
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

November 26th, 2017

The Lord's Day



*“Service can never become slavery to one
who loves.”*

- J. L. MASSEE

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have you join us today, as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A few notes to help you fully participate:

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

[Leader] The Lord be with you!

[Congregation] And also with you!

WORSHIP WITH THE BODY: We have been created as people with bodies and souls. Throughout our worship, besides sitting, we will stand, raise our hands, and even kneel. Please note the * and § symbols to indicate standing or raising hands.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also known as "communion", the Lord's Supper is 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 haven't been baptized, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

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 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 side room. We're happy to accommodate your family in any way we can.

TODAY'S WORSHIP: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." This well-known verse comes alive for us as we see that it is the wise person, who dedicates himself to the service of others... something we can do only because the Lord Jesus has dedicated Himself to serving us. Many Scripture readings will focus on Christ's service to us, and the necessity of our service to others. Consider the Large Emden Catechism reading as a summary of all the Scripture's teaching on the subject.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: ISAIAH 30:15

In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Please take this time of silence to prepare your hearts before the Lord.

PRAISE THE LORD: *OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: JOSHUA 24:14-15**

Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

§DOXOLOGY

**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.**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN: EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM, NO. 12**

** Please stand if you are able. § Please stand and raise your hands.*

A HOLY NATION: *THY KINGDOM COME*

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him;

bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

KINGDOM PRAYER

At the conclusion of each request, we implore the Lord's mercy to hear our prayers, as follows:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the following:

- *The worldwide spread of the Gospel.*
- *Ethan and Rae Gollehon, as they prepare for their year long mission trip in Madagascar.*
- *Evgeni Krushkov and his work with the Slavic Reformation Society. For effectiveness in their ministry and the spread of the Gospel.*
- *The work of Open House Ministries, and our own involvement in it.*
- *The officers of WPC and the preparation of new officers.*
- *The effective use of the means of grace would be effective and pure.*
- *Our hearts to be ruled by Christ and our joy to be made complete as He does so.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: *COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING*, NO. 101

BREAD FROM HEAVEN: *GIVE US THIS DAY...*

We give thanks for the Word of God with the following statement after each reading:

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

***OLD TESTAMENT READING & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 4**

Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. ²And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. ³But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

⁴Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

⁵The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

⁶Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

⁷Again, I saw vanity under the sun: ⁸one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

¹³ Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. ¹⁴ For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. ¹⁵ I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. ¹⁶ There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

***NEW TESTAMENT READING: GALATIANS 5:1-15**

***GOSPEL READING: MARK 12:28-34**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE LARGE EMDEN CATECHISM OF THE STRANGER'S CHURCH (LONDON, 1551).**

Q. 116. What are the fruits and the works which the Spirit produces in the faithful?

R. They are varied, but the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, which can never be separated from faith, are all encompassed in love, namely, that we ought to love God above all else and our neighbor as ourselves, with which it happens that we may hold, love, and attend with all our heart to that which pleases God, and serve our neighbor with every act of righteousness.

Q. 117. Must we then be concerned about God and our neighbor to believe aright?

R. Absolutely, for this is the nature of all the sons of God, though some are more zealous in this than others, depending on the amount of the gift given him by the Lord.

***PRAYER FOR THE SERMON**

SERMON: SERVICE, REV. JERID KRULISH

BE HEALED: *FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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. 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 Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***HYMN: APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT, PAGE 13**

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: ISAIAH 60:12

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: BUCER'S STRASBOURG LITURGY OF 1539

Almighty, eternal, merciful God and Father, we poor sinners confess that we have sinned in many ways against You and Your commandments:

We confess that we have not believed in You, our one God and Father, but have put our faith and trust more in creatures than in You, our God and Creator;

We confess that we have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them;

We confess that we have misused Your Name, that we have sworn falsely or lightly by it, and have not professed it or kept it holy as we ought;

We confess that we have not kept the Sabbath holy, nor have we rejoiced in the work of six days but have grumbled against it and been negligent;

We confess that we have not honored our parents, and have been disobedient to them and to all those to whom we owe honor and obedience;

We confess that we have not respected life, but have murdered in our hearts, venting our anger against our neighbors whom we are to love;

We confess that we have been unchaste; we acknowledge all our sins of the flesh and all the excess and extravagance of our whole lives in eating, drinking, clothing, and other things, and our intemperance in our thinking, seeing, hearing, and speaking;

We confess that we have stolen. We acknowledge our greed; we admit our love of the world and the things of the world; we have dishonestly gained and kept what we have, and greedily held what belongs to others;

We confess that we have borne false witness, that we have been untrue and unfaithful toward our neighbor, that we have shaded, twisted, and denied the truth;

We confess that we have coveted the possessions and spouses of others; we acknowledge in summary that our whole life is nothing else than sin and transgression of Your holy commandments and an inclination toward all evil.

Therefore, we beg of You, O heavenly Father, that You would graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Keep and preserve us henceforth that we may walk only in Your ways and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** MARK 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION:

After the declaration, let the congregation respond, "Amen."

