

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE of HOLY WORSHIP

*He who does not sigh as a pilgrim
will never rejoice as a citizen.*

Augustine

The Third Lord's Day of Lent
February 28th, 2016

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

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

*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

*PSALM OF PRAISE

O Worship the King, N^o. 2

* *Please stand as you are able*

CALL TO CONFESSION

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 31:10, 13

“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’”

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF SALVATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, N^o. 164

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 & SERMON TEXT

2 Samuel 1:17-26

And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, 18 and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar.

He said:

19 “Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath,

publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,

lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,

lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

21 “You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,

nor fields of offerings!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,

the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

22 “From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan turned not back,

and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;

they were swifter than eagles;

they were stronger than lions.

24 “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,

who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,

who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 “How the mighty have fallen

in the midst of the battle!

“Jonathan lies slain on your high places.

26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
very pleasant have you been to me;
your love to me was extraordinary,
surpassing the love of women

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Large Emden Catechism (1551)

185. Will men be exactly the same after the resurrection as Christ is now?

Yes, indeed, since the resurrection pertains to the individual nature of the body, as is seen in the resurrected body of our Lord Jesus Christ; however, the faithful will be transformed, at length, into another and an eternal, ineffable form and beauty.

187. Then, whomever firmly believes this is not overwhelmed by a fear of death?

The nature of death conveys its horror within itself, as is evident from the example of Christ; and since death is the punishment of sins, men are accustomed to be greatly frightened by it, which fear the faithful conquer, since they know death to be their way into that incorruptible life; thus, the faithful do not “take so hard” nor excessively lament the death of their dear friends, as do the heathen, who have been left without any hope of resurrection; the faithful are like the farmer, who does not lament for grain scattered in the field, because of the certain hope of a good and bountiful harvest. Finally, the faithful always place their hope in the resurrection of the body.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING

Ecclesiastes 12

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth,
 before the evil days come and the years draw near
of which you will say,
 “I have no pleasure in them”;
before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened
 and the clouds return after the rain,
in the day when the keepers of the house tremble,
 and the strong men are bent,
and the grinders cease because they are few,
 and those who look through the windows are dimmed,
and the doors on the street are shut—
 when the sound of the grinding is low,
and one rises up at the sound of a bird,
 and all the daughters of song are brought low—
they are afraid also of what is high,
 and terrors are in the way;
the almond tree blossoms,
 the grasshopper drags itself along,
and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home,
 and the mourners go about the streets—
before the silver cord is snapped,
 or the golden bowl is broken,
or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain,
 or the wheel broken at the cistern,
and the dust returns to the earth as it was,
 and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, N^o. 252

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:17-36

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SERMON

Elegy, Rev. Jerid Krulish

*COMMUNION HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, N^o. 522

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

O God, to Us Show Mercy, N^o. 437

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

N^o. 740



WEEKLY CATECHISM MEMORY

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

A. [Children's] God must not be worshipped by images or in any other way not appointed in His Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

TODAY: Congregational Meeting *and* Fellowship Meal, immediately after the benediction. *We will present the budget for 2016 and provide reports regarding the work of the church.*

Wed., Mar. 9: Small Group Bible Study, at the Fomichenko's home, 7PM. (Please see them for directions). Bring a Bible, pen, and notebook. *Will be held every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.*

~Looking Ahead~

Mar. 22: Robyn Bloomer Baby shower, 7pm at Berkompas home

Apr. 1: [seriously] New Baby Celebration for Carreras, Koch home

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

2/28	Psalms 63	Exodus 16	Matthew 14
2/29	Psalms 64	Exodus 17-18	Matthew 15:1-31
3/1	Psalms 65	Exodus 19	Matthew 15:32-16:12
3/2	Psalms 66-67	Exodus 20	Matthew 16:13-28
3/3	Psalms 68	Exodus 21	Matthew 17
3/4	Psalms 69	Exodus 22	Matthew 18:1-14
3/5	Psalms 70	Exodus 23	Matthew 18:15-35

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