

Third Sunday in Lent

The Order of Worship March 23, 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 O Gott, du frommer Gott Johannes Brahms
O God, Thou Faithful God

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord Ralph Vaughan Williams
O Christ, our King, creator, Lord, Redeeming all who trust your word: You come to those who seek your way; Now come and hear us as we pray.

CALL TO WORSHIP Gregory I
Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains; the sea is his, for he made it.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 476 (blue hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! *Lyons*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

From empty dreams and sadness of heart, O Lord, deliver us.

From heavy hands and slow tongues, set us free.

From dullness of mind and uninformed opinions, remove us.

From willingness to accept mediocre or tawdry efforts in ourselves, release us.

From avoidance of conflict for the sake of social status, deliver us.

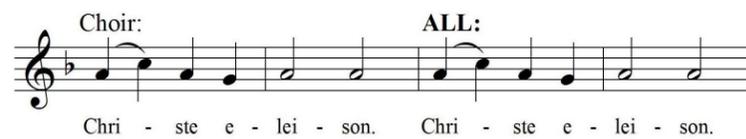
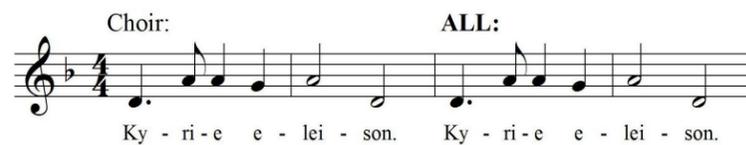
From commerce that is cheap and desires that are lustful, set us free.

From choosing the easy way rather than the courageous and just, remove us.

From obedience to small gods that cannot save, O Christ, release us.

*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell



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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 ...

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 38 excerpts

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

JP Mackay

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

SERMON

“Riptides of the Spirit”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

“The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind.” – Job 38:1

*HYMN NO. 357 (blue hymnal) O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

God is a God of infinite goodness, who does not will death but life in its fullness, who treasures the poor, the stray sheep, the prodigal, the forsaken. Captured at night, taken away by soldiers, stripped of his garments, interrogated, tortured, crowned with sharp thorns and finally condemned to death on a cross, Jesus entered into solidarity with all humanity. But three days after his death, Jesus emerged alive. Death has been swallowed up in Christ's resurrection. Oppression has been transformed into a pathway of liberation through sacrifice. We are called by the Holy Spirit to live life to the full: joyous in our hope, confident in our love, and reconciled to the world, our fellow human beings and God.

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) Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jean Berger

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

When many cares perplex me, Thy comfort delights my soul. My times are in Thy hand, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end. With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light do we see light. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me, Amen.

based on Psalm 51:10, Psalm 31:14,15, and Psalm 27:1

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Lisa Ellis, Alto

John Johnson, Tenor

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

(11:00) Lord, My God, Hear Now My Pleading

Felix Mendelssohn

Lord, my God, hear now my pleading, turn Thy gracious ear to me As I ask of Thee, my helper, nevermore my sins to see. Will my sins forever hold me? Must I bow down before my fear? Weak and helpless, I beseech Thee let Thy grace be always near.

based on Psalm 13

Bettie Mason, Alto

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 284 (blue hymnal) (11:00) O God, What You Ordain Is Right

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*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

Johann Pachelbel

***POSTLUDE Fantasia in g**

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and Hap McSween

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ben Hatmaker and Emma Adamcik

GREETERS (11:00): Mark and Pam Potocik

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Shilling and Sam Smith, Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley, Jerry and Scott Carley, Sue Caradine

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by John and Ibbie Muntz to the glory of God and in precious memory and celebration of Laura Joy, their daughter.

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, for love is as strong as death.” – Song of Solomon 7:6

OUR THANKS to Lisa Ellis, John Johnson, Meredith Mackay, and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our early worship this morning.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

JEAN BERGER (1909-2002) was a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator, receiving his education at the universities of Heidelberg and Vienna. He also studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris, where he lived from 1933 to 1939. Following this he spent two years as assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and was on the faculty of the Brazilian Conservatory. In 1941, Berger moved to the United States and soon worked in the Office of War Information producing foreign-language broadcasts and USO shows. From 1946 to 1948, he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC. He entered the academic world in 1948 when he joined the faculty at Middlebury College in Vermont. Subsequent appointments would include positions at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado. This morning’s motet is one of his best-known choral works and is rich in gentle, colorful harmonies.

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk - “Animate Faith” Library

This DVD series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion.

Bible Study McKinnon 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 will explore the theme of “Incarnation: Divinely Human.” No preparation is necessary, and you are welcome to join the discussion at any point.

THE NEXT PROGRAM IN THE iLISTENER=INFORMED LISTENER series will be presented this **Tuesday evening, March 25, at 7:30** in the sanctuary. Our discussion will be devoted to J. S. Bach’s *Passacaglia*, BWV 582. Background, analysis, and the amazing music will be shared in Powerpoint and on the organ. This is one of Bach’s most beloved organ works. Come learn how the teenaged Bach wrote this masterpiece!

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. Childcare will be provided after dinner.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP On Thursday March 27 at 7:00 am, we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Abbott Brayton and a lesson led by Tim Crais. The title of the lesson is, "David & Goliath -- Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants", based on the book by the Canadian author, Malcolm Gladwell. Part of the lesson will feature an interview entitled, 'Malcolm Gladwell on his return to faith'. To review the lesson in advance, simply pick up a copy in the church office, or receive it electronically at www.wpccknox.org/men, then choose the [click here] link to view and print a copy. Come, bring a friend; all are welcome. No reservation necessary.

SMART DRIVER COURSE Safer driving can save you money. Take this new AARP course and you could reduce your overall maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your driving skills and know new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. This course will be offered on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Contact Paul Johnson at 690-9423 to sign up.

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THE SESSION

Class of 2014: Terry Crow, Angela Partelow, Tim Ryan, Cindy Spangler, Bill

Wiesehuegel, Will Bendy. Trustee: Norman McRae

Class of 2015: Ellen Anderson, Jean Bonnyman, Hap McSween, Rick Oakes, Jack

Woodall. Trustee: Joe Ben Turner

Class of 2016: Mary Boyd, Jerry Faerber, Vicki Mayfield, Scott Porter, Elizabeth

Ridley. Trustee: John Smartt

ALL CHURCH PICNIC to honor the Confirmation Class of 2014 will be held on the lawn of Leonard and Betty McKeehan on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery as soon as possible.

Spring Workday at Westminster

- ★ Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds.
- ★ Saturday, April 5 from 8 AM to 12 N
- ★ Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside
- ★ Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks
- ★ You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts)



Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to attend worship, or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$_____

given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

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