

# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE of PUBLIC WORSHIP

“Sure, sometimes it is great when, in prayer, we can express to God just what we feel; but better still when, in the act of praying, our feelings change. Liturgy is not, in the end, open to our emotional whims. it re-points the person praying, taking him somewhere else.”

*- Lauren F. Winner*

The Lord's Day  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church.** We are thankful that you have joined us today as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There may be some elements of our worship today that are unfamiliar to you, but please don't worry about that, you will catch on soon enough. If you have any questions about our church, or about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the pastor, elders or deacons would be happy to help you find answers.

### **A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

#### *Standing and raising hands*

Because we are whole people with bodies as well as souls, we use our bodies in worship, as the Bible commands. We raise our hands to look to God for help and bless God (Ps. 28:2, 63:3), and we stand to hear the Word out of reverence for God (Neh. 8:5).

#### *The Lord's Supper*

The Sacrament of communion is a rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you are unbaptized, or not a church member, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

#### *Liturgical response*

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be **boldfaced and indented:**

The Lord be with you! [*Leader*]

**And also with you! [*Congregation*]**

#### *Children*

You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We believe that children naturally love those whom their parents love, and so the best way to help children grow in their love for the Lord Jesus is to have families worship together.

We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the back room. If your children have never been in worship before, don't worry at all. We realize this is unusual for many people, and we would be happy to offer you help, tips and encouragement.

#### *Hearing Assistance*

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please visit the sound table in the back of the sanctuary.

## PRELUDE

*Please be seated, silence electronic devices, and prepare your hearts for worship.*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

### \*GLORIA PATRI

N<sup>o</sup>. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end,  
Amen, Amen.**

### \*PRAYER of INVOCATION

### \*HYMN of PRAISE

*Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him, N<sup>o</sup>. 17*

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\* *Please stand as you are able*

## CALL to CONFESSION

Psalm 90:8

You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

## PRIVATE REPENTANCE

*A time of silence is provided for private, individual confession before the Lord.*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN from "The Book of Common Prayer" (1662)

**Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your Holy name.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## DECLARATION of ABSOLUTION

*After the declaration, let the forgiven respond with one voice: **Amen!***

## HYMN OF SALVATION

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, N<sup>o</sup>. 311*

PRAYER, and GIVING of TITHE *and* OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

N<sup>o</sup>. 73 I

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *and* SERMON TEXT

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup>What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup>Is there a thing of which it is said,  
“See, this is new”?

It has been already  
in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup>There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed (3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD)

I believe in God the Father Almighty  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into Hell<sup>i</sup>;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic<sup>ii</sup> Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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<sup>i</sup> "Hell," lit. "Hades," meaning Jesus truly died.

<sup>ii</sup> "catholic" means "universal," it does not refer to the Roman Catholic church.

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90

A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
**from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You return man to dust  
**and say, "Return, O children of man!"**

For a thousand years in your sight  
**are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning:**  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
**by your wrath we are dismayed.**

You have set our iniquities before you,  
**our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
**we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

The years of our life are seventy,  
**or even by reason of strength eighty;**  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
**they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger,  
**and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

So teach us to number our days  
**that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Return, O Lord! How long?

**Have pity on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

**and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be shown to your servants,

**and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**yes, establish the work of our hands!**

**Amen.**

## \*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Peter 3:1-13

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the

heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:35-49

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

<sup>41</sup> Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?” <sup>42</sup> And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? <sup>43</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>44</sup> Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. <sup>45</sup> But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, <sup>46</sup> the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. <sup>47</sup> And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. <sup>48</sup> But the one who did not know, and

did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more. <sup>49</sup>I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*PRAYER for the MINISTRY of the WORD

SERMON

“*Liturgy*,” Rev. Jerid Krulish

\*COMMUNION HYMN *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*, N<sup>o</sup>. 378

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Stopoulos Family

The SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

*You are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian who has been admitted to the Lord's Table. Our communion elements are wine and bread. If you are unable to take regular bread and wine, please signal one of the elders (with the trays), and we can provide you with gluten-free bread; non-alcoholic grape juice is found in the innermost ring of the communion trays for those who need to abstain from alcohol.*

\*HYMN of COMMISSIONING

*Glory Be to God the Father*, p. 12

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

N<sup>o</sup>. 74<sup>o</sup>



# Glory Be To God the Father

Horatius Bonar, 1868

Gregory D Wilbur, 2011

D      B min      G      D/F#      G      B min      B min7/A      G

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry  
 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain! Glo - ry  
 Glo - ry to the king of an - gels, Glo - ry to the Church - 's king, Glo - ry  
 "Glo-ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Ho-nor,

D      DMaj7/C# min      G      D/F#      B min      D/A      G      D/F#      Asus4      B min D/A

be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry,  
 be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo-ry,  
 to the king of na - tions! Heavenand earth, your prais - es bring; Glo-ry,  
 rich - es, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo-ry,

G      D/F#      D      A/C#      B min      G      D/F#      Emin7/G      A      D

glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

## HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise, N<sup>o</sup>. 3*

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

*This week's:*

Q. 142. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?

A. They shall be cast into hell.

*Next week's:*

Q. 143. What is hell?

A. A place of dreadful and endless torment.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

10/9	Psalms 63	Philippians 1	Nehemiah 8
10/10	Psalms 64	Philippians 2	Nehemiah 9:1-37
10/11	Psalms 65	Philippians 3:1-4:1	Nehemiah 9:38-10:39
10/12	Psalms 66-67	Philippians 4:2-23	Nehemiah 11
10/13	Psalms 68	1 Timothy 1	Nehemiah 12
10/14	Psalms 69	1 Timothy 2	Nehemiah 13
10/15	Psalms 70	1 Timothy 3	1 Chronicles 1

PRAYER

### *MISSIONARY UPDATE*

Pray for the Slavic Reformation Society:

- Oct. 16-28: 16 Russian ministers are meeting in St. Petersburg for an intensive course of Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, New Testament studies on The Book of Revelation, and Pastoral Theology studies on Shepherding.
  - o Please pray for the teachers and students, and for the funds needed to bring all this together.
  - o Evgeni Kruzhkov will be teaching the course on The Book of Revelation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

### GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

*Everyone welcome!* Meeting at the home of Jonathan and Christa VanGelder. Contact the church for address/directions.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

### YOUNG MEN'S PROVERBS STUDY

*A study for younger men. Dinner is provided.* Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions.

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

### REFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

*Everyone welcome!*

Friday, October 27: Movie Night at the SDC showing the film "Luther" - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29: Reformation Day Feast & Celebration - immediately following the worship service

Stay tuned for more details...



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*Meeting at:* Clark County Square Dance Center  
10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

*Times:* Sunday School: 9:30AM 🍀 Fellowship: 10:30AM 🍀 Worship: 11:00AM

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*Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.*

*Music:* All musical rights secured via *The Trinity Hymnal*  
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*Elders:* Mr. Tom Berkompas                      Rev. Jerid Krulish (Pastor)  
Mr. Mark Sturtevant (Clerk)

*Deacons:* Mr. Christopher Berkompas (Chairman)  
Mr. Dave Buhmaster                      Mr. Terry Craig  
Mr. Dylan Gollehon                      Mr. Dan Seifert  
Mr. Joseph Sturtevant