

# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the  
earth.

- Isaiah 49:6b

The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**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.

##### *Hearing Assistance*

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please visit the sound table in the back of the sanctuary.

## PRELUDE

*Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Timothy 6:13-16

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion.

**Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

N<sup>o</sup>. 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

### \*HYMN of PRAISE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, N<sup>o</sup>. 53*

### CALL to CONFESSION

Mark 4:22

For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest;  
nor is anything secret except to come to light.

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\* *Please stand as you are able*

## PRIVATE REPENTANCE

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

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Book of Common Prayer*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

## DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*At the conclusion of the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

## HYMN OF SALVATION

*What Child is This, N<sup>o</sup>. 213*

## PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

N<sup>o</sup>. 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

Job 19:23-27

Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Confession of the East Friesland Preachers (1528)*

Q. 132. Why is he named "Jesus"?

**His name was given by the Father, announced by the Angels, and bestowed at his circumcision, according to his office. "Jesus" signifies a Savior, thus reminding us by his name that he is the only Savior, who frees people from their sins.**

Q. 133. Why is he called “Christ,” and what sort of name is “Christ”? (Mt. 16)

**Among the ancients, it was the common name of all Priests, Prophets, and Kings, who, anointed at God’s command with the designated oil of the olive, were to signify to us this Jesus who was actually, and truly to come, promised and anointed by God; he was the eternal Prophet, Priest, and King, and therefore, the true Christ, and thus may be called the “anointed of God.”**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 86

A PRAYER OF DAVID.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

**for I am poor and needy.**

Preserve my life, for I am godly;

**save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

**for to you do I cry all the day.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,

**for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**listen to my plea for grace.**

In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

**for you answer me.**

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

**nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,

**and shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do wondrous things;

**you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

**unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**and I will glorify your name forever.**

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**Amen.**

\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the

temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

*The Hope of the Nations*, Rev. Jonathan Secrest

\*COMMUNION HYMN

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* N<sup>o</sup>. 524

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

*Arise, My Soul, Arise* N<sup>o</sup>. 305

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N<sup>o</sup>. 740



## HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

*Arise, My Soul, Arise* N<sup>o</sup>. 305

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

*This week's question:* Q. 11. Can you see God? A. No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

*Next week's:* Q. 14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? A. In the Bible alone.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

4/2	Psalms 27	Hebrews 10:1-18	Ezekiel 10:1-11:13
4/3	Psalms 28	Hebrews 10:19-39	Ezekiel 11:14-12:28
4/4	Psalms 29	Hebrews 11:1-12:2	Ezekiel 13
4/5	Psalms 30	Hebrews 12:3-29	Ezekiel 14-15
4/6	Psalms 31	Hebrews 13	Ezekiel 16
4/7	Psalms 32	James 1	Ezekiel 17
4/8	Psalms 33	James 2	Ezekiel 18

MISSIONARY UPDATE:

For the Leamans in Brazil: Praise God that He continues to open up ministry opportunities. Continue to be in prayer for reformation and revival in Brazil. Only the Triune God can destroy the idols of spiritualism that dominate the country. The Leamans are also looking for a larger place to live so pray that God grants them patience as they wait for Him to provide.

For the Slavic Reformation Society in Russia: Please pray for our missionary, Blake Purcell, as he is traveling through and visiting various Russian church plants, teaching on how and why to be a good husband and father (1 Thess. 4, Eph. 5-6). Pray for boldness and clarity in Blake's Russian, as well as his travel back to Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

ALL-CHURCH GOSPEL OF JOHN STUDY

*Meeting at the Buhrmaster home.*

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 7PM.

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Meeting at:* Clark County Square Dance Center  
10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

*Times:* Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

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*Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.*

*Elders:* Mr. Tom Berkompas                      Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)  
Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)

*Deacons:* Mr. Christopher Berkompas              Mr. Dave Buhrmaster  
Mr. Terry Craig                                      Mr. Dylan Gollehon  
Mr. Roy Märtin (Chairman)                      Mr. Dan Seifert  
Mr. Joseph Sturtevant