



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day — January 16, 2022

Westminster is asking everyone ages 2 and up, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks while indoors. This is to help keep all members of our community well, per the latest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I do not pretend to understand the moral universe. The arc is a long one. My eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by experience of sight. I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends toward justice."

—from a sermon, *Of Justice and the Conscience*, preached by abolitionist preacher, Theodore Parker, 1852.

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"Fairest Lord Jesus" (Hymn 306)

arr. Diane Bush

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (Hymn 372)

arr. Diane Bush

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" (Hymn 394)

arr. Hal Hopson

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence, actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

INTROIT - "All God's People Everywhere"

Hebrew Melody

All God's people everywhere,
With sweet music fill the air!
Nations, come, your voices raise
To the Lord in hymns of praise!
Join the angel song,
All the worlds to him belong!
Holy, holy,
To our God all glory be!

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

*HYMN 460 - "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

H. W. Grestorex

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Amos 5:14-15, 18-24

Pew Bible, p. 854 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten will leave the service at this time.
Their shepherd will be in the Narthex to escort them to their room.)

ANTHEMS - from *Street Corner Spirituals*

arr. Alice Parker

"Glory, Hallelujah"

Glory, glory hallelujah, when I lay my burden down. Amen. Hallelujah.

"Holy, Holy"

Holy, Holy, you promise to answer prayer in
the mornin' when the Lord cries Holy!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Romans 12:14-21

Pew Bible, p. 162 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 440 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKee

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

The Moral Arc of the Universe: The Careening Career of a Quotation
Focus: "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream." -Amos 5:24

STATEMENT OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*
The Reverend Anna G. Owens

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and
serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in
Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others
for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive
to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for
God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERING DEDICATION AND PRAYER

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Those in grades 1-6 will leave the service at this time. A shepherd
will meet them in the Narthex and escort them to their rooms.
Youth in grades 7-12 may leave for their class in Room 301.)

ANTHEM - "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

African American Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

*There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like the angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*HYMN 343 - "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (All sing) - "God Be With You"

Randolph

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

Sunday, January 30



Presbyterian Heritage Sunday will be observed on Sunday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m., with the Miami Valley Pipes and Drums. Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to wear any Tartan or plaid that they may have such as skirts, kilts, and ties. This is a day to be Scottish, no matter what your heritage. If you are interested in being a flag bearer for the service, please contact Amanda Newhart in the Church Office.

Westminster Email Prayer Ministry

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2:1

The Email Prayer Ministry offers Westminster members and friends of the church a way to share personal concerns with a dedicated prayer team, assured that their requests will be remembered faithfully before God in prayer. Requests received remain confidential. To ask for a prayer request; go to the church website, www.westminsterdayton.org, scroll down to Prayer Ministry, and select "Click here" to submit a prayer request and submit your prayer on the form provided.

**You may also submit your prayer request directly
to wpcprayers@westminsterdayton.org**

Special Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022

Dear Westminster Members,

With joy and gratitude to God, a special Congregational Meeting is being called on January 23, by the Westminster Session, for the purpose of calling a Designated Pastor for Congregational Care.

Since August, when the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) was formed, the committee has been prayerfully working to identify a compassionate and spiritually mature candidate to serve the members of Westminster. Led by the Spirit and supported by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, the DPNC search has yielded just such a candidate.

The Presbytery Committee on Ministry has met with the candidate enthusiastically put forth by the DPNC and has wholeheartedly and unanimously approved the candidate and terms of call. The candidate will preach on January 23 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The Congregational meeting will immediately follow worship, when members will vote for approval of the candidate. Members attending both in person and via Zoom are able to vote. A Zoom link and instructions will be available in the Westminster Notes Friday, January 21.

We hope as many members as possible can participate on Sunday, January 23, to hear and meet the candidate for Designated Pastor for Congregational Care.

