

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. So guide us, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: We live only by the goodness of the Lord,

People: **Who showers blessing on the just and unjust.**

Leader: We boast only in the grace of Jesus Christ,

People: **For the first will be last and the last will be first.**

Exodus 16:4; Matthew 20:16; Philippians 1:26

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!** #263

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide the food we need; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Have Mercy, God, upon My Life** #421
verses 1 and 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.
Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **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:

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 51:1-17**
Tune: *St. Anne #687; Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Congregation, please sing the response

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: **Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin.
According to your steadfast love come, cleanse us deep within.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

People: **Our sin and guilt are heavy Lord, and evil in Your sight.
Against You only have we sinned; Your judgment, Lord, is right.**

Leader: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

People: **We're born into a guilty world and sinful in our ways.
Lord, teach us wisdom in our hearts and lead us all our days.**

Leader: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

People: **So come and purify our lives, our hearts with love redeem.
Restore us to Your life filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us clean.**

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

People: **Rebuild Your people with Your love, renew us every day;
With hearts renewed, in all our work, our lives shall sing Your praise.**

Leader: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

People: **You are not pleased with sacrifice, it brings You no delight.
A humble spirit given in love is pleasing in Your sight.**

Scripture Reading: **James 1:12-18**

Anthem: **The Best of Rooms** Randall Thompson

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 Reading: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Sermon: **Temptation**

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: 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, Who throughout These Forty Days** #166

*Benediction

Congregational Meeting

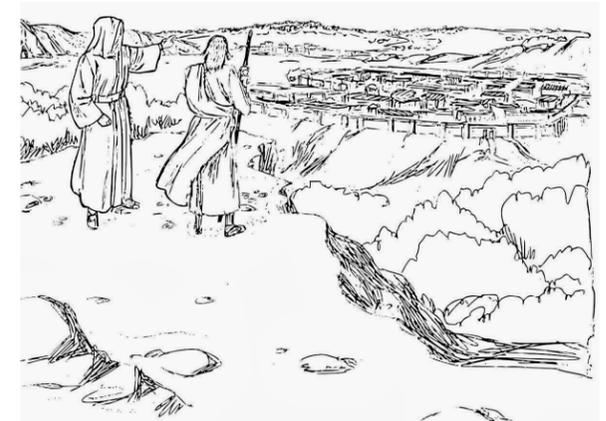
*Choral Response: **Send Us Now Away** John Ness Beck

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

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Nacogdoches, Texas



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¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

~ Matthew 4:1-11

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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.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Charlotte Bock
 Charles Gavin Rick Bock

Shepherd: Becky Helmer

Liturgist: Norm Markworth

Reader: Bobbie Ann Anderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

12:00 noon Congregational Meeting
5:00 pm Youth

Monday, March 11

9:00 am Prayer Group
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 pm Handbell practice

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 17

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Marilyn Tutwiler in loving memory of her husband David Prince.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Terry Kline
Terri Moehring
Barbara Stump

Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton
Charles Gavin
Kevin Helmer
Michele Peck

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:	Pastor	Steve Newton
	Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
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