

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

March 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

People: But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

Leader: And became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in Christ Our Savior. In that name we come asking forgiveness. We confess that we are greedy, while others go hungry. The daily bread you give us is not enough; we must indulge our appetites. Our egos need feeding as well; we crave recognition and ignore our neighbors. Show us once more that Christ is our cup and our portion; may we find in him our heart's delight.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Have Mercy, God, upon My Life #421
Psalm 51
verses 1 and 4 only

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: The Apostle Paul wrote, "What a wicked man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?"

People: Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!
Romans 7:24-25

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!
Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel! Romans 8:1

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:

Lord, we know that your law was given for our benefit. Help us to understand, give us the courage to be obedient, and the joy of living for our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 2 #758
Why Do Nations Rage Together

Leader: Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

People: Why do nations rage together; why in vain do they conspire?
Rulers of earth's vast dominions light the skies with martyrs' fire.
Truth mistaken, God forsaken, banes of righteousness arise;
Yet shall they reap sore displeasure, sure defeat before God's eyes.

Leader: I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

People: To the children of the promise God shall give the throne this day.
With a scepter forged of iron, they shall dash their foes as clay:
Faith revealing, humbly kneeling, quench the fire and sheathe the sword,
For God's wrath is quickly kindled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl F. Mueller
Text: Psalm 51:10-13
Johnny Brown, director

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #366
(Tune Beecher #761: Called as Partners in Christ's Service)

Scripture: Mark 14:53-65
Sermon: Tried

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: Be Thou My Vision #450

*Benediction

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

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson
Charlotte Sanderson
Dee Allums
James Allums
Shepherd: Lynnae Perdue
Liturgist: Brenton Mattox
Reader: Sharon Templeman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 12
12:00 noon Children's Choir

Monday, March 13
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, March 14
5:30 pm Handbell Practice
5:30 pm Prayer group

Sunday, March 19
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children's Choir

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
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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

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Second Sunday in Lent**

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.