

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day January 21, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. – Psalm 139:9-10, NRSV*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: We see light, hope, and joy;

People: **We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;**

Leader: We share blessings and fears;

People: **We bring faith and doubt.**

Leader: With all that we are and all that we have,

People: **Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn: *Here in This Place* #401

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey. When we are complacent, O God, set a fire within us. When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands. When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response. When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You. When we stray, turn us around. When we fail, give us another chance. When we sin, forgive us. And hear our silent prayers. . . .

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy* #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: New every morning is God's love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory  
\*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** #606  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

Psalter: **Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**  
(Tune — HYFRYDOL; #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*)  
People's part is paraphrased by Michael Morgan

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

People singing: **Thou, O LORD, hast searched and known me,  
When I rest, and when I rise;  
Not a single thought I cherish  
Is kept secret from Thine eyes.  
Every word my lips would murmur  
Needs no speech to make it known;  
All I do, ere it be started,  
Is as done to Thee alone.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

People singing: **In the brilliance of Thy glory,  
Darkest night is bright as day;  
Shadows flee the path before me,  
When Thy wisdom lights my way.  
Thou who knit my parts together,  
Knew my life before my birth,  
Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise,  
Filling me with infinite worth.**

Scripture Reading: **First Samuel 3:1-10**

Anthem: *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.  
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.  
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.  
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.  
O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.  
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.  
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.  
O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.  
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,  
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

Time for Young Disciples  
(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #377

Scripture Reading: **John 1:43-51**

Sermon: **To See and To Be Seen** Jennifer Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

Prayers of the People

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: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* #298  
verses 1, 2, 5

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *Lord, Make Us More Holy* #313

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Al Hejl      Dee Allums  
           Lois Hejl     James Allums

Shepherd: Betsy Tucker

Liturgist: John Moore

Reader: Robin Moore

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 21**

5:00 pm Youth  
 6:00 pm Session meeting

**Monday, January 22**

February newsletter deadline  
 5:15 pm Soul Sisters

**Tuesday, January 23**

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Wednesday, January 24**

5:45 pm Dinner and Program  
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 25**

9:30 am Circle Meeting

**Sunday, January 28**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Children's Choir  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
           Congregational Meeting  
 4:00 pm Bowling and Pizza

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

**THE SESSION**

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson  
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Bruce McNellie  
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**THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.**

**MINISTERS:**

All the Members of the Congregation

**CHURCH STAFF:**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 1:43-51 (NRSV)