



The Order of Worship

March 3, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

- (9:00) Alma Redemptoris Mater Marcel Dupré
Loving Mother of the Redeemer
 (from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)
- (11:00) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Warrenton
 arr. Dan Miller
- Four-in-Hand Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19) Rev. Gradye Parsons

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
 One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul,
All: the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
 One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,
All: O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.
 One: Let us worship the LORD.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 394** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Westminster Abbey

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Responsive)**

One: Holy God,
 Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.
 Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

All: Forgive us for losing sight of you.

One: Some days we are quick to trust your blessings-
 Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

All: Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

One: We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.
 But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

One: Pull us closer toward you. Remind us that we can put our trust in you.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

Choir: **ALL:**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Choir: **ALL:**

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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***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*

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min - ion, And e - ter-nal vic-to - ry,

Ev - er-more and ev - er - more!—

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22

SERMON "Temple Trouble" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 301** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let Us Build a House Two Oaks

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. 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) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Warrenton

(11:00) Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* 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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
 One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.
 One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 One: Creator God... forever sing to the glory of your name.
Many: Sanctus No. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
 One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Many: Agnus Dei No. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden

Hans-Heinz Haase

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

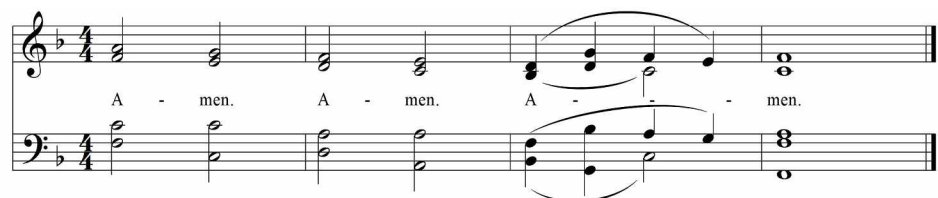
***HYMN NO. 769** (*Glory to God* hymnal) For Everyone Born

For Everyone Born

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Prélude (from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

Jean Adam Guilain

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession adapted from the Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Richard Ward

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Cooper Kringen and Jason Birdwell

GREETERS: (11:00) Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

LITURGIST: Reverend Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Four-in-Hand Ringers

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: John Salsbery

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Connie Graham and Linda Van Beke

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, Shirley Whittman, Judy Jorden, Betty

McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Clark

from Carol Beilharz, children, and grandchildren.

SEQUOYAH/WESTMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING is TODAY

from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Laurie and Joshua Williams, 1515 Kenesaw

Avenue in Sequoyah Hills. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or a dessert to share

with your neighbors. Our hosts are providing Buddy's Barbeque!

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is a well-known hymn tune

arranged for handbells four-in-hand, a technique involving each ringer playing two bells in each hand. The clapper of a handbell strikes the bell along an axis and is set to ring more easily in one direction along that axis (the arm motion will then be in the forward direction). The second bell in a hand is turned so that its axis is 90° from the axis of the other bell. This allows the player to ring forward with one and "inward" (done with the wrist) with the other, thereby allowing each bell to sound independently.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Dagmar Krahl, Leonard McKeehan, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon.

In addition: Shanaya (Morgan Pritchett's friend who is 4 years old)

All people living in places of war

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (LKH Foyer)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence: January 28 - March 17 (McKinnon Room)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES This Sunday evening, 4-6 p.m., our Westminster youth (5th to 12th grade) will be hearing from our own Pastor Emeritus John Muntz, when he shares with us about his faith journey. Following this amazing time with John, we will be playing some JackBox games online. (Bring a phone or tablet to play. We'll have some extras too!) Barbara is making some custom games that are perfect for Westminster, youth, and this time of year... It should be great fun for all!!

THANK YOU ELLEN!! Our Westminster youth had a blast last Sunday with Ellen Anderson helping them do one of their favorite service activities- Random Acts of Flowers!

LENTEN SERIES Our next program is March 6 with guest speaker Marjorie Thigpen-Carter, who is the current director of Justice Knox. Please bring an appetizer to share at 6:00pm. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm. Childcare is available.

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

PLAYGROUND Do you have a special gift for visualizing or creating outdoor space for children to enjoy? We are looking for some interested folks at Westminster to help create a task force to study and implement the refreshing of our children's play area outside the lower level classrooms. If you are one of these gifted outdoor types, or have a unique interest in developing a lovely space for our youngest to have a more modern play space, please join us for a walk and talk about the possibility **TODAY** right after the 11:00am worship. We will gather names of interested team members after a walk and talk through the current play space. If you are unable to join the Spiritual Formation team today and are interested, please contact Debbie Babelay: babelayd@comcast.net.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS DURING LENT: February 20-March 12, from 12:00-1:00 in the McKinnon Room. Led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We are reading *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo, Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. This is a thorough, well-researched, and thought-provoking account of this difficult chapter in our denomination's history. Together, we will understand how this history shapes our present as a church, and we will wrestle with how God is calling us to respond to it as a community. Professor Yoo will be joining us through zoom on Wednesday evening, March 20 at the conclusion of our study of his book.

PICKLEBALL Want to learn a new game? Come to the West Hills Park - Pickleball Courts on Sheffield Drive on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 1-4 pm. Extra paddles, balls and instruction will be provided. Contact Barbara Adamcik and Anne Crais for more information.

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations 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 both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 3. The deadline to make the donation is March 24. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$ _____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: will be collected during the season of Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds are divided among its three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Self-Development of People (32%), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%).

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 3

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:15pm - Playground Info Meeting

4:00 pm - Youth Group

5:00pm - Sequoyah and Westmoreland NG Meeting

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, March 5

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Class - *What Kind of Christianity?*

Wednesday, March 6

3:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

5:00pm - Young Musicians' Class

6:00pm - Lenten Series

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers