sent; And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise To You, my God, in
mute; And I, my tune - ful part to take, Will with the ear - ly
round; Your mer - cy high - est heav'n tran - scends; Your truth be - yond the

F G sus4 A min D min C/E F G C

there, o - beyed. Till You are here, as there, o - beyed.
songs of praise. To You, my God, in songs of praise.
dawn a - wake. Will with the ear - ly dawn a - wake.
clouds ex - tends. Your truth be - yond the clouds ex - tends.

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.

43. That all the truths contained in this clear and brief Christian instruction for children are contained in Holy Scripture, to which, on account of its having been written by the Holy Spirit and by persons possessed of the Holy Spirit, the Christian ought to give as much faith as to God himself, being persuaded that God is talking to him every time he reads or hears some part of the Holy Scripture (Rom. 15; 2 Tim. 3; 2 Pet. 1).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
2/26	The Basics of Faith	Worship	John 4	Ps. 41
2/27	The Basics of Faith	The Lord's Return	1 Thessalonians 4	Ps. 42
2/28	The Basics of Faith	The Love of God	1 Corinthians 13	Ps. 43
3/1	The Basics of Faith	Be Persuaded by the Truth	Romans 15	Ps. 44
3/2	The Gospel of Mark		Mark 1	Ps. 45
3/3	The Gospel of Mark		Mark 2	Ps. 46

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Pray for the Stoms, who minister in South Africa

- They are currently in the US, taking a break. Pray that they will be refreshed and renewed.
- Pray for God’s provision for their ministry to continue.
- We are hoping they can come to WPC for a visit soon; pray that the logistics pan out for this to be possible.

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)

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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
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Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)
- Deacons:* Mr. Christopher Berkompas (Chairman) Mr. Dave Buhrmaster
Mr. Terry Craig Mr. Dylan Gollehon
Mr. Dan Seifert Mr. Joseph Sturtevant