

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

June 17, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. Psalm 105:1-5

People: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #353

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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: In the book of Isaiah, we read, "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong,

People: **Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."**

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.

People: **"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."**
Isaiah 1:16-18

Leader: Friends, hear and believe 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; #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:

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened, and our lives given in joyful obedience. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 23** unison reading

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Scripture