

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

February 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*  
Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Abide with Me* Eventide  
Westminster Handbell Choir arr. Jason Krug

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love.

People: **The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

People: **They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,**

Leader: So that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.** Psalm 145:8-13

\*Hymn: *Blessing and Honor* #369

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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: Dear Friends, when Peter spoke to Cornelius and his household he said, "Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

People: **"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."**

Acts 10:42-43

Leader: This is the great wonder of our faith;

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 *Bell Prayer* Ron Anderson  
Westminster Handbell Choir

\*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
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:

**Lord God, open our hearts to understand the meaning of your word and to receive it with joy that it will produce fruit in our lives and in our ministry. Keep us by your power so the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth will not choke it, nor will troubles make us fall away, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Psalter: **Psalm 34**

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: **I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: **I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

People: **This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Leader: Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

People: **The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Leader: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

People: **Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

People: **But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.**

Leader: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

People: **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Leader: The righteous person may have many troubles,

People: **But the LORD delivers him from them all.**

Scripture Reading: **John 7:37-44**

Anthem: *Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Lloyd Larson  
(Text found in Hymn #475)  
Stephen Campbell, trumpet

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: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #39

Scripture: **First Peter 3:8-12**  
Sermon: **May Our Love Increase**

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer."

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.**

\*Affirmation of Faith 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: *Lord, Make Us More Holy* #31

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *He Came Down* #137

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

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Nacogdoches, Texas



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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For,

“Whoever would love life  
and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech.  
<sup>11</sup> They must turn from evil and do good;  
they must seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

First Peter 3:8-12

## Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

**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 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Ken Deppisch	Bobbie Ann Anderson	Bruce McNellie
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Bennie Kitchens	Deborah Dalton	Ray Taylor
Lisa Thompson	Kristi Hachtel	Patricia Thompson
	Michele Peck	Betsy Tucker

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF:	Pastor	Steve Newton
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### ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

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Shepherds: Martha Holt  
Margaret Sultenfuss

Liturgist: Sharon Templeman

Reader: Kristi Hachtel

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, February 12

12:00 noon Children’s Choir Practice  
6:00 pm Valentine Bingo

#### Monday, February 13

1:00 pm Circle Meeting  
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

#### Tuesday, February 14

5:30 pm Prayer group

#### Wednesday, February 15

7:30 pm Choir Practice

#### Sunday, February 19

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Children’s Choir Practice  
5:30 pm Youth

### TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Hamp and Clarice Miller in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.