

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

- Lamentations 3:25-27

The Lord's Day
July 30th, 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

Lamentations 3:25-27

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*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, N^o. 53

CALL to CONFESSION

Psalm 51:3

They have all fallen away;
together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.

* *Please stand as you are able*

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

From *The Valley of Vision*

Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Thy mind in Thy Word, of neglect to seek Thee in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless Thee that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rather, rule over me in liberty and power.

I thank Thee that many of my prayers have been refused. I have asked amiss and do not have, I have prayed from lusts and been rejected, I have longed for Egypt and been given a wilderness. Go on with Thy patient work, answering 'no' to my wrongful prayers, and fitting me to accept it. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to Thy rule. I thank Thee for Thy wisdom and Thy love, for all the acts of discipline to which I am subject, for sometimes putting me into the furnace to refine my gold and remove my dross.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*After the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

HYMN OF SALVATION

And Can It Be That I Should Gain, N^o. 455

PRAYER, and 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

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.

⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

⁸ For I the Lord love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 20.1

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the Gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
**who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
**And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?
**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
**And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?
**The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

Amen.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT

Galatians 5:1-6

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;"²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

"Resist the Yoke" - Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

What Shall I Render to My God, N^o. 637

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

That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God, N^o. 558

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 74^o



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Glory Be to God the Father

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's:

Q. 122. How many sacraments are there?

A. Two.

Next week's:

Q. 123. What are they?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

7/31	Psalms 136	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Job 2:11-3:26
8/1	Psalms 137	1 Thessalonians 4	Job 4-5
8/2	Psalms 138	1 Thessalonians 5	Job 6-7
8/3	Psalms 139	2 Thessalonians 1	Job 8
8/4	Psalms 140	2 Thessalonians 2	Job 9-10
8/5	Psalms 141	2 Thessalonians 3	Job 11-12
8/6	Psalms 142	1 Corinthians 1	Job 13-14

PRAYER

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Pray for joyful hearts, faithful witness, and protection over body, mind, and spirit:

- Stoms in Africa
- Boceks in Turkey
- Kruzchkovs in Russia and Slavic Reformation Society
- Leahmans in Brazil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

Everyone welcome! Meeting at the Fomichenko's home.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

BABY SHOWERS

for Sarah Muela, at Christa VanGelder's home

August 22nd, 7 PM

for Christina Seifert, at Cherie Sturtevant's home

Sept. 7th, 7PM.

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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

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Mr. Terry Craig Mr. Dylan Gollehon
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Mr. Joseph Sturtevant