

 WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of
HOLY WORSHIP

*Only Noah was left, and those who were with
him in the ark.*

- Genesis 7:23

The Fourth Lord's Day of Advent
December 20th, 2015

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.

PRELUDE

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 3:1 - 3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

*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

O Come, All Ye Faithful, N^o. 208

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeremiah 4:3 - 4

“Break up your fallow ground,
and sow not among thorns.
Circumcise yourselves to the Lord;
remove the foreskin of your hearts,
O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem;
lest my wrath go forth like fire,
and burn with none to quench it,
because of the evil of your deeds.”

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

**Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from our sins,
and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open out lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 4:2 - 5

In that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel. 3 And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, 4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. 5 Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

O Savior of Our Fallen Race, p. 12

PRAYER FOR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

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

Genesis 6:1 - 8, 9:20 - 25

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh:his days shall be 120 years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days,

and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

9:20 - 25

Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. 23 Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (325 AD)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of Very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;**

Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

* "catholic" means "universal"

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 110

A Psalm of David.

The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power,
in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;

he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

He will drink from the brook by the way;

therefore he will lift up his head.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage, No. 314

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone

into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

“Just as in the Days of Noah,” Luke 17:20 - 37

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

22 And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— 30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. 32 Remember Lot’s wife. 33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. 35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” 37 And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

Baptism and Righteousness, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old, N^o. 226

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, N^o. 203

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Original Lyrics: Christe Redemptor Omnium,
Latin office hymn, circa 6th Century.
Translated by Gilbert E. Doan, Jr. (1930-),
Adapted by Kristyn Getty

Music by Keith Getty

Steadily (♩ = 72)

Bm F#m7/A G A Bm

1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's face; O
2. Re - mind us Lord of life and grace how once, to save our fall - en race, You
3. For from the Fa - ther's throne You came, His ba - nished child - ren to re - claim; And
4. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, the world will see Your ra - dian - t face for

Bm F#m7/A G A Bm

Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be - fore the world knew day or night. O
put our hu - man ves - ture on and came to us as Mar - y's son. To -
earth and sea and sky re - vere the love of Him who sent You here. And
You who came to us be - fore will come a - gain and all re - store. Let

E Bm D/A G A Bm D E F#m7/A

Je - sus ver - y Light of Light Our con - stant star in sin's deep night: Now
day, as year by year its light brings to our world a pro - mise bright, one
we are ju - bi - lant to - day, For You have washed our guilt a - way. O
songs of praise Your name a - dorn, O Christ, Re - deem - er, vir - gin - born whom

Bm F#m7/A G A 1.2.3.
Bm 4.
Bm

hear the prayers Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this ho - ly day. 2. Re -
pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from You a - lone. 3. For
hear the glad new song we sing on this, the birth of Christ our King! 4. O
with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

A. (Children's) That because God is our God and Redeemer, we must keep all His commandments.

WEEKLY BIBLE (& THEOLOGICAL) READING

<i>Sun.:</i>	Ps. 139	WCF 21	Rev. 13	
<i>Mon.:</i>	Ps. 140	WCF 22	Rev. 14	
<i>Tue.:</i>	Ps. 141-142	WCF 23-24	Rev. 15	
<i>Wed.:</i>	Ps. 143	WCF 25	Rev. 16	
<i>Christmas Eve:</i>	Ps. 89:1-29	Mic. 4:1-5,5:2-5a		Lk. 1:67-79
<i>Christmas:</i>	Ps. 132	Isa. 59:15-21		Phil. 2:5-11
<i>Sat.:</i>	Ps. 144	WCF 26-27	Rev. 17	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

- *Christmas Evening Worship:* Tonight, 6:00 PM. (Please note the time).
- *DesRoches Baptism & Baptismal Feast:* Jan. 3
- *There will not be a Men's Forum in December; it will resume in January.*
- *Sturtevant Baptism & Baptismal Feast:* Jan. 24
- *Presbytery:* Jan. 28-29. (Pastor Krulish, Elder Koch out of town.)

NOTES

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