
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

January 21st, 2018

The Third Lord's Day of Epiphany



Although we must still meet death, let us nevertheless be calm and serene in living and dying, when we have Christ going before us. If anyone cannot set his mind at rest by disregarding death, that man should know that he has not yet gone far enough in the faith of Christ.

-JOHN CALVIN

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: So much in life hangs by a narrow and delicate thread, and so it is with wisdom. A wise person will be undone by moment's foolishness. We never escape foolishness, it is an ever-present threat. This morning we begin a 2 sermon series on the threats to a life of wisdom, and overcoming them.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: PSALM 4:7

I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 148:11-13**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted!

§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: HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH NO. 110**

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

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 127**

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,

eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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:

- That the fullness of the Gospel of Christ would be impressed on our hearts*
- The spread of the Gospel throughout the Middle east*
- The Presbytery meeting*
- That those still in their sin would experience true conversion of the heart.*
- Our governors and state representatives.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

HYMN: THOUGH TROUBLES ASSAIL US NO. 95

***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 9:17-10:7

¹⁷The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. ¹⁸Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

10 ¹Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

²A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left.

³Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

⁴If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place,
for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.

⁵There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. ⁷I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I PETER 2:13-25

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:3-13

CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER CONFESSION XXIII.IV

IV. It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them: from which ecclesiastical persons are not, much less hath the Pope any power and jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and, least of all, to deprive them of their dominions, or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretense whatsoever.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *CONTAMINATION (PART 1)*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN:** *JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL* NO. 508

***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^o. 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.

^o lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: JAMES 1:26-27

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: 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.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: HEBREWS 9:24

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART NO. 604

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

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.

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.

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.**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

At this time, please move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread until all have received, and then we will eat together. The wine will be distributed in the same manner. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.

*** DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

***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:** *BE THOU MY VISION* NO. 642

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LORD, WITH GLOWING HEART I'D PRAISE THEE! NO. 80

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.

28. That Christian faith is the acceptance of this grace of the Gospel, of this remission of sins and reconciliation with God, through the justice of God executed in Christ (Mk. 1).

29. That Christian baptism is to the baptized what the ark was to Noah. Just as Noah, trusting in God's word, placed himself in the ark and saved himself from the flood together with everything he placed in the ark, so we, trusting in God's word, spoken to us by the Gospel, place ourselves in baptism. We save ourselves and the children we place in baptism at God's judgment, not because we baptize ourselves, nor because we baptize them, but through the faith with which we baptize ourselves and baptize them (1 Pet. 3).

30. That true Christians are recognizable among all other men in that they love one another jointly with a consuming love very different from every other mode of loving, so that love is the token of a Christian (John 13).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
1/22	Basics of Faith	Abraham	Genesis 12	Psalm 13 & 14
1/16	Basics of Faith	The Law of God	Exodus 20	Psalm 15 & 16
1/17	Basics of Faith	The Purpose of the Law	Romans 3	Psalm 17
1/18	Basics of Faith	Salvation!	Romans 10	Psalm 18
1/19	Basics of Faith	Rebellion by His People	Psalm 94	Psalm 19
1/20	Basics of Faith	The Incarnation	Matthew 1	Psalms 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome. Meeting at Lena Jones' 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.

January 23rd, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

PRESBYTERY:

January 25-26, 2018

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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 Buhmaster. 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.

"Brothers, pray for us." – 1 Thessalonians 5:25

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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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