

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship Sacrament of Communion Scout Sunday

February 6, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.
†Those who are able to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE

Wendy Tally

WORDS OF WELCOME &

INTRODUCTION BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 150

Lucas Peless

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: From north to south, from east to west.

PEOPLE: God gathers us in.

LEADER: From cities and farms, from plenty and want.

PEOPLE: God gathers us in.

LEADER: From young to not so young, from every race and identity.

PEOPLE: God gathers us in.

LEADER: From those confident in their faith to those struggling to believe.

PEOPLE: God gathers us in.

LEADER: People of God, come now and worship the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Chancel Choir Recording

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have created us to be one body, but but we confess that too often we seek to be islands unto ourselves. Those of us who are eyes say we have no need of the feet. Those of us who are hands say we have no need of the ears. Some of us make ourselves to be more important than we are. Some of us are guilty of the opposite, convincing ourselves we are less important than we really are. Help us to embrace our place within your Body, to treat each part of the Body with great respect, and to arrange ourselves to do your will the best way we can. Amen.

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, you and I are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Rejoicing in the brightness of God's blessings, let us share signs of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Exodus 20:1-17

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:16-20

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

SERMON

“Gather Together Across Difference”

Rev. Jamie Milton

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

SCHRADER

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Chancel Choir Recording

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments — to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Leader: Holy God, we praise you...

The Sanctus

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, saying:

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 Words of Institution

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Prayers of the people and 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.

SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world — because in Christ you have loved us. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

TWO OAKS

"Let Us Build a House"

Trio recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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MINISTERS

PASTOR

PARISH ASSOCIATE

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All the People

Rev. Jamie Milton

Rev. Linda Williams



*Thank you, Boy Scout Troop 150,
for worshipping with us today!*

Readers

Reece Metcalfe, Reagan Neil, Gavin Patterson, Josh Sommer

Ushers & Assistants

Quinn Sommer (Webelo), Elijah Peless, Timothy Livingston,
Austin Metcalfe, Brady Falardeau, Brandon Watz

**The Boy Scouts will host Fellowship Time in
Fellowship Hall following the worship service.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022

PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of Marilyn Lewis. Marilyn passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022. A funeral service will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Monday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. The family will be present to receive visitors on Monday at Westminster from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system, and quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant and child CPR trained.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will take place in the sanctuary next Sunday, February 13, 2022 immediately following the worship service. Annual reports are available today and are located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please limit one per household. You can also view the annual report online. Go to www.wpcbc.org and click on the heading 'More,' located at the top, right-hand side of the homepage. Then, click on 'Publications.'

SOUP LUNCHEON: On February 13 following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the Youth Group will host a soup luncheon and bake sale in Fellowship Hall. Donations will benefit the youth who will attend Triennium this summer. Please plan to stay for this fun and tasty luncheon! Volunteers are needed. If you would like to donate chili, soup, or baked goods, please contact Sandy Graves at sandra.graves@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS: Westminster celebrated Children's Sabbath this past October, and with the help of our generous congregation and an anonymous giver, the children and youth department have received a total of \$5,000 to purchase a community farm bundle through Presbyterian Gifts. This gift includes enough livestock, tools and training to support a larger farm that can serve an entire community. This bundle reflects families of chickens, multiple goats, piglets and cows, a pair of oxen with a plow and a collection of equipment — enough to help communities raise both healthy food and their standard of living.

Making this financial challenge more interesting, those donating were able to choose which silo — Pastor Jamie's, Pastor Linda's, or Brandi's — to place their donation. In the end, the donations were tied between the three. Plans are currently being made for them to "kiss a cow" sometime in this spring! Stay tuned for more details!

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet in-person on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Session room. The next meeting is February 17. We are using the *Horizons Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: When we respond to Jesus' summons to "Follow me" and we choose to follow, we are committing to a lifelong apprenticeship journey — one in which we will continually be formed, reformed, and transformed. Discipleship is not a skill; it's a way of life. Bible Study classes are offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The same study materials will be used at both gatherings, and are available for pick-up in the church office. See Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

THE WIRED WORD, "*where current events and faith intersect,*" takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom (note the time change). News is inevitable — whether good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input than to juxtapose scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. Our weekly Wired Word gatherings allow us to reflect on the week's happenings with others who may not share our same thoughts and opinions, but are equally dedicated to thinking about and talking about how current events intersect with our faith questions and convictions. Any questions, or to receive study material and Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 686-1360 or parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE DEACONS. Thank you to WPC for generously giving to the Food Pantry. Despite monthly food distributions to local families, and the delivery of 70 Thanksgiving baskets in

November, Food Pantry funds are, yet, *beyond* adequate for the year! However, the Deacon's other work and programs are always in need of funds. Westminster's Board of Deacons expenses also include: communion supplies, devotional booklets, Stephen Ministry, Fifty Year Members dinners, Bibles for funerals, special concerns, and more, to support WPC members and our community. These funds come from undesignated donations to the Deacons Fund. If you wish to give to the Deacons Fund this year, we will be thankful for a "*general donation to Deacons Fund.*" Thank you for your support to help the Lord's work through WPC and the Board of Deacons.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD: If you are looking for grief support groups, health clinics, or volunteer opportunities that take place within our community, please check out the community bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

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