GOD BE WITH US:
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

***HYMN:** MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS, P. 11-12

EXHORTATION AT THE TABLE

You are welcome to the Lord's Table if you are a baptized Christian who has been received into communal membership by this or any other church.

Our communion is served "in the round." At the Pastor's direction, we ask that all would move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread or wine until all have received, and then we will pray and eat together. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is very good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with the Angels and Archangels and the whole company of the church triumphant, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name:

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

CHRIST THE LORD: THINE IS THE KINGDOM

***HYMN:** *COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*, NO. 302

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

(Thanksgiving Song)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Thoughtfully (♩ = 76)

G⁷ C Am⁷ F C/E Am⁷ Fadd⁹ G⁷

1. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain; who_
 2. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side; who_
 3. My_ heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove; whose

C G/B Am⁷ G F C/E Gsus G⁷ C

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain. Who_
 floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly. Whose
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ery thought is love. For_

Am C/G F G Am F C/E Gsus G G⁷

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and_
 ev - ery pro - mise is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -
 ev - ery day I have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So_

C G/B Am⁷ G F C/E Gsus G⁷

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my
 -tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low

1.2.
Am G F G Am C/E Fma7 Gsus G7

heart.
grace.

C G7 3. Am G F C/E Gsus G7 C

2. My_ Him. To love and fol - low Him.
3. My_

Approach, My Soul The Mercy Seat

John Newton, 1779

Gregory D Wilbur, 2011

A G/A A G/A

Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat, Where Je - sus an - swers prayer; There
Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan sore - ly pressed, By
O won - drous love! to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame, That

A G/A A G/A C#m

hum - bly fall be - fore His feet, For none can per - ish there. Thy pro - mise is my
war with - out and fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest. Be Thou my Shield and
guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, Might plead Thy gra - cious name. "Poor tem - pest - toss - ed

D C#m D C#m

on - ly plea, With this I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est bur - dened
hid - ing Place, That, shel - tered by Thy side, I may my fierce ac -
soul, be still; My pro - mised grace re - ceive;" 'Tis Je - sus speaks: I

D A/C# G A Em G A

souls to Thee, And such, O Lord, am I. And such, O Lord, am I.
cu - ser face, And tell him Thou hast died! And tell him Thou hast died!
must, I will, I can, I do be - lieve. I can, I do be - lieve.

FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE MONTH: ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT, NO.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: VALDÉS'S CATECHISM.

Valdés's Catechism was titled Instructions for Children. It was published in 1549, with earlier drafts. The intention is not to have children memorize the statements, but for parents to instruct their children.

4. Let them know that God by his Word created the heavens and the earth, and all that is contained in them (Gen. 1; John 1).
5. Let them know that he, by the same, maintains in their existence all the things he has created, so guiding and governing them all that not a leaf falls from a tree to the ground except by his will (Ps. 37 [Ps. 33]; Heb. 1; Mt. 21).
6. Let them know that God, having created all things, created man as their superior upon earth and placed him in the earthly paradise. He created him in his own image and likeness, inasmuch as man was immortal and impassible and was exceedingly powerful, wise, just, truthful, and faithful (Gen. 2).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN:

11/26	Psalms 114-115	John 19:16-42	2 Chronicles 29
11/27	Psalms 116-117	John 20:1-18	2 Chronicles 30
11/28	Psalms 118	John 20:19-31	2 Chronicles 31
11/29	Psalms 119:1-16	John 21	2 Chronicles 32
11/30	Psalms 119:17-40	1 John 1:1-2:6	2 Chronicles 33
12/1	Psalms 119:41-64	1 John 2:7-27	2 Chronicles 34
12/2	Psalms 119:65-88	1 John 2:28-3:24	2 Chronicles 35

PRAYER

Pray for the Stoms family in South Africa.

- 1. Pray for **faithfulness** to the ministry
- 2. Pray for **health** and **safety**
- 3. Pray that the **Gospel** will speed ahead and be honored
- 4. **Thank God** for a recent retreat for internationals that was held at Volmoed, Hermanus Nov. 17-19. 23 people from 7 countries attended. Together they studied stories from Exodus and from Revelation. Jay quotes a friend who stated, "The retreat helped us realize how we long to taste the sweetness of the Kingdom of God in this world. We often live separately due to differences of race, culture, age and economic levels but there is 'better reason' to live together. There is one multi-ethnic 'Kingdom of God' which has been established by the conquering king and suffering servant, our Lord Jesus Christ."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Christmas Choirs will meet immediately following the worship service for the next several Sundays. Kids ages 3-6 will be led by Aria Krulish and Chelsea Berkompas (in the nursery). Kids ages 7-12 will be led by Michaela and Andra Mack (by the piano).

GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP

All are welcome. Meeting at the Jonathan VanGelder house. Contact the church for directions.
Wednesday, November 29th, and following Wednesdays.

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.
November 28th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.
(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FEAST AND WREATH MAKING

Our regular fellowship feast will be followed by the opportunity to make advent wreaths to take home. Feast details will come by email, as usual.
Sunday, December 3rd

WPC ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Speak with Aria Krulish today and let her know if you plan to host or be a guest.
Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th

