

Westminster At Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the season of Lent, a time to
examine our hearts and our lives,

**People: And Journey with Christ through the suffering of
the world.**

Leader: Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ,

People: On a path that is lined with God's love.

Leader: God has marked us a beloved dust,

People: And called us together to worship.

MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere
Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not
taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be
disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of**

**discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we
indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross, we find ourselves. By saying yes to the good news of Christ's spirit, we find faith and wholeness. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
down; before him shall bow all who go down to the
dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him,
“John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of

the prophets.” **29** He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? **38** Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON

“The Cross We Bear”

Rev. Jamie Milton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Lenten Creed (from, Liturgy Link)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that unexpected gifts can come in hard times.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

MUSIC

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Trio

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 HUNDREDTH

*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

Let us pray —

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ,

**by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory
are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"I Surrender All"

Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2021

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to the family and friends of Robert Hanson. Robert passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021. A memorial visitation will take place today at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to the family and friends of Greg Kish. Greg passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

2021 FLOWER CHART: The 2021 Flower Chart has been posted on the easel next to the Wenona Street entrance. This is an opportunity for you to honor or memorialize an occasion of a special loved one. Please print your name on the date you would like. Marie Capp will get in touch with you for floral arrangements and what you wish to have printed in the bulletin.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. During the Lenten season, we will explore the book, *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield. 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).

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at cedirector@wpcbc.org to receive Zoom login information.

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.

PER CAPITA & OFFERING ENVELOPES: Per capita for 2021 is \$28.76. This is per active, confirmed member. Offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up at the church during regular office hours.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, February 28, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, March 3

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships

8:00 p.m. Worship Meeting

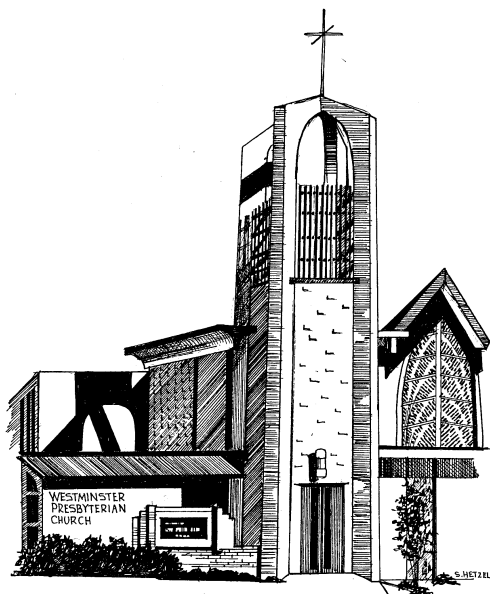
Thursday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Next Sunday, March 7

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.

