
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

February 4th, 2018

The Fifth Lord's Day of Epiphany



*The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps*

- PROVERBS 16:9

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:

Our worship will keep you busy! We often think of worship as “singing songs” and “hearing a sermon,” but there is greater depth available to us. We pray and read together, we use our bodies, we hear, and eat, and respond, and all from the heart.

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!**

Please note the * and § symbols to indicate standing or standing and 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: In a world of mystery, in which God *alone* knows, we can rejoice if we truly know God – not the world’s rejoicing, but rejoicing in truth, remembering that there is a day of judgment, and that the light of the world is coming. Can a Christian actually look forward to the day of judgment? Look for themes of light, joy, and judgment.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: JOHN 8:12

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world."

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 2:2-5**

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of 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: THEE WE ADORE, ETERNAL LORD! NO. 19**

***RESPONSIVE READING: THE LAW OF GOD (THE DECALOGUE, WITH NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. (1 Corinthians 8.6)

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

You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17)

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. (Hebrews 4:9-10)

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

You shall not murder.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21-22)

You shall not commit adultery.

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4)

You shall not steal.

We urge you, brothers, to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

“You shall not covet.”

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

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:

- *A deep love for the Kingdom of God, and a commitment to spread the Gospel.*
- *That the nation of China would recognize Christ as Lord.*
- *For Evgeniy Kruzhhkov and the other churches of the Slavic Reformation Society.*
- *For the ministry of the Pastors and elders of our denomination.*
- *For the city governments of Vancouver and Portland.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD NO. 98

***SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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 LESSON & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 11:5-10

As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

⁶In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

⁸So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

⁹Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:12-30

CONFESSION OF FAITH: RAGNONI'S *FORMULARIO* (1559)

On the last day, when the number of His elect will be completed, He will come visibly from heaven, in the same way in which He ascended to it, and He will show Himself to all in His great majesty and glory and in the immense power of His kingdom; where everyone will appear before His tribunal to give an account; and in this way, He will judge the living and the dead, giving to all according to their works; to those who have done good, the inheritance of eternal life—it is not that these did merit it through the good they did, but because God freely promised and prepared it for them by His mercy alone as those whom He did choose and adopt in Christ as His children from everlasting—and to those who have done evil, eternal condemnation as righteous chastisement and just punishment for their demerits.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *THIS TOO SHALL PASS*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN:** *MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS*, p. 12

***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.

[°] lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PSALM 7:11

God is a righteous judge,
and a God who feels indignation every day.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: 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.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: CHRIST OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND NO. 518

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

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.

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.

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.**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

At this time, please move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread until all have received, and then we will eat together. The wine will be distributed in the same manner. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

***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.

***HYMN:** *LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING* NO. 318

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



NOTES

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.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of a piano accompaniment. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, G4, F4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4. The bass clef staff has a bass line of quarter notes: C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, G2, F2, E2. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Am (C4, E4), G (G4, B4), F (F4, A4), G (G4, B4), Am (C4, E4), C/E (C4, E4), Fma7 (F4, A4, C5, E5), Gsus (G4, B4), and G7 (G4, B4, D5, F5). The lyrics 'heart.' and 'grace.' are written below the treble staff.

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

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

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures of the piano accompaniment. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, G4, F4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4. The bass clef staff has a bass line of quarter notes: C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, G2, F2, E2. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C (C4, E4), G7 (G4, B4, D5, F5), Am (C4, E4), G (G4, B4), F (F4, A4), C/E (C4, E4), Gsus (G4, B4), G7 (G4, B4, D5, F5), and C (C4, E4). A repeat sign (double bar line with two dots) is placed after the first measure. The lyrics '2. My_ Him. To love and fol - low Him.' and '3. My_' are written below the treble staff.

FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:

HYMN OF THE MONTH: *THEE WE ADORE, ETERNAL LORD! NO. 19*

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.

34. That the most usual vocal prayer of the Christian should be the one Christ teaches his disciples, instructing them to say: *Pater noster qui es in celis*, etc., which the Christian is to utter desirous of the glory of God, which glistens and shines forth in those who accept the righteousness of Christ. Because the Christian ought well to understand what he prays, it’s important for him to know the import of each one of the things entreated in this most holy prayer (Mt. 6; 1 Cor. 14).

35. That the Christian’s prayer ought always to be accompanied by faith, his feeling of assurance that God will give him what he asks in prayer. He must take care not to ask for anything not promised in Holy Scripture, because one should found his faith on a promise. Whatever is not based on a promise cannot be faith (Mk. 11; Js. 1).

36. That the Christian’s alms should always be directed to the glory of God and of Christ. They are then so directed when we help or show favor to persons who trust in the promises of God and of Christ, with the intent that the person who trusts in God and in Christ should not remain confused in his trust, but, rather, seeing through experience that it turns out true, he may trust even more [2 Cor. 9].

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
2/5	The Basics of Faith	The Gospel for all	Matthew 28	27
2/6	The Basics of Faith	Children of Abraham	Galatians 3	28
2/7	The Basics of Faith	Baptism	Ephesians 5	29
2/8	The Basics of Faith	Baptism is an Ark	1 Peter 3	30
2/9	The Basics of Faith	The name of Christ on us	1 Peter 4	31
2/10	The Basics of Faith	Continue in Faith	Colossians 1	32

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome. Meeting location for this week to be announced by email.

Wednesdays at 7pm

YOUNG MEN'S PROVERB'S STUDY:

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

February 13th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

WPC's Missions Committee is looking for additional members. Please prayerfully consider this, and if you are interested, please contact Brian Vandenburg, Terry Craig, Kristine Ozaine, or Dave and Sabina Buhrmaster. Members of the committee meet together once a month or once every-other-month to pray for our missionaries, and to discuss/plan ways that the congregation can specifically minister to their needs.

"Brothers, pray for us." – 1 Thessalonians 5:25

