

Second Sunday in



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship March 17, 2019
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.

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

PRELUDE Meditation Gabriel Dupont
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, on a winding road.
People: We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes and fears, and our faith.
Leader: We gather here to celebrate life’s beauty and find healing for its pain...
People: to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth, and to listen for the wisdom that guides us.
Leader: Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 276** (blue hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, who dwells in the heart that longs for Your presence and the life that reflects your will, hear our confession. We have not loved you with all of our heart and soul, with all of our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Throughout this season of Lent, deepen within us a sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. May our individual lives and our communal life together continually reflect the life of our Lord, who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *from A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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) The Lord is My Light Frances Allitsen

(11:00) Prayer of St. Paul Charles Callahan

I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul and body be kept healthy and faultless Until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

I Thessalonians 5:23

***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. 539** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise *Ellers*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Phillipians 3:17-4:1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“I like your Christ...I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” Mohandas Gandhi

***HYMN NO. 92** (blue hymnal) Beneath the Cross of Jesus *St. Christopher*

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 16-31: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

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): Kara Porter and Macy Porter

GREETERS (11:00): Ashley and Scott Porter

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Organist: John Brock

(9:00) Daniel Berry, Baritone

Mary Lou Holt, Accompanist

(11:00) Chancel Choir

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Tom Byerley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and Stephanie Lynch-Wight

(11:00) Mark Potocik, David and Shawn Owens, Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley

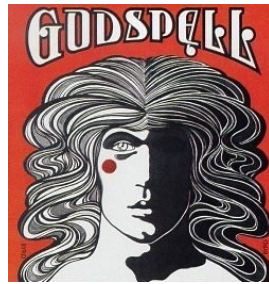
FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gail and Vernon Bruner in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary on March 20 and their 5th year as part of the WPC family!

OUR THANKS to Dan Berry and Mary Lou Holt for their enrichment of the 9:00 service and to John Brock for leading the Chancel Choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

TODAY'S ANTHEM is set by Charles Callahan, renowned composer, church musician, concert organist, pianist and teacher. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1951, he has devoted his life to the profession of sacred music. His writing style, described as "gentle, confident lyricism," is evident and powerful in this lovely setting of Paul's words from I Thessalonians.

SPRING WORKDAY: Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, March 30, from 8 AM to 12, 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 Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning before EASTER!!

WESTMINSTER AND JUSTICE KNOX had their first all-church meeting last Sunday. Reports were given on the three issues in which Justice Knox is working this year: Affordable Housing, Disparities in Education and Mental Health Treatment. The reports have been printed for you to have a copy and are available in the narthex by the Justice Knox poster.



GODSPELL

Presented by the Westminster Players

SAVE THE DATE!

April 5, 7:30 PM

April 6, 7:30 PM

April 7, 3:00 PM

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your OGHs gifts are there to sew it back together. Your generosity fulfills a vision rooted in the biblical witness and beautifully stated in Isaiah 58:12. The prophet writes: "You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

- 32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.
- 36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program) Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root cases of poverty so all may be fed.
- 32% Partnering in Progress (Self Development of People) Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: You are invited to join with Companions in Christ to journey deeper into your relationship with God during Lent. Companions meet for song, silence, scripture reading and prayer in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and worship with Companions in Christ this Wednesday, March 20th.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE: Safer driving can save you money. Take the AARP Smart Driver 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. Plus, there are no tests to pass. This course will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 9am-5pm. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Contact Paul Johnson at to register or for more information.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like them.

LENTEN SERVICE OF PEACE AND HOPE: Join us Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM for this special service.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Bonnie Rogers has made reservations at Wasabi on Bearden Hill for Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am for our March gathering. The address is 118 Major Reynolds Place, 37919, just up the hill behind Bravo's. The Rogers are in Mexico until March 9, but Bonnie has cell service and WiFi. Please RSVP to Bonnie by Tuesday, March 19th,

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet March 21 at 1:30 in the SHOW room.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room

KID'S CORNER

Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.

Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs

where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate).

Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult

Sunday School hour for children 4th grade and under.

SHOW AND WAMS will be on SPRING BREAK and resume 3/31 for an evening with Full Disclosure an improv group.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Alice Mercer

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