WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of HOLY WORSHIP

A gracious wife satisfies a good husband and silences a bad one. - George Swinnock

> The Lord's Day November 8th, 2015

Relcome 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.

Prelude

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

*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 INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King N^o. 101

3

Micah 4:6-7

Nº. 734

^{*} Please stand as you are able

CALL TO CONFESSION

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate (1585)

We poor sinners acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and we heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Joel 2:12

PSALM 103

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

James Montgomery, 1819

Based on Shepherd, Southern Harmony Adapted by Gregory Wilbur, 2009



PRAYER FOR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

GIVING OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

*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.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10 The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I

Nº. 731

Genesis 18:1-15

indeed bear a child, now that I am old? ' 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith

Ch. 24: Of Marriage and Divorce

1. Marriage is to be between one man and one woman: neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband, at the same time.

2. Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife, for the increase of mankind with legitimate issue, and of the church with a holy seed; and for preventing of uncleanness.

3. It is lawful for all sorts of people to marry, who are able with judgment to give their consent. Yet it is the duty of Christians to marry only in the Lord. And therefore such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with infidels, papists, or other idolaters: neither should such as are godly be unequally yoked, by marrying with such as are notoriously wicked in their life, or maintain damnable heresies.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING The Decalogue, 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." (Matt. 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.

*Hymn of Response

All to Jesus I Surrender, No. 562

*New Testament Lesson

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or

Ephesians 5:22-33

any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

*SERMON LESSON

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

What's a Girl Gotta Do?, Rev. Jerid Krulish

1 Peter 3:1-6

*COMMUNION HYMN Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, N^o. 421

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, N°. 457

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

#740



WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. [Children's] A: In the ten commandments.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Psalm 91 - 98; 1 Chronicles 29; 2 Chronicles 1 - 9; Matthew 25:1 - 27:56

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

- *Sunday School:* Join us (almost) every Sunday as we explore the "History of the Old Testament." If you have ever been confused about "Bible that Jesus read," (and who hasn't?) please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30. All ages welcome.
- Adult Christmas Dinners: Sign up to host, and/or to be a guest at our adult Christmas dinners, fun and fellowship for all. Dinners are held Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4-5. You can sign up for one or both nights. Sign-ups are open until Nov. 22. Please email Aria Krulish, or signup here at church. Please note: there are no accommodations for children; also note that the purpose is to spend time with the congregation; please, no requests for certain guests.
- *Men's Forum*: At the Koch's, Fri., Nov. 20th. 7:00PM.
- Annual Thanksgiving service: Nov. 26, 10:00 AM.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHUBCH

www.solochristo.org 🖉 Phone: (360) 602-1501 🥒 admin@solochristo.org

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

Elders:	Mr. Tom Berkompas	Mr. Laurn Koch
	Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)	Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)
Deacons:	Mr. Taylor Bradley	Mr. Christopher Berkompas
	Mr. Dave Buhrmaster (Chairman)	Mr. Terry Craig
	Mr. Dylan Gollehon	Mr. Roy Martin
	Mr. Dan Seifert	Mr. Joseph Sturtevant