
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

January 28th, 2018

The Fourth Lord's Day of Epiphany



*A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use
soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly.*

-UNKNOWN

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: We continue to explore the “flies” that get into the perfume – the pitfalls and to wisdom that threaten to undo so much. There is much that is not sinful, but is nevertheless dangerous – thus, foolishness and wisdom. Our worship will help us consider these things as we come to the Word and Table.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: MATTHEW 21:12-16

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise'?"

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

BAPTISMAL HOMILY

BAPTISMAL HYMN: COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING (p. 11)

THE BAPTISM OF JULIANA MAY STURTEVANT

***CALL TO WORSHIP: JOEL 2:15**

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.

§ 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 PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL, NO. 1**

*** RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 92**

A PSALM. A SONG FOR THE SABBATH.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:
that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

For behold, your enemies, O LORD,
or behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.

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

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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:

- *For the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest*
- *For the ministry of the armed forces of the United States in the world*
- *For the penetration of the gospel in the Islamic populations of the United States*
- *For the Doug Leaman family in Brazil*
- *For the ministry of the Session of WPC*

PRAYER AND THE OFFERTORY

HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN, NO. 76

***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: 10:8-11:4

- He who digs a pit will fall into it,
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.
- ⁹He who quarries stones is hurt by them,
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.
- ¹⁰If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,
he must use more strength,
but wisdom helps one to succeed
- ¹¹If the serpent bites before it is charmed,
there is no advantage to the charmer.
- ¹²The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.
- ¹³The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.
- ¹⁴A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?
- ¹⁵The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.
- ¹⁶Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
and your princes feast in the morning!
- ¹⁷Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility,
and your princes feast at the proper time,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- ¹⁸Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.
- ¹⁹Bread is made for laughter,
and wine gladdens life,
and money answers everything.
- ²⁰Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,

for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature tell the matter.

11 ¹Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.

²Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

³If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

⁴He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: EPHESIANS 4:17-32

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 12:33-37

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: LARGE EMDEN CATECHISM OF THE
STRANGERS' CHURCH, LONDON (1551)**

Q. 26. Is not whatever we do in his honor acceptable to God, since we were moved to it by good intentions and true piety?

R. Not at all! God forbids, as if it were an idol, all religion which was neither established nor commanded by his own word. He further wills that we zealously shun and flee from it.

Q. 27. Why?

R. It is, in fact, a divine law that we worship and revere his great Majesty according to his will and word and not according to our will and good pleasure, for apart from the word of God our will is entirely blind and can offer nothing but evil. Indeed, neither wisdom nor ability can teach us of God, and of that which pertains to his true worship. Thus, it is not acceptable to God, since he forbids anyone to offer it in his honor.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: CONTAMINATION (PART II), 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.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PSALM 2:12

Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: 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.

[°] lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death

† SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: MICAH 7:18

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?” He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD, NO. 253

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.**

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

***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: AMAZING GRACE!, NO. 460**

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



Come, People of the Risen King

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 112)

F C Am⁷ F G F/G

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come,
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come,
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith. Come,

C Am⁷ Dm⁷ F/G C

all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
 those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
 those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver

F Am⁷ Dm⁷ G F

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where
 per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but
 all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call - the

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.

31. That Christian faith, when it is true and not feigned, when it is inspired and revealed, operates these four principal effects in the believer. It makes him love God and all things that are God's, and likewise Christ and all things that are Christ's. It gives him peace of conscience through reconciliation with God. It inspires him to do good to all men generally and in particular to those of like belief. It mortifies and kills in him all desire for sinning. So that love of God and of Christ, peace of conscience, love toward Christians, and mortification of the flesh are the effects inspired by Christian faith. Just as the effect of the sun is to give light and warmth, and just as we know that an object which doesn't give light and warmth isn't the sun, so whatever doesn't generate the love of God and of Christ in the heart, doesn't pacify the conscience, doesn't practice works of charity, and doesn't mortify sinful desires isn't Christian faith (Rom. 8; Rom. 5; Gal. 6; Col. 3).

32. That is [sic] behooves the Christian to live in the present life in continual hope of the eternal life promised him in the Gospel, keeping alive in his memory an idea and image of the state of life eternal. In this manner he will more easily experience the things of the present life without getting attached to them, holding and judging himself a pilgrim and stranger in the present life, only seeking in this one to take possession of life eternal (Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 13; Lk. 12; 1 Pet. 2).

33. That the whole life of the Christian should be a continual prayer, for his mind is necessarily kept in constant communion with God and with Christ, desirous of the glory of God and of Christ; a continual fast, for he ought always to be attentive to abstaining from things that inflate the flesh with pride against the spirit, such as the excesses of the table, vanity in dress, and the joys and pleasures of the world; a continual feast, for he must always be inwardly glad and rejoice in virtue of the peace which he finds in his conscience through reconciliation with God, which he enjoys through Christ. This is the Christian Sabbath (1 Thess. 5; Rom. 12 [Rom. 12, 13]; Heb. 4).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
1/29	Basics of Faith	Christ the Messiah	John 3	Psalm 21
1/30	Basics of Faith	The Passion	John 19	Psalm 22
1/31	Basics of Faith	The Holy Spirit	Acts 1	Psalm 23
2/1	Basics of Faith	The Presence of the Spirt	John 14	Psalm 24
2/2	Basics of Faith	Abraham's promise is ours	Romans 4	Psalm 25
2/3	Basics of Faith	Apostleship	2 Corinthians 5	Psalm 26

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome. Meeting at Kristine Ozaine's home. Contact the church for address/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.

February 13th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.
(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

BAPTISMAL FEAST:

Today, immediately following the worship service. All are welcome!

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR HEATHER VAN GELDER:

Friday, February 2nd at 7:00PM
Woodland Christian Church
430 Buckeye St., Woodland, WA 98674
Please RSVP to Hannah Van Gelder or Christa Van Gelder

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 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.

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

NOTES
