First Sunday in Lent

The Order of Worship **March 9, 2014**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619 J. S. Bach
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

Prelude in C, BWV 567 J. S. Bach
attr. Johann Ludwig Krebs

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

(9:00) Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now *Herr Jesu Christ*
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow. Thy Spirit send with grace divine, And let thy truth within us shine.
Wilhelm II

(11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*
Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, And share Thy joy at last.
Synesius of Cyrene

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.
People: In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.
Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and nourishes us.
People: In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.
Leader: Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.
People: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to recognize you as you come to us in Scripture, in the Christ, in worship, in those we love and in the stranger, and even in the challenges and changes we face. Forgive us for thinking that you are absent when we are absentminded about you. Forgive us for overstepping the limits of our humanity and living as if we have no need of you. Forgive us, heal our spirits, bring wholeness to our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lisa Trofatter
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship.
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
"Jacob, a Bicycle, the Garden of Eden and Temptation: A Parable"
***HYMN** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Puer nobis nascitur*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC(USA)

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer
During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.
Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Journey Prayers (from *Two Celtic Songs*) John L. Bell
God's gospel of life shall keep you; God's gospel shall shelter you from harm, malice and evil, and from all distress. Christ shall himself shepherd you, enfolding you on ev'ry side; wherever you may travel he'll be with you.

Bless to me, O God, the earth under my foot; bless the path on which I wander. Bless to me, O God, the things that I desire; bless to me, O God, my rest. (Refrain)

Bless to me, O God, the thoughts filling my mind; bless my yearning and my loving. Bless to me, O God, the hope deep in my heart; bless my seeing and my eyes. (Refrain)
from *Carmina Gadelica*

(11:00) Look Down, O Lord William Byrd
Look down, O Lord, on me, poor man; In thee I live, I move and am; O clear my soul and conscience, That I in thee my peace may find, Rest to my heart, joy to my mind, Freed from my sin and mine offence.
Sir William Leighton

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 388** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O Jesus, I Have Promised *Angel's Story*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)
Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Be Thou with Me Johann W. Franck
arr. M. J. Luvaas

Be Thou with me through darkened night, That I may see the day illumined so bright, Oh, thank Thee for the hope we have in Thee. Take Thou my hand Near Thee to stand. All they rejoice who lay their trust in Thee, Our Savior, for ever Thine to be. Songs of triumph praise Thy name above all earthly joy proclaim! Enlighten mine eyes To see the way: Be Thou with me, Oh Father most high.
Agnes P. Olsen

***POSTLUDE** Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642 J. S. Bach
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Angela Partelow and Rick Oakes
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Linda Rutherford
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
SERVING TODAY
ACOLYTES (11:00)**:** Kaitlyn Harmon and Lauren Miller
GREETERS (11:00)**:** Norman and Lisa Hammitt
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:
(9:00) Childcare through age 5
(11:00) Cameron Sears and Nancy Duckles, Delaney Sears and Maggie Gordon
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Westminster Choristers
(11:00) Chancel Choir
SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley
USHERS:
(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher
(11:00) Nathan Seidner, John Salsbery, Bob Daverman, Tim and Joyce Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz and her children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE is comprised of two pieces sharing very similar quasi-canonic lines. It is somewhat of a coincidence that the second piece is attributed to Johann Ludwig Krebs, a student of J. S. Bach. The first piece actually has *two* layers of canon: the chorale melody (the last phrase is omitted) is heard in true canon an octave and a fifth apart, while the accompaniment features imitation of a hexachord figure in three voices, the first two "sets" in descending motion with the final set ascending, all in the span of only 16 measures! Though the second piece has a BWV number, modern scholarship identifies Krebs as the composer, and if one listens closely, it is possible to discern that the writing is clearly from the period post-Bach. It is striking that we hear in the very beginning of the piece a nearly identical descending scalar line imitated in three voices!

SHOW AND WAMS meet from 5:00-7:00 this evening. Marlene Browning has a great dinner planned for us! After dinner, Shirley Wittman and friends will teach us a new game called 31. This game will involve stashes of candy and fabulous prizes!

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND TABLE in the Schilling Gallery. We have a table full of things that need to be claimed. Thanks for your help.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. The Human Resources team will bring our refreshments.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

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MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 a.m., we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Dick Bendy and a lesson led by Phil Barnette. The title of the lesson is, "A Prayer For Rasel". It speaks of life on the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the interaction of medical missionaries Les and Cindy Morgan. For background, "google" Bangladesh or Dhaka. To review the lesson in advance, you can pick up a copy in the church office or receive the lesson electronically. All are welcome. Come, bring a friend. God bless and have a great day!

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 13th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will meet Thursday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Bravo. RSVP to Eileen Rudd by March 18th.

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk - "Animate Faith" Library
This DVD series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion.

Faith and Life - "Welcome to Westminster" McKinnon Room
Barbara Adamcik will lead today's class, covering the many connectional ministries at Westminster.

Bible Study Prayer Room
We are studying the book of Genesis, led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger.

Current Topics - "Living the Questions" Fellowship Hall
Today our DVD series, featuring preachers, professors and theologians, will explore the theme of "A Kingdom Without Walls." No preparation is necessary, and you are welcome to join the discussion at any point.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of March 12th for receiving nominees for Elders for the class of 2017, one Youth Elder for the class of 2015, and one Trustee for the class of 2017. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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