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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Public Service of Worship*

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*The Second Lord's Day of Advent*

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*“We must take our whole heart to the house  
of God, and worship and hear like those who  
listen to the reading of a will.”*

-J. C. RYLE

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have you join us today, as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*A few notes to help you fully participate:*

Our worship will keep you busy! We often think of worship as “singing songs” and “hearing a sermon,” but there is greater depth available to us. We pray and read together, we use our bodies, we hear, and eat, and respond, and all from the heart.

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!

Please note the \* and § symbols to indicate standing or standing and raising hands.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also known as “communion”, the Lord’s Supper is 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 haven’t been baptized, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

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 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 side room. We're happy to accommodate your family in any way we can.

**TODAY’S WORSHIP:** What is God like? The character of God is revealed in the way that His people worship Him. This morning’s text from Ecclesiastes 5 instructs the worshipper how he ought to approach God in worship, but it also shows us who He is as our Lord and God; all of this shapes us to be a certain kind of people the Lord is seeking as His disciples.

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME**

### **SILENT MEDITATION: PSALM 46:10**

"Be still, and know that I am God."

*Please take this time of silence to prepare your hearts before the Lord.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 12:5-6**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **§ 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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

### **\*HYMN: ALL YOU THAT FEAR JEHOVAH'S NAME, NO. 9**

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\* Please stand if you are able. § Please stand and raise your hands.

**\*RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 66**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name;**

**give to him glorious praise!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

All the earth worships you

**and sings praises to you;**

**they sing praises to your name."**

Selah

Come and see what God has done:

**he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

He turned the sea into dry land;

**they passed through the river on foot.**

There did we rejoice in him,

**who rules by his might forever,**

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

**let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Selah

Bless our God, O peoples;

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

who has kept our soul among the living

**and has not let our feet slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us;

**you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the net;

**you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

you let men ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and through water;**

**yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

**I will perform my vows to you,**

that which my lips uttered

**and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,  
**with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;**  
**I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

I cried to him with my mouth,  
**and high praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
**the Lord would not have listened.**

But truly God has listened;  
**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God,  
**because he has not rejected my prayer**  
**or removed his steadfast love from me!**

## **KINGDOM PRAYER**

*At the conclusion of each request, we implore the Lord's mercy to hear our prayers, as follows:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

*We pray for the following:*

- *The powerful work of the proclamation of the Gospel to overcome the dominion of sin and Satan.*
- *Evgeni and Yuri's church plant in the Moscow area.*
- *Evergreen Beaverton PCA church, and pastor Nathan Lewis.*
- *The Supreme Court.*
- *The ministry of our elders, deacons, and pastor.*
- *Our trust in Christ's continuing and expanding reign over the earth, and our contribution to it.*
- *The offering.*

**HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME, NO. 103**

## **\*SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*We give thanks for the Word of God with the following statement after each reading:*

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 5:1-7**

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. <sup>2</sup>Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

<sup>4</sup>When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. <sup>5</sup>It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup>Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup>For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: I CORINTHIANS 11:17-34**

### **GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 5:33-37**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH  
CHAPTER XXI**

The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, with understanding, faith, and reverence, singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: beside religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.

**\*PRAYER FOR THE SERMON**

**SERMON:** *WORSHIP*, REV. JERID KRULISH

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**\*HYMN:** *COME, YE DISCONSOLATE*, P. 12

### **EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: ISAIAH 6:1-5**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!”



## **PUBLIC CONFESSION: FROM THE VALLEY OF VISION**

Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year; all the sins of my life, sins of early, middle, and advanced years;  
of omission and commission;  
of morose, peevish and angry tempers;  
of lip, life and walk;  
of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride, of unfaithfulness to the souls of men;  
of want of bold decision in the cause of Christ; of deficiency in outspoken zeal for his glory;  
of bringing dishonor upon your great name; of deception, injustice, untruthfulness in my dealings with others; of impurity in thought, word and deed;  
of covetousness, which is idolatry;  
of substance unduly hoarded, improvidently squandered, not consecrated to the glory of you, the great Giver;  
sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the busy haunts of men, in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it, in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld, in time misspent;  
in yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening my heart to his temptations, in being unwatchful when I know him nigh;  
in quenching the Holy Spirit; sins against light and knowledge, against conscience and the restraints of your Spirit, against the law of eternal love.

Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten.

Merciful Father, hear; and hearing, forgive, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **† SILENT REPENTANCE**

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† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord  
“though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool”

**DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

*After the declaration, let the congregation respond, “Amen.”*

**\*HYMN: OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN, NO. 162**

**EXHORTATION AT THE TABLE**

*You are welcome to the Lord’s Table if you are a baptized Christian who has been received into communal membership by this or any other church.*

*Our communion is served “in the round.” At the Pastor’s direction, we ask that all would move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread or wine until all have received, and then we will pray and eat together. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.*

**SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is very good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with the Angels and Archangels and the whole company of the church triumphant, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name:

**§ 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.

**\* DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD**

**\* PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

**\* DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\* HYMN: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR! NO. 97**

**\* BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



# 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

**FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:**

**HYMN OF THE MONTH:** *LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES! NO. 198*

**CHILDREN'S LESSON:** VALDÉS'S CATECHISM.

*Valdés's Catechism was titled Instructions for Children. It was published in 1549, with earlier drafts. The intention is not to have children memorize the statements, but for parents to instruct their children.*

10. That after the deluge God elected Abraham from among all men and tested him in many ways. Finding him faithful in everything, he promised him the inheritance of the world and that in his seed all nations would be blessed. Giving credit to these promises of God, Abraham's faith was imputed to him for righteousness (Gen. 12; Rom. 4).

11. That God, liberating Abraham's descendants from Egyptian bondage, gave them the Law by means of Moses on Mount Sinai, displaying matchless glory and majesty at the same time when he gave it. They had already become a very great people whom he had taken and elected for his own (Ex. 19, 20).

12. That God's purpose in giving this Law was to hold that people in servitude, giving them the Law as a schoolmaster until the coming of Christ. The function of this Law was properly to show those under it the depravity natural to all men through the first man's sin. This depravity is recognized the moment when the doing of its behests is forbidden and when man is forced to do what is contrary to it, such as to love God above everything, with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his strength, and to love his neighbor as himself. In these two commandments are comprehended all the Law and the Prophets, which man cannot naturally satisfy in any way (Rom. 3; Gal. 3; Dt. 6; Mt. 22).

**WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:**

12/10	Psalms 126-127	Revelation 3:7-22
12/11	Psalms 128-129	Revelation 4
12/12	Psalms 130-131	Revelation 5
12/13	Psalms 132	Revelation 6
12/14	Psalms 133-134	Revelation 7
12/15	Psalms 135	Revelation 8
12/16	Psalms 136	Revelation 9

## **PRAYER**

Pray for the Slavic Reformation Society in Russia:

- Pray for Evgeni and Yuri's church plant in the Moscow area. Christ is the hope for Russia and the world.
- Pray for their growing families as they continue homeschooling.
- Pray for their financial needs. To make their church plant in Dimitrov, north of Moscow, viable, each family needs \$1,000 more dollars per month in monthly support, and \$1,000 per month more to rent a place for public worship.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR**

### **OPEN FORUM AFTER CHURCH:**

We'll be having an "open forum" after the service. This will be a time to ask questions, provide feedback, listen, learn, and, to grow as a congregation in our love and care for one another, and our worship before the Lord.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

Children's Christmas Choirs will meet immediately following the worship service for the next several Sundays. Kids ages 3-6 will be led by Chelsea Berkompas (in the nursery). Kids ages 7-12 will be led by Michaela and Andra Mack (by the piano).

### **GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:**

*All are welcome. Meeting at the Jonathan VanGelder house. Contact the church for directions.*  
Wednesdays at 7pm.

### **YOUNG MEN'S PROVERB'S STUDY:**

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

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.  
(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

### **WPC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

## **NOTES**

