

# Fifth Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship

March 22, 2015  
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** Trio Sonata No. 3 in d, Movement II J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) Oculi omnium Charles Wood

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine: et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi, Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord: and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory to Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Psalm 145:15

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *excerpted from Psalm 119:10-15*

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

**People: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\***HYMN NO. 454** (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*

\***CALL TO CONFESSION**

\***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) *excerpted from Psalm 51*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;**

**According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,**

**And cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,**

**So that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass**

**judgment.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence,**

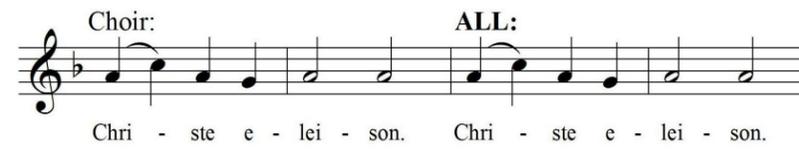
**And do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,**

**And sustain in me a willing spirit.**

\***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 ...

**GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

JP Mackay

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in*

*Children's Worship.*

**EPISTLE**

Hebrews 5:5-10

**SERMON**

"Musings About Life"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

*"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." – John 12:21*

\***HYMN NO. 195** (blue hymnal) Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord

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\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

**We believe that in Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.**

**Jesus is God with us. In him true humanity was realized for all. He expressed**

**the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful**

**people. He is present in the church by the Holy Spirit to continue and**

**complete the work of reconciliation. This work of God is the foundation of**

**our faith concerning God and the world. The gift of God in Christ is for all**

**people, therefore we affirm that we are called to be reconciled to God and to**

**one another.**

**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) Allemande (from *Suite in F*)

Georg Böhm

Harpisichord

(11:00) O Most Merciful

Charles Wood

Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the

Redeemer's Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Bishop Reginald Heber

\***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. 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

Johann Pachelbel

\***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in g

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Lily Seidner and William Milam

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Sue Byerly

**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): Sammy McCartha and Ian Salsbery

**GREETERS** (11:00): Tom and Georgann Byerley

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mike and Christie Wilson, Sophie Manrod and Eric Partelow

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Larry Ridley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Scott Brunger, Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Bill Rudd, Tom and Georgann Byerley

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are dedicated to the glory of God and in appreciation for the wonderful job Renee and Sandra do in the church office by Jerry and Scott Carley.

**CHARLES WOOD (1866-1926)**, an Irish composer and teacher, was educated at the Royal College of Music and Cambridge University, becoming a professor at the latter in 1924, teaching harmony and counterpoint. His pupils include such prominent English composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. This morning’s introit and offertory anthem are beautifully crafted, exhibiting subtle details of nuance and expression. In celebration of J. S. Bach’s birthday, which was yesterday, I’m sharing one of my favorites of his organ works.

Peter Van Eenam

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

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS:**

- Today - Kids’ Club - going out to lunch and then bowling!
- March 28 - Westminster Friends Dinner

**WESTMINSTER PLAYERS** will have play practice this afternoon at 12:15. Mark your calendars for the April 24 - 26 production of “It’s All in the Timing”.

**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. The theme for our Lenten worship this year is, “For God So Loved the World.”

**MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast prepared by Jerry Carley and lesson led by Abbott Brayton. The lesson is entitled “Morality In Wartime” which is based upon his newest book “Highland Brigadier”. To review the lesson in advance, please visit the webpage at [wpcknox.org/westminstermen](http://wpcknox.org/westminstermen).

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

**SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER**

Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning



**Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds**

Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds.

Saturday, April 11 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)

**WPC GARDEN GUILD NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

\* Do you like fresh air and the beauty of plants and flowers?

\* Do you enjoy the fellowship of other WPC folks? **THEN**

We have a wonderful opportunity for you!

The WPC Garden Guild maintains the various gardens and paths around the WPC campus and we need some additional "gardeners" to aid those of us already involved. We work in small teams with assigned plots or paths so the workload is spread over many hands and does not become overwhelming. The hours are flexible.

As a Garden Guild Volunteer, you gain:

- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Fellowship with team members and guild members
- \* The joy of being part of the beauty of WPC's grounds
- \* Freedom from worry about being pushed into a higher income bracket

Please consider joining us and being a part of the Garden Guild. Contact Tom Byerley by e-mail at [t\\_gbyerley@yahoo.com](mailto:t_gbyerley@yahoo.com) or by phone at 776-5915.

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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**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:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Class of 2015**

Ellen Anderson

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