

Westminster At Worship

*First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord*

January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the word,

People: And the Spirit moving over the face of waters.

Leader: We rejoice in your new creation, O God,

People: By your Spirit coursing through baptism's waters.

Leader: And God spoke — and God saw that it was good.

**People: We gather to hear and follow your living Word,
as your beloved children.**

Leader: Come let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God together.

MUSIC

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Dawn, Nikelle, Judy

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, John's baptism of repentance should not be for Jesus, your sinless one, but it should be for us. We are the ones who have been baptized into your name, but continually find ways to avoid or reject our standing as your children.

Forgive us for acting as though we have not heard your command to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. By your Spirit's renewing power, help us to live as your beloved and faithful children. This we pray, even as we would serve, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

**People: In and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

"New Beginnings"
Rev. Linda Williams

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (FROM BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP)

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

People: I do.

A UNISON PRAYER

O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

MUSIC

"There's Something About That Name"
Dawn, Nikelle, Judy

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

O God, all that we have and all that we are is a result of your love and divine grace. Help us to recognize that all good things come from you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Let our lives be a thank offering in response to your gracious love. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"
Dawn, Nikelle, Judy

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 10, 2021

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.

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).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom beginning January 14 where we will discuss a variety of Bible passages as well as explore the ideas of the book, *"The Bible with and Without Jesus."* Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New

Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. 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, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book *"The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend"* by Katrina Bivald. 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**](mailto: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.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, January 11

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

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

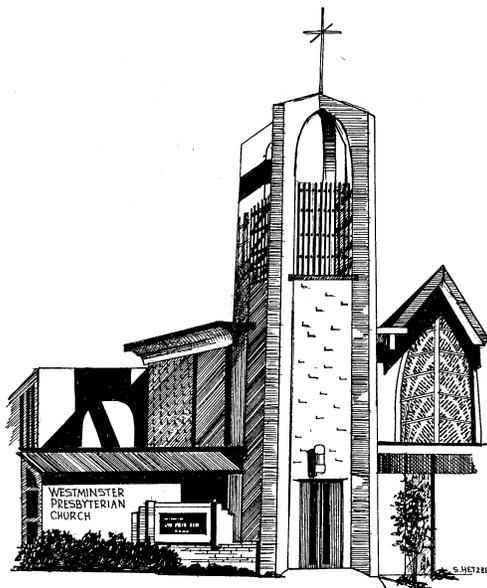
Thursday, January 14

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

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

Next Sunday, January 17

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.

