

# *Westminster At Worship*

## *Transfiguration of the Lord Scout Sunday*

February 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.



### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

#### MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WESTMINSTER AT WORK - BOY SCOUT TROOP 150

#### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

**People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.**

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

**People: We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.**

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

**People: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**People: Let us worship God together.**

## MUSIC

*"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"*

Trio

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came.**

**Do not abandon us to our foolishness.**

**In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home — until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.**

**Hear us now as we come to you in silent reflection and confession...**

— **Silent Prayer** —

**Amen**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

#### OLD TESTAMENT

#### Genesis 28:10-16

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left the town of Beersheba and started out for Haran.

<sup>11</sup> At sunset he stopped for the night and went to sleep, resting his head on a large rock.

<sup>12</sup> In a dream he saw a ladder that reached from earth to heaven, and God's angels were going up and down on it.

<sup>13</sup> The Lord was standing beside the ladder and said:  
I am the Lord God who was worshiped by Abraham and Isaac. I will give to you and your family the land on which you are now sleeping.

<sup>14</sup> Your descendants will spread over the earth in all directions and will become as numerous as the specks of dust. Your family will be a blessing to all people.

<sup>15</sup> Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you—I will do all I have promised.

<sup>16</sup> Jacob woke up suddenly and thought, "The Lord is in this place, and I didn't even know it."

**GOSPEL**  
**Luke 15:1-2, 11-32**

**15** Tax collectors and sinners were all crowding around to listen to Jesus.

**2** So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses started grumbling, "This man is friendly with sinners. He even eats with them."

**11** Jesus then told them this story:

Once a man had two sons.

**12** The younger son said to his father, "Give me my share of the property." So the father divided his property between his two sons.

**13** Not long after that, the younger son packed up everything he owned and left for a foreign country, where he wasted all his money in wild living.

**14** He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. Soon he had nothing to eat.

**15** He went to work for a man in that country, and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs.

**16** He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating, but no one gave him a thing.

**17** Finally, he came to his senses and said, "My father's workers have plenty to eat, and here I am, starving to death!

**18** I will go to my father and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you.

**19** I am no longer good enough to be called your son. Treat me like one of your workers.'"

20 The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.

21 The son said, "Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son."

22 But his father said to the servants, "Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring for his finger and sandals<sup>[d]</sup> for his feet.

23 Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate.

24 This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found." And they began to celebrate.

25 The older son had been out in the field. But when he came near the house, he heard the music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants over and asked, "What's going on here?"

27 The servant answered, "Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father ordered us to kill the best calf."

28 The older brother got so angry that he would not even go into the house.

His father came out and begged him to go in.

29 But he said to his father, "For years I have worked for you like a slave and have always obeyed you. But you have never even given me a little goat, so that I could give a dinner for my friends.

30 This other son of yours wasted your money on prostitutes. And now that he has come home, you ordered the best calf to be killed for a feast."

31 His father replied, "My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But we should be glad and celebrate! Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found."

**SERMON**

*"Rumors of Grace"*

Rev. Linda Williams

**MUSIC**

*"You Are My All in All"*

Trio

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**A NEW CREED, 1968**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## 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

**Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives and these offerings might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen**

## BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"*

Trio

### CHARGE

### BENEDICTION

MINISTERS	All the People
PARISH ASSOCIATE	Rev. Linda Williams
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR	Nikelle Johnson
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 17.  
Drive-Through Ashes: At Dewitt Street from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (We will practice social distancing and safety protocols.) Live streamed worship service on Facebook (Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City) at 7:00 p.m.

**MOVIE:** Grab some popcorn or your favorite movie snacks and join us **TODAY at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom** to preview the movie, *The Antidote*. This documentary, created in 2020, was made in response



to the times in which we are living. *The Antidote* weaves together stories of kindness, decency, and the power of community in America. It's about everyday people who make the intentional choice to lift others up despite fundamentally unkind realities in our society that contradict the founding ideals of our country. It's about who we are and maybe, who we can be. Please contact Nikelle to receive the zoom link ([cedirector@wpcbc.org](mailto:cedirector@wpcbc.org)).

**DEBORAH CIRCLE:** Ladies, you are invited! Join us Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For the foreseeable future, Deborah Circle plans to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Contact the church office or the Log for Zoom login information.

**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, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. 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.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** In an effort to help our Westminster family and friends experience a greater connection to the church on Holy Communion Sunday, we have begun delivering the small Communion cups with juice and wafer for you to use when you watch the live-streamed worship service. If you would like to have the Communion elements delivered to your home (socially distanced of course), please call the church office at 686-1360.

**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 14, 2021**

- 10:30 a.m.   Worship Service  
3:00 p.m.     *The Antidote* documentary via Zoom

### **Tuesday, February 16**

- 10:00 a.m.   Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m.    Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 17**

- 1:00 p.m.    The Wired Word  
3:30 p.m.    Drive-Through Ashes  
7:00 p.m.    Ash Wednesday Worship via live stream

### **Thursday, February 18**

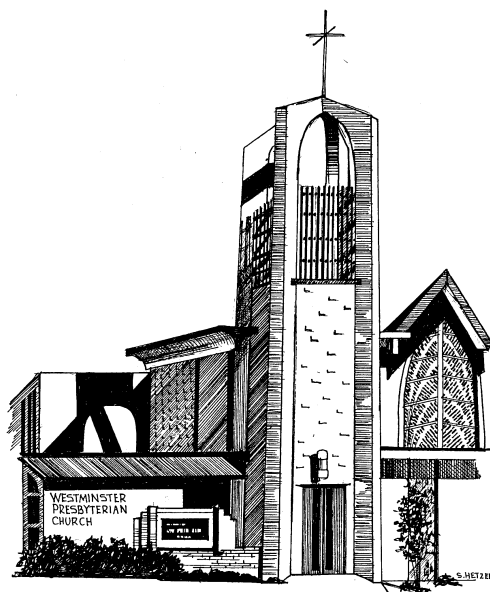
- 5:00 p.m.    Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran  
7:00 p.m.    Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

### **Friday, February 19**

- 6:30 p.m.    Masked Singers (Meet in the Wenona Street parking lot)

### **Next Sunday, February 21**

- 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.

