

# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

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.

Isaiah 18:14

The Lord's Day  
August 6, 2017

**W**elcome 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

Psalm 68:3-4

But the righteous shall be glad;  
they shall exult before God;  
they shall be jubilant with joy!  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the Lord;  
exult before him.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

N<sup>o</sup>. 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

*Mighty God, While Angels Bless You, N<sup>o</sup>. 8*

### CALL to CONFESSION

James 5:16

... confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

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\* *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 Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

**Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your Holy name.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Ephesians 2:13-17

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

## DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

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

## HYMN OF SALVATION

*Blessed is the Man*

# Psalm 32 Blest is the Man

Isaac Watts, 1719

Distress  
Adapted by Gregory Wilbur, 2008

B min                      D                      E min                      G                      B min                      E min                      D

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!

## PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY

N<sup>o</sup>. 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

Deuteronomy 16:1-8

“Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. <sup>2</sup> And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the Lord will choose, to make his name dwell there. <sup>3</sup> You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>4</sup> No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the flesh that you sacrifice on the evening of the first day remain all night until morning. <sup>5</sup> You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, <sup>6</sup> but at the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> And you shall cook it and eat it at the place that the Lord your God will choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. <sup>8</sup> For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord your God. You shall do no work on it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE READING The Law of God, *with* New Testament Readings

Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.”

**For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.**

**(1 Corinthians 8.6)**

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

**Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)**

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17)**

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

**There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.**

**(Hebrews 4:9-10)**



“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

**Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.  
(Colossians 3:20)**

“You shall not murder.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21-22)

“You shall not commit adultery.”

**Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4)**

“You shall not steal.”

**We urge you, brothers, to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)**

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

**Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)**

“You shall not covet.”

**Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)**

**Amen.**

\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT

Galatians 5:7-15

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?<sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from him who calls you.<sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump.<sup>10</sup> I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.<sup>11</sup> But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed.<sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.<sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:6-12

Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."<sup>7</sup> And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread."<sup>8</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?<sup>9</sup> Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?<sup>10</sup> Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?"<sup>11</sup> How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."<sup>12</sup> Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

*“The Offensive of the Cross,”* Rev. Jerid Krulish

\*COMMUNION HYMN

*Praise the Savior Now and Ever,* N<sup>o</sup>. 243

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

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King,* N<sup>o</sup>. 310

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N<sup>o</sup>. 740



## HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Mighty God, While Angels Bless You, N<sup>o</sup>. 8

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

*This week's:*

Q. 123. What are they?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*Next week's:*

Q. 126. What sign is used in baptism?

A. The washing with water.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

8/7	Psalms 143	1 Corinthians 2	Job 15
8/8	Psalms 144	1 Corinthians 3	Job 16-17
8/9	Psalms 145	1 Corinthians 4	Job 18-19
8/10	Psalms 146	1 Corinthians 5	Job 20
8/11	Psalms 147	1 Corinthians 6	Job 21
8/12	Psalms 148	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	Job 22
8/13	Psalms 149-150	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Job 23-24

PRAYER

*MISSIONARY UPDATE*

Pray for the Leamans in Brazil: that God would provide grace and wisdom as they begin to homeschool. Please also pray that God would provide them with property and a house for their family.

*MATTHEW HENRY'S DAILY PRAYER*

**Adoration**

OUR souls have said unto the Lord, Thou art our Lord, though our goodness extendeth not unto thee, neither if we are righteous art thou the better. Psalm 16:2. Job 35:7. Thou art our King, O God: Other lords besides thee have had dominion over us, but from henceforth by thee only will we make mention of thy name. Psalm 44:4. Isaiah 26:13.

The desire of our souls is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee; with our souls have we desired thee in the night, and with our spirits within us will we seek thee early. Isaiah 26:8, 9.

O the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out. Romans 11:33.

**Confession**

God has been broken by our whorish heart, and our eyes that have gone a whoring after our idols. Ezekiel 6:9.

Who can say he is clean from that love of money, which is the root of all evil, that covetousness which is idolatry. 1 Timothy 6:10. Colossians 3:5.

We have within us a carnal mind, which is enmity against God, and is not in subjection to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7.

**Petition**

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14, 15.

Let the flesh be crucified in us with its affections and lusts; that walking in the Spirit we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Galatians 5:24, 16.

Lord, give us all to learn of Christ to be meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls; and that herein the same mind may be in us that was also in Christ Jesus. Matthew 11:29. Philippians 2:5.

### Thanks

We will extol thee our God, O king, and will bless thy name for ever and ever; Every day will we bless thee, and will praise thy name for ever and ever; we will abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and sing of thy righteousness. Psalm 145:1, 2, 7.

Thou takest pleasure in them that fear thee, in them that hope in thy mercy. Psalm 147:11.

Thou makest peace in our borders, and fillest us with the finest of the wheat: We are delivered from the noise of archers at the places of drawing water; there therefore will we rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even his righteous acts towards the inhabitants of his villages. Psalm 147:14. Judges 5:11.

### Intercession

O let thy way be known upon earth, that barbarous nations may be civilized, and those that live without God in the world may be brought to the service of the living God; and thus let thy saving health be known unto all nations: Let the people praise thee, O God, yea let all the people praise thee: O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy, for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Psalm 67:2. Ephesians 2:12. Psalm 67:3, 4.

LET all that set themselves, and take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed, that would break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from them, imagine a vain thing. Let him that sits in heaven laugh at them, and have them in derision; speak unto them in thy wrath, and vex them in thy sore displeasure. Give them, O Lord: what wilt thou give them? give them a miscarrying womb, and dry breasts. Psalm 2:1-5. Hosea 9:14.

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation, yea let that salvation be nigh them that fear thee, that glory may dwell in our land: Let mercy and truth meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other: Let truth spring out of the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven; yea let the Lord give that which is good: Let righteousness go before him, and set us in the way of his steps. Psalm 85:7, 9-13.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

### GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

*Everyone welcome! Meeting at the Fomichenko's home.*

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

### YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

*A study for younger men. Dinner is provided.*

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner.

Also on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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

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Mr. Terry Craig                                      Mr. Dylan Gollehon  
Mr. Roy Märtin (Chairman)                      Mr. Dan Seifert  
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