

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

January 13, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord, to bow before God most high? Micah 6:6

People: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Matthew 5:3

Leader: Who can abide in the temple of the Lord, or stand in God's presence? Psalm 15:1

People: **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.** Matthew 5:8

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **Now Thank We All Our God** #643

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us; give us grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

People: **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.** Psalm 34:17-18

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

People: **They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.** Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel. 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; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 149:1-5**

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

People: **Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.**

Leader: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

People: **Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.** Psalm 149:1-5

Leader: For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3

People: **The Scriptures say: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."**

Leader: Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

People: **Come near to God and he will come near to you.**

Leader: Wash your hands and purify your hearts.

People: **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.** James 4:6-8,10

Scripture Reading: **Luke 18:18-30**

Anthem: **The Work of Christmas** Dan Forrest

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: **Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm** #731

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:1-3**

Sermon: **Kingdom Living: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit**

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 Theological Declaration of Barmen Barmen, Germany 1934

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of brothers and sisters in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

*Hymn: **Blest Are They** #172

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Go Into the World** Dale Wood

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Sue Johnson
 Sue Atkins Margaret Sultenfuss
 Shepherd: Whitney Frazier
 Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel
 Reader: Amy Maurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 13

5:00 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 20

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Elder Ordination and Installation
 5:00 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

**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

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Ann Anderson	Bruce McNellie	Ken Deppisch
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Kristi Hachtel	Patricia Thompson	Terri Moehring
Michele Peck	Betsy Tucker	Barbara Stump

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

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¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

~ Matthew 5:1-3