
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

March 18^h, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life.

- 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: Good news surrounds us. Our liturgy, as always, reveals to us the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as we hear the Word of God, confess our sins and hear words of grace in sermon, liturgy, and table. Our text from Haggai will show us that grace is not mush: it takes a firm shape, and when the grace of God produces repentance, that repentance has shape and form. It is tangible and visible, bearing fruit in our lives.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: HAGGAI 1:7

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways."

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

***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.

§ 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: TO GOD BE THE GLORY! NO. 55**

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

***RESPONSIVE READING: JONAH 2:2-9**

I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

For you cast me into the deep,

into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;

all your waves and your billows passed over me.

Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;

yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

The waters closed in over me to take my life;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head

at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O Lord my God.

When my life was fainting away,

I remembered the Lord,

and my prayer came to you,

into your holy temple.

Those who pay regard to vain idols

forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to 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:

- *The establishment of the Kingdom of God throughout the earth.*
- *Good doctrine and Biblical truth to be taught in the church.*
- *National economic problems to be first addressed through repentance and faith.*
- *WPC to be marked by love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith (1 Tim. 1:5)*
- *The Protestant Church of Smyrna.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

***HYMN: O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING, NO. 164**

***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 1:7-15

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸Go 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. ⁹You 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. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And 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."

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. ¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord." ¹⁴ And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ACTS 26:12-23

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 19:1-10

CONFESSION OF FAITH: SANDOMIR CONSENSUS (1570)

For true pastors ought to exert the greatest diligence and effort so that Christian people would continually suppress in themselves the old Adam with the carnal desires and that they would put on the new man of Christ through true regeneration.

We have examples of this in the gospel, where Christ says to the healed paralytic, "You are now healthy, so be careful not to sin anymore, so that nothing worse comes on you". He also says to the adulteress, "Go, and do not sin anymore".

From these words, it is seen that sin remains in our body even after the Lord's healing, yet we are to continually oppose it by being diligent and attentive in this battle and by asking the Lord's help, so that we would not again return to the sins out of which we arise though repentance and so that our flesh, the world, and the devil would not overcome us.

In this way, Zacchaeus the publican, when he was received into grace by Christ, sincerely applies himself to godliness, saying, "Behold, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I cheated anyone, I will return it fourfold".

Thus, true repentance necessarily includes the reward and reconciliation with one's neighbor, as well as charitable deeds and alms.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *REPENTANCE IN BONES AND FLESH*, REV. JERID KRULISH

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Jason & Grace Stuckey, and their children Annabelle, William, and Luke

***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: 2 TIMOTHY 2:21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

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

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN: from *THE VALLEY OF VISION*

Holy Lord, we are guilty--of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

†SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: *WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS*, NO. 252

†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.

§ 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-communing 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: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING, NO. 384**

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

A. For his own glory.

Next week's lesson:

Q. 4. How can you glorify God?

A. By loving him and doing what he commands.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
3/19	The Gospel of Mark	Mark 15	Ps. 59
3/20		Mark 16	Ps. 60
3/21	The Book of Jonah	Jonah 1	Ps. 61
3/22		Jonah 2	Ps. 62
3/23		Jonah 3	Ps. 63
3/24		Jonah 4	Ps. 64

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Pray for our missionaries in the Middle East

- Financial provision for the family
- For the education of their children
- For God to protect them from government interference, physical violence, and other forms of persecution that would hinder their work for the Gospel
- For God to add new individuals and families to their worship service each week
- That they would see new conversions
- That new and established saints will continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

THE BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY

We will be studying Psalm 2. 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 27th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 30th at 7:00pm

Clark County Square Dance Center

WEDDING INVITATION

Charlie and Nancy Lystrup cordially invite you to join them in the celebration of the union of their daughter, Annika Danielle Lystrup, to Michael Berkompas

Saturday, April 7th. 1:30 pm

Garden Valley Church - Roseburg, OR

Please RSVP by texting (360) 719-0399

