

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day November 12, 2017

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

People: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—

Leader: all things have been created through him and for him.

People: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Leader: and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15-16, 19-20

All: Let us worship God!

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

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, deliver us from the burden of sin as we make our confession. Remove the scales from our eyes, for we overlook neighbors in need. Cleanse us of selfishness, which keeps us from serving them. Purge us of vanity, since we expect them to be grateful. Help us not to brood over the seeming ingratitude of some we serve. Restore us by Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and purify our intentions. Make us fit for your service. In Christ's name we pray.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do. God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness.

Leader: Friends, this is 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 Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God J.S.Bach/Hamill

\*Doxology: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures, your Creator Bless, And worship Him in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son And praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy God, when we read the parables of our Lord Jesus, we often hear him say, "He who has ears, let him hear." Open our ears that we may hear your word, and my we understand it deep within our soul that it will give us hope, and the courage to obey, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

People: Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Leader: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Leader: They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

People: Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Leader: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

People: The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Scripture Reading: First Timothy 6:11-19

Anthem: Jesus Loves Me Westminster Children's Choir

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: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #716

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-34

Sermon: The Rich Fool Steve Newton

\*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: Take My Life #697

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise #648

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Chris Kline                      Michael Maurer  
           Margaret Sultenfuss      Amy Maurer

Shepherd: Laura Morales

Liturgist: Ron Anderson

Reader: Bobbie Ann Anderson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 12**

12:00 noon    Fall Stewardship Luncheon  
 5:00 pm        Youth

**Monday, November 13**

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

**Tuesday, November 14**

5:30 pm        Christian Education Committee Meeting  
 5:30 pm        Handbell Practice

**Wednesday, November 15**

9:30 am        Circle Meeting  
 5:45 pm        Dinner and program  
 7:30 pm        Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 16**

9:00 am        Market Set Up

**Friday, November 17**

9:00 – 6:00    International Fair Trade Market

**Saturday, November 18**

Presbytery Meeting  
 9:00 – noon    International Fair Trade Market

**Sunday, November 19**

9:30 am        Sunday School  
 10:30 am       Children's Choir  
 11:00 am        Worship Service  
 12:00 noon     Congregational Meeting  
 5:00 pm        Youth

**TODAY'S FLOWERS**

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God in celebration of the birthday of Georgia Jane Deppisch by her grandparents, Kay and Geoff Grubb.

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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 2017

Ken Deppisch  
 Bennie Kitchens  
 Chris Kline  
 Lisa Thompson

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson  
 Clarence Bahs  
 Deborah Dalton  
 Kristi Hachtel  
 Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie  
 Robin Moore  
 Ray Taylor  
 Patricia Thompson  
 Betsy Tucker

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**MINISTERS:**

All the Members of the Congregation

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor	Steve Newton
Director of Family Ministries	Jennifer Marshall
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
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Children's Choir Director	Elise Gavin
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*13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."*

Luke 12:13-21