

Westminster At Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have entered this time to worship God —

People: But what would God have us do when worship is over?

Leader: Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God.

People: Love neighbor as self, and God above all else.

Leader: We have entered into this time to worship God —

People: That we may re-enter this world to serve God.

MUSIC

"Here I am, Lord"

Men's Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious, loving, and forgiving God, how easily we become distracted by the preoccupations of this world. We know they're only temporary and not deserving of so much of our time and energy. And yet, time and time again, we fall into the trap of sacrificing what we know is right in your eyes in order to go after the easy. Forgive us our knack of saying yes but acting no. Hear us now, O Lord, as we come to you in silent confession...

— Silence —

Fill us with your Spirit who would enable us to do your calling. Involve us, O God, in the life for which you created us, through the grace with which you restore us. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSV

Conversion of Nineveh

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2** "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." **3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. **4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

GOSPEL
Mark 1:14-20 NRSV

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15** and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; [c] repent, and believe in the good news.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20** Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

Nikelle Johnson

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: CALLED BY GOD

This We Believe (inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

**Because Christ has called me
in this I truly believe.**

Amen.

Written by Bruce Prewer (www.bruceprewer.com)

MUSIC

"Softly and Tenderly"

Men's 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

All that we are, all that we ever hope to be — all come as a gift from you. Receive these offerings from who we are and what we have and for what we hope, and use them in your gracious service. This we pray, these we give, in the name of Christ. Amen

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Abide With Me"
Men's Trio

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

MINISTERS

PARISH ASSOCIATE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

NURSERY SUPERVISOR

CHOIR DIRECTOR

HAND BELL DIRECTOR

ORGANIST

TREASURER

CUSTODIAN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 24, 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 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will take place via Zoom on Sunday, February 7 following the worship service. Watch your mail for a letter explaining the details, including log-in information for Zoom. The Annual Report will be available beginning Friday, January 29. See the church office for a printed copy, or view it on Westminster's homepage at wpcbc.org.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCHEON: For many years, Westminster's Youth Group has hosted its annual Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon during the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Everything has been different this past year, and the Souper Bowl of Caring is no different. That doesn't mean we can't still enjoy some delicious soup AND attend the Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will be held virtually, so we thought we would hold a virtual Souper Bowl. **Make your favorite soup and share a picture of your family enjoying it during the Annual meeting.** Now for the twist! If you are willing, share your recipe with us and we will create a Westminster Soup Cookbook. Email pictures and recipes to Nicole Rezler at nicolerzler228@gmail.com or the church office at office@wpcbc.org. Any questions, please reach out. As in past Souper Bowl of Caring events, we welcome donations to Westminster's Food Pantry. Thank you!

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.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom 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.

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 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 24, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 26

6:00 p.m. Book Club Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 27

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

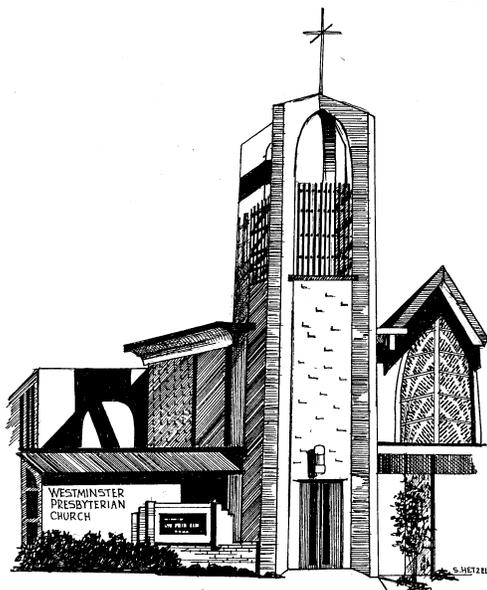
Thursday, January 28

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

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

Next Sunday, January 31

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.

