

Westminster At Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's steadfast love endures from age to age,

People: We come with thanksgiving for Christ who tenderly cares for all.

Leader: May we imitate this Christ who humbled himself for our salvation,

People: And is now exalted in splendor for ever and ever.

Leader: Come, let us worship this living God.

People: Let us worship God together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help them. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy.

Hear us now, O Lord, as we come to you in silent confession...SILENT PRAYER...

Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel,

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"Take My Life and Let it Be"
Dawn, Ken, & Brandi

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament – Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSV)

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, **2** “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; **3** therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. **4** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. **5** They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. **6** They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, **7** and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. **8** But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. **9** And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. **10** Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. **11** The greatest among you will be your servant. **12** All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

SERMON

“Isn’t It All About Me?”

Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Dawn, Ken, & Brandi

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Apostle Paul reminds us of the “labor and toil” which flow into the proclamation of the Gospel. Let us share generously with the community gifts of time, talent, and treasure which will help to underwrite the ministry of this congregation and the wider church.

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

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our efforts to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Opening Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ...great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

ACTIONS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Dawn, Ken, & Brandi

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

MINISTERS

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

PARISH ASSOCIATE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

NURSERY SUPERVISOR

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Wendy Tally

Heather Heidtman

Harold Miller

Judy Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on our journey through the Gospel of John on Thursdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will use Max Lucado's book and study guide, *"You Are Never Alone."* Those books are available through the office. Donations to help defray costs are appreciated. 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 beginning November 4. Enjoy lively conversations about current news stories and the Bible passages that relate to those stories. 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).

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.

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.

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Each Sunday Westminster reads prayer requests during worship. We will start a new prayer list each month. If you would like your name or name of a loved one added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 989-686-1360.

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

LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE: Westminster Presbyterian Church Live Stream.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, November 1, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, November 2

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 3

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, November 4

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

6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships

Thursday, November 5

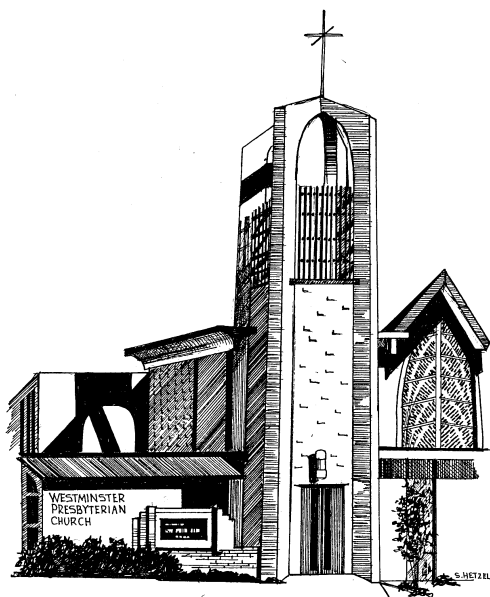
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

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

Next Sunday, November 8

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Family & Fellowship Committee



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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.