
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

March 11th, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



Discipline, while the word is unfallen, exists for the sake of what seems its very opposite — for freedom, almost for extravagance.

— C. S. LEWIS

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: The greatest selling point in the world is “ease.” Products and devices promise to make your life easier and more enjoyable if you buy them. This is our national religion. And so we approach faith the same way. We expect God to be convenient and undemanding. But while the Lord Jesus is our servant, he is also our King, and serving him is neither easy nor convenient. Today we’ll touch on our zeal, our worship, and a God who is entirely merciful, but also entirely demanding. Sound strange? Silence your phones and let’s find out!

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 138:1-3 (adapted)**

**We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole heart;
before the gods we sing your praise;
We bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
On the day we called, you answered us;
you increased our strength of soul.**

§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: THEE WE ADORE, ETERNAL LORD! NO. 19**

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

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 27**

OF DAVID.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me

to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,

my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,

yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD,

that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter

in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said,

“Seek my face.”

My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the LORD!

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:

- *Our response to the Kingship of Christ and His leadership of the church.*
- *National repentance for national ills.*
- *A clear and obvious calling from the Lord for WPC and her service.*
- *The missionary we support in the Middle East.*
- *Our fellowship with the larger church.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

***HYMN: JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES, NO. 301**

***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: HAGGAI 1:3-11

Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶ You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷ “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. ⁹ You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹ And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING: REVELATION 3:14-22

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:13-22

CONFESSION OF FAITH: CALVIN’S CATECHISM, (1545)

217. M. Can we not now give a short summary of the whole law?

C. We can, reducing it to two articles—the first of which is that we are to love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength; the second that we love our neighbors as ourselves.

218. M. What is meant by the love of God?

C. To love Him as God is to have and hold Him as Lord, Savior and Father, and this requires reverence, honor, faith, and obedience along with love.

219. M. What does “with all our heart” signify, and “with all our soul, and all our strength”?

C. Such a zeal and such a vehemence, that there is in us no desire, no will, no intention and no thought, contrary to this love.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *A CONVIENENT AND PEDESTRIAN FAITH*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN:** *I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED*, NO. 705

***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.

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

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: TITUS 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN: NEHEMIAH 1:5-11 *(adapted)*

O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servants that we now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you.

We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded.

We are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servants, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servants today, and grant us mercy in the sight of all men.

†SILENT REPENTANCE

†The congregation is permitted to kneel.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: TITUS 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: O CHRIST, OUR HOPE, OUR HEART'S DESIRE, NO. 161

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.

§ 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**

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. It is our privilege to bless the non-communicating children.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Our bread is gluten-free. The fruit of the vine is real wine, except for the innermost ring of the tray, which has no alcohol.

***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: O PRAISE YE THE LORD, NO. 361**

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:

HYMN OF THE MONTH: *CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, NO. 277*

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's lesson:

Q. 2. What else did God make?

A. God made all things.

Next week's lesson:

Q. 3. Why did God make you and all things ?

A. For his own glory.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
3/12	The Gospel of Mark	Mark 9	Ps. 53
3/13		Mark 10	Ps. 54
3/14		Mark 11	Ps. 55
3/15		Mark 12	Ps. 56
3/16		Mark 13	Ps. 57
3/17		Mark 14	Ps. 58

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Pray for the Slavic Reformation Society

- Praise God for the recent Spring Intensive Course in St. Petersburg (learning the History of Atonement in the OT and How to Raise Your Children in Christ)
- Financial provision for each of the pastors and their congregations
- That God would bless the SRC's efforts to spread the Good News in Russia, and that hearts and lives will be changed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome. Meeting at the home of Kristine Ozaine.

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.

Tuesday, March 13th, 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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