
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

December 17th, 2017

The Third Lord's Day of Advent



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..”

-MATTHEW 6:21

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: Today's sermon text has to do with money... but money isn't about *money*. It's about worldly security, affections, value, and idolatry. Money itself is neither good or evil; it is a tool to be used. Whether we use it for good or evil is a function of our hearts. So we don't simply seek to change budget priorities, we seek the renovation of our hearts through faith in Christ.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: HABAKKUK 2:20

But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 54:6-7**

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

§ 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: JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME, NO. 195**

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 49**

Hear this, all peoples!
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!
My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

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

I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

Why should I fear in times of trouble,

when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

those who trust in their wealth

and boast of the abundance of their riches?

Truly no man can ransom another,

or give to God the price of his life,

for the ransom of their life is costly

and can never suffice,

that he should live on forever

and never see the pit.

For he sees that even the wise die;

the fool and the stupid alike must perish

and leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever,

their dwelling places to all generations,

though they called lands by their own names.

Man in his pomp will not remain;

he is like the beasts that perish.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Selah

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

death shall be their shepherd,

and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.

Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

for he will receive me.

Selah

Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,

when the glory of his house increases.

For when he dies he will carry nothing away;

his glory will not go down after him.

For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed

— and though you get praise when you do well for yourself —

his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,

who will never again see light.

Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Amen.

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 Kingship of Christ to be known throughout the earth*
- *The Leaman family in Brazil*
- *Oaks Parish Church and Pastor Bryan Buck*
- *The United States Senate, and the State Senate of Washington*
- *Those in distress during the Christmas holiday*
- *Idolatry of the heart would be destroyed for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ*
- *That we would give willingly, for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom*

HYMN: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, NO. 214

***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 5:8-6:9

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

6 ¹ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: ² a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil. ³ If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. ⁴ For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered. ⁵ Moreover, it

has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. ⁶Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?

⁷All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. ⁸For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living? ⁹Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I TIMOTHY 6:2B-10

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 26:6-16

***CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

***PRAYER FOR THE SERMON**

SERMON: SATISFACTION, 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:** *THOU WHO WAS RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR*, NO. 230

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: REVELATION 3:15-19

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”

PUBLIC CONFESSION: HOSEA 14:2-3

Take away all iniquity;
accept what is good,
and we will pay with bulls
the vows of our lips.
Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride on horses;
and we will say no more, “Our God,”
to the work of our hands.
Amen.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

After the declaration, let the congregation respond, "Amen."

***HYMN:** AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD, NO. 226

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: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! NO. 296**

*** BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



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.

13. That God's intent in demonstrating natural depravity to his people by means of the Law was that, mistrusting in their own righteousness, they should remit themselves to what he had resolved to execute in Christ (Rom 10).

14. That God wrought works that were more fatherly for this Hebrew people, and that the more God did for them, the more they practiced their malevolence and their impiety against God (Ps. 94 [Ps. 95]).

15. That when the time appointed by the divine Majesty arrived, the Word of God, whom the Holy Scripture calls the Son of God, took human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God having willed to restore all things by his Word, just as he had made them all by his Word (John 1; Mt. 1; Phil. 3 [Phil. 2]; Col. 1).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

12/17	Psalms 137	Revelation 10
12/18	Psalms 138	Revelation 11
12/19	Psalms 139	Revelation 12
12/20	Psalms 140	Revelation 13
12/21	Psalms 141	Revelation 14
12/22	Psalms 142	Revelation 15
12/23	Psalms 143	Revelation 16

PRAYER

Pray for our missionaries in the Middle East:

- Pray for safety; this is a dangerous and turbulent place to be a follower of Christ.
- Pray for God's blessing upon the ministry: for new souls to be brought to Christ, and for believers to remain faithful to their calling.
- Pray for Darlene as she ministers to local women.

WPC's Missions Committee is looking for additional members. Please prayerfully consider this, and if you are interested, please contact Brian Vandenburg, Terry Craig, Kristine Ozaine, or Dave and Sabina Buhrmaster. Members of the committee meet together once a month or once every-other-month to pray for our missionaries, and to discuss/plan ways that the congregation can specifically minister to their needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

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).

WPC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Tonight at 6:00pm

We will hold a special offering this evening to benefit Sacred Road Ministries of White Swan, WA, in the Yakama Indian Reservation.

Sacred Road is associated with Hope Church, a PCA church plant on the Reservation. Our support helps support the Gospel ministry among an impoverished people.

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 26th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.
(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

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<i>Meeting at:</i>	Clark County Square Dance Center 10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662	
<i>Times:</i>	Sunday School: 9:30AM ☞ Fellowship: 10:30AM ☞ Worship: 11:00AM	
<i>Contact us:</i>	(360) 602-1501 ☞ admin@solochristo.org <i>Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.</i>	
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