With gratitude to God,

Lola Signom and Mel Gillespie, co-chairs, DPNC

John Ey

Kay Berg

Terry Biers

David Leach

Robbie Nash

Richard Baker, staff support

Music Participants: Ensemble from the Westminster Choir – Eric Knorr, Trumpet – Tom Lehmann, Tenor – Brent Manley is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: It is probable that the spiritual "There Is a Balm in Gilead" grew out of slaves' experience of hymns of Charles Wesley and John Newton, for both use the phrase "sin-sick soul." In Jeremiah 8:22 the question is asked, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" and the expected answer is "No." But the spiritual turns the negative into affirmation, and hopelessness into hope. The balm of Gilead may have been from a local tree or bought from Eastern Caravans passing though, but the balm of the spiritual is Christ.

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here. During the Ritual of Friendship, we hope you will take the opportunity to provide your name and contact information on the Fellowship Pad when it gets passed to you in the pew. Thanks for being here today and for adding to our worshiping community.

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require **medical attention**, please raise your hand or contact the head usher. Response Team members will care for the person.

The flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Elizabeth and John Coleman.

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old) are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, Room 104 – We invite all of you to join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K and K will leave the service after the first Scripture (10:20 a.m.). The Shepherd for this age group will be in the Narthex to greet them and escort them to their room.

Sunday School, Grades 1-4, Rooms 101, 103, and 105; Grades 5-6, Theater — Children will leave the service at 10:45 a.m., after the ritual of friendship. Sunday school will run 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Shepherds for each age group will be in the Narthex to escort the children to their rooms.

Choirs for children and youth today - New members are welcome!

Safety protocols including mask wearing and distancing will be in place.

Children's Choirs (Sundays)

11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (ages 4 and 5, Pre-Kindergarten) - Rm. 104 - Holly Martin, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2) - Theater – Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6) - Choir Room - John Neely, Director

While singing by children is not recommended, there are many non-singing musical activities awaiting our children's choirs to enjoy - percussion instruments, glockenspiel and xylophones, hand chimes, children's bells, games, listening experiences, hymn learning, and more.

Youth Bell Choir (Sundays)

11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) – Rm. 203 - Brent Manley, Director

Youth Choir (Sundays)

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Knox Choir (grades 7-12) – Choir Room – John Neely, Director

Youth Class (grades 7-12) meets on Sunday mornings from 10:55 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 301. Youth interested in participating should meet in Room 301 after the ritual of friendship.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner for Knox Singers will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a mask and \$3.00 to help cover the cost of dinner.

Adult Education:

What's Unique to Luke, Fellowship Hall, today, 11:20 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Two of Jesus' most famous and beloved parables—The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son—are found only in Luke's Gospel. In this class, led by Richard Baker, we will discuss these two parables, along with other material unique to Luke, to see what all of it tells us about Luke's Gospel and about our faith. Bring your Bibles!

Unknown Sayings of Jesus, today, 11:30 a.m., Virtually

The title expresses the intent to acquaint members of the class with the dozens of gospels on papyrus that have been recovered from the sands of Egypt in the last 100 years. In a number of cases, these gospels preserve sayings of Jesus that have the clear ring of authenticity. But the title also suggests that many of the sayings of Jesus found in our canonical gospels are "unknown" in the deeper sense that their "truth claim" is not fully apprehended. This class, taught by Dr. Larry Welborn, will meet virtually via Zoom beginning at 11:30 a.m. This class is fully remote, so there will not be an in-person option in the building. The later start time gives participants a chance to get home after worship and tune in with a cup of coffee or tea. The Zoom link will be available each week in the Westminster Notes.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Marsha Danzig, who died Saturday, January 8.

John Neely is recovering at home from non-life threatening surgery.

Members known to be hospitalized as of January 14: Dale Shields.

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Where Loving God and Neighbor Is Transforming Lives*

MINISTERS

All members of the Church

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“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (460)

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.
Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain
As your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: Three we name you,
While in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own this mystery.

“In Christ There Is No East or West” (440)

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (343)

Called as partners in Christ’s service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surrounds each person’s sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.