

Westminster At Worship

Christ the King

November 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: For the Lord is good with steadfast love that endures forever.

Leader: God's faithfulness is to all generations.

People: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

All: Let us give God praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have strayed from you by doing the things that we should not have done and by not doing the things that we should have done. We have ignored the needy. We have trampled on the rights of others.

Hear us now, O Lord, as we come to you in silent confession...SILENCE...Our faith is restored through our hope in you! We ask for forgiveness, and seek your

grace. We entrust ourselves to you our good shepherd whose love will set aside our transgression. In the covenant of your love, and in the name of Jesus, we pray for your forgiveness.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“There is a Higher Throne”
Dawn, Judy, & Nikelle

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 100 (NRSV)

All Lands Summoned to Praise God A Psalm of thanksgiving.

1

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

2

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

3

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

5

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

NEW TESTAMENT
Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

The Judgment of the Nations

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON

"A Genuine Calling"
Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of

God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"We Have Come to Worship"
Dawn, Judy, & Nikelle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, you have blessed us beyond measure. You have cared for us in every way possible. You have called our names and gathered us to your side. We know who we are and whose we are. And now, in return for your gracious love, we offer our gifts, not only to you, but to the world. Receive what we humbly offer, and in your power multiply it for the benefit of your sovereign realm. In the name of our good shepherd, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"God, We Praise You"
Dawn, Judy, & Nikelle

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

MINISTERS
TRANSITIONAL PASTOR
PARISH ASSOCIATE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR
NURSERY SUPERVISOR
CHOIR DIRECTOR
HAND BELL DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
TREASURER
CUSTODIAN
SECRETARY
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All the People
Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes
Rev. Linda Williams
Nikelle Johnson
Elaine Edwards
Dawn Auger
Peggy Hanson
Wendy Tally
Heather Heidtman
Harold Miller
Judy Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SEASONAL SUNSHINE: The Spiritual Growth committee has been working to find ways for people to feel more “present” at church, even if they are unable to be physically present here on Sundays. We are working on a project called Seasonal Sunshine. This is a craft kit that the church will deliver or mail to you. Projects will be simple yet fun to complete, and the finished project will be featured throughout the church during the Christmas/Winter season. It is an easy, enjoyable way to put your own creativity to work and showcase it at church, even if you are not in the building (and even if you don't see yourself as being crafty or creative)! It would be great to see everyone come together to make something beautiful for our church! Our first project is a Thumbprint Snowflake for Christmas/Winter which we want to showcase in the sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season! This project is for people of ALL AGES! Please let Nikelle know if you would like a kit (cedirector@wpcbc.org), and we will arrange to get you one!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: We invite everyone to participate in this year's Christmas concert! Please submit a recording and we will assemble all submissions and post the final video on Westminster's website and Facebook page. Please contact Dawn, Wendy, or the church office with any questions. Please submit your recording by Tuesday, December 1.

THE UNCLUTTERED HEART ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom beginning on Thursday, December 3. This is an Advent Bible Study using the book, "*The Uncluttered Heart*" by Beth A. Richardson. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

SPIRITUALITY OF AGING: Our Spirituality of Aging groups have begun gathering in groups of twos over the phone. We realize this is not the way we would have all hoped to have gathered this Fall, but for the ten to twelve who have signed up, it has become a way to remain connected during these coronavirus days. For these "two-by-two" conversations, we are using "*On the Brink of Everything,*" a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to "the brink of everything." This book is written by beloved and bestselling author Parker J. Palmer. It's never too late to join in! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our "two-by-two" discussion format, please give Rev. Linda a call.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book "*Wicked Take the Witness Stand*," which tells the true story of a mysterious (and unsolved) death in northern Michigan. The author, Mardi Link, grew up in Bay City, Michigan. Books are available at church this month. They are located in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours or on Sundays before or after worship.

CALLING ALL BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS: Would you like to add a little sweetness and love to someone's day? We have an opportunity to contribute desserts to the Salvation Army's meal distribution efforts. Since the pandemic began in March, members of Grace United Methodist Church have been baking in their own kitchens on behalf of all the guests who pass through the back door of the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. To date, more than 30,000 boxed meals have been served and behind every one of those boxes is a loving "taste-from-a-home-bound" baker. The bakers at Grace Unites Methodist Church have reached out to other churches for a little help to provide these desserts. We're not exactly sure how Westminster's help might look, but we wanted to inform our volunteers of this opportunity to serve during this challenging time. We're looking for ideas, volunteers, and possibly organizers. For more information or to volunteer please call Pam Johnston (989-316-1684 or cell 989-392-1958) or the church office (686-1360). Thank You!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 24

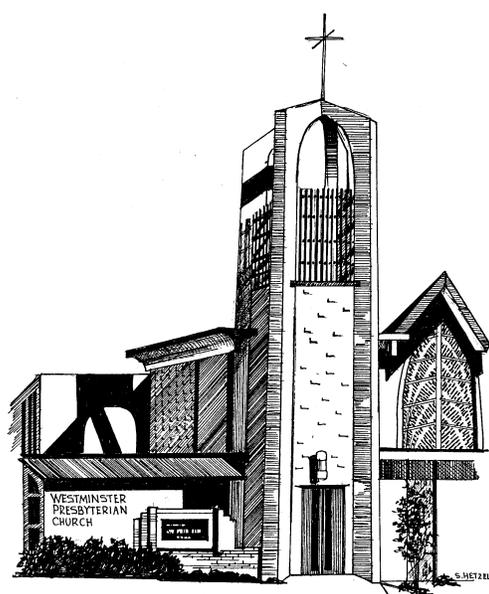
6:00 p.m. Book Club via Zoom

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving

Next Sunday, November 29

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

