

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?*

- Josiah Conder

The Lord's Day
September 4th, 2016

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

Revelation 5:6-10,

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

**“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

And the four living creatures said,

“Amen!”

and the elders fell down and worshiped.

* *Please stand as you are able*

*GLORIA PATRI

Nº. 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 *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*, Nº. 300

CALL to CONFESSION

Isaiah 6:5

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

The French Reformed Church of Frankfurt, (1555)

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we recognize and confess frankly that in the presence of your most holy Majesty we are wretched sinners, and that we, even from the first beginning by which we were conceived and born, are prone toward every evil and strangers from every good: because of this vice we continually transgress your most holy laws, and for that reason procure destruction for ourselves by your most just judgment.

But nevertheless, Lord God, we do repent so to have offended your goodness, and therefore we condemn ourselves all our excessively wicked deeds, praying that you would hasten to the aid of this our calamity in keeping with your mercy. Pity all of us, therefore, O most merciful and piteous God and Father, we implore you by the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and forgive our vices that have been wiped away and all our filth that has been washed away, and increase day by day the power and gifts of your Holy Spirit in us, because of whom we, truly and earnestly understanding our misery and recognizing our unrighteousness, may truly, in order that we, having died to sin by this repentance, may hereafter abound in the fruits of righteousness and innocence, by which we may please you through Jesus Christ your Son, our only Redeemer and Mediator, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 10:6-9

But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

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

Amen!

HYMN OF SALVATION

I Know That My Redeemer Lives, N^o. 281

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 15:1-23

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ² And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," ³ Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." ⁴ Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." ⁵ And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. ⁶ Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

⁷ And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron." ⁸ For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the Lord will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the Lord.'" ⁹ The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. ¹⁰ But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel,

saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'"¹¹ With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing.¹² And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

¹³ And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom."¹⁴ Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."¹⁵ And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides."¹⁶ So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house.¹⁷ And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.

¹⁸ And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king.¹⁹ Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home."²⁰ You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you."²¹ But Ittai answered the king, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be."²² And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him.²³ And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Confession of the Glastonbury Congregation (1551)

Christ a Prophet.

Therefore is Jesus Christ become our Emmanuel and Messiah, that is, our Prophet, anointed to bring us the most certain assurance of this goodwill of God the Father, whereby it pleaseth Him to bless us with all things necessary unto salvation, to wit, the remission of sins and the fullest justification.

A Priest.

Next He is become a priest, a high priest, Who hath offered unto the Father no victim of another, but Himself, as a sacrifice for all the sins of the whole world.

A King.

Finally He is our King, Who hath most manifestly declared Himself to have dominion and power over sin, death and hell, and over all creatures, in bringing to Himself all that are His, having delivered them from all spiritual bondage unto another and restored them into the liberty of the children of God: to the end that they may be subject unto, serve and obey Him alone.

Since therefore the Son of God being made man hath declared Himself our true Prophet, Priest and King, anointed not with material and earthly oil, but with heavenly and spiritual oil, to wit, with the Holy Ghost Himself: I place all faith, hope and confidence in Him alone, and ascribe unto Him alone the whole honor of true submission and obedience; bidding farewell to all other strange doctrines, sacrifices and commandments whatsoever, that are not of Christ Himself, and cannot be taught or proven from any word of His.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 74

A MASKIL OF ASAPH.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion,
where you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place;
they set up their own signs for signs.

They were like those who swing axes
in a forest of trees.

And all its carved wood
they broke down with hatchets and hammers.

They set your sanctuary on fire;
**they profaned the dwelling place of your name,
bringing it down to the ground.**

They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them";
they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.

We do not see our signs;
there is no longer any prophet,
and there is none among us who knows how long.

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?
Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them!

Yet God my King is from of old,
working salvation in the midst of the earth.

You divided the sea by your might;
you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.

You crushed the heads of Leviathan;
you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

You split open springs and brooks;
you dried up ever-flowing streams.

Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.

You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you have made summer and winter.

Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Have regard for the covenant,
for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.

Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;
remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day!

Do not forget the clamor of your foes,
the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually!

*PSALM OF RESPONSE (PSALM 91)

Call Jehovah Your Salvation, p. 13

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will

save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

The Kingdom or the King?, Rev. Jerid Krulish

* COMMUNION HYMN

How Vast the Benefits Divine, N^o. 470

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^o. 309

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, N^o. 300

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

9/4	Psalms 98	1 Samuel 14:1-23	Galatians 1
9/5	Psalms 99	1 Samuel 14:24-52	Galatians 2
9/6	Psalms 100-101	1 Samuel 15	Galatians 3
9/7	Psalms 102	1 Samuel 16	Galatians 4
9/8	Psalms 103	1 Samuel 17:1-30	Galatians 5
9/9	Psalms 104	1 Samuel 17:31-58	Galatians 6
9/10	Psalms 105	1 Samuel 18	Romans 1

WEEKLY WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM MEMORY

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* CALENDAR

ALL-CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES (7:00PM)

Sept. 14th and 28th: Meeting at the Mack's.

Sept. 15th and 29th: Meeting at the Sturtevant's.

MEN'S FORUM

Sept. 30, at the Koch's.

BABY SHOWER

Sept. 15, 7:00PM: Joint shower for Rebekah Berkompas & baby Levi, and Galena Berkompas and baby boy number two

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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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Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.

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