

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

“Those who do not weep, do not see.”

- Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

The Lord's Day
October 15th, 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:**

[Leader] The Lord be with you!

[Congregation] And also with you!

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.

PRELUDE

Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22:16-17

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

*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

How Firm a Foundation, N^o. 94

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL to CONFESSION

Revelation 21:6-8

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy of 1539

Almighty, eternal, merciful God and Father, we poor sinners confess that we have sinned in many ways against You and Your commandments:

We confess that we have not believed in You, our one God and Father, but have put our faith and trust more in creatures than in You, our God and Creator;

We confess that we have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them;

We confess that we have misused Your Name, that we have sworn falsely or lightly by it, and have not professed it or kept it holy as we ought;

We confess that we have not kept the Sabbath holy, nor have we rejoiced in the work of six days but have grumbled against it and been negligent;

We confess that we have not honored our parents, and have been disobedient to them and to all those to whom we owe honor and obedience;

We confess that we have not respected life, but have murdered in our hearts, venting our anger against our neighbors whom we are to love;

We confess that we have been unchaste; we acknowledge all our sins of the flesh and all the excess and extravagance of our whole lives in eating, drinking, clothing, and other things, and our intemperance in our thinking, seeing, hearing, and speaking;

We confess that we have stolen. We acknowledge our greed; we admit our love of the world and the things of the world; we have dishonestly gained and kept what we have, and greedily held what belongs to others;

We confess that we have borne false witness, that we have been untrue and unfaithful toward our neighbor, that we have shaded, twisted, and denied the truth;

We confess that we have coveted the possessions and spouses of others; we acknowledge in summary that our whole life is nothing else than sin and transgression of Your holy commandments and an inclination toward all evil.

Therefore, we beg of You, O heavenly Father, that You would graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Keep and preserve us henceforth that we may walk only in Your ways and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Revelation 5:5-10

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ 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. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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,

¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN OF SALVATION

Man of Sorrows! What a Name, N^o. 246

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

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight,
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

¹⁶ I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷ And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much vexation,
and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Large Emden Catechism (1551)

(Q. 185) [Will] men will be exactly the same after the resurrection as [Christ] is now?

(A) Yes, indeed, since the resurrection pertains to the individual nature of the body, as is seen in the resurrected body of our Lord Jesus Christ; however, the faithful will be transformed, at length, into another and an eternal, ineffable form and beauty.

(Q. 186) How should I understand this?

(A) The body, having been infected with sin and thus very weak, mortal, and perishable, has now been overwhelmed with many faults and sorrows. But then, the body will be truly holy and thus, alive, immortal, incorruptible, devoid of every fault and sorrow, completely spiritual, and adorned with power and glory, similar to the Angels of God; this is seen in the example given to the Apostles by Jesus on Mount Tabor.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Proverbs 3:13-27

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.
The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
My son, do not lose sight of these—
keep sound wisdom and discretion,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.
Then you will walk on your way securely,
and your foot will not stumble.
If you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
Do not be afraid of sudden terror
or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,
for the Lord will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being caught.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.
Amen.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

“Sorrow,” Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

Come Ye Disconsolate, (following page.)

Come Ye Disconsolate

Thomas Moore, 1816

Gregory Wilbur

D A/C# B min A

Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,
 Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

B min D/A G D/F# G A D

Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

D DMaj7/C# B min A B min D/A G A

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

B min D/A D/F# G D/F# G A D

Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that Heav'n can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

B min A G A B min A G

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

Be Thou My Vision, N^o. 642

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

Give to Our God Immortal Praise, N^o. 3

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's:

Q. 143. What is hell?

A. A place of dreadful and endless torment.

Next week's:

Q. 144. What will become of the righteous?

A. They shall be taken to heaven.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

10/16	Psalms 71	1 Timothy 4	1 Chronicles 2
10/17	Psalms 72	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	1 Chronicles 3:1-4:23
10/18	Psalms 73	1 Timothy 6:3-21	1 Chronicles 4:24-5:26
10/19	Psalms 74	Titus 1	1 Chronicles 6
10/20	Psalms 75	Titus 2-3	1 Chronicles 7
10/21	Psalms 76	2 Timothy 1	1 Chronicles 8:1-9:34
10/22	Psalms 77	2 Timothy 2	1 Chronicles 9:35-11:9

PRAYER

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Pray for the Bocek family in Turkey:

- This is a tense and risky time for pastors and church leaders in Turkey, and they have asked for urgent prayer.
- A police notice on the door can lead to never returning home.
- Pray urgently for their protection and witness.
- Pray for the politics between that region and the US government to not hinder the work of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

Everyone welcome! Meeting at the home of Jonathan and Christa VanGelder. Contact the church for address/directions.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

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

October 24th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

REFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Everyone welcome!

Friday, October 27: Movie Night at the SDC showing the film "Luther" - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29: Reformation Day Feast & Celebration - immediately following the worship service

Stay tuned for more details...

FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 2017: \$3,408 - Expense over Income 🙄

2017 YTD: \$208 - Income over Expense 👍

October 1st Deacon Offering: \$2,141

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

Music: All musical rights secured via *The Trinity Hymnal*
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Elders: Mr. Tom Berkompas Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)
Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)

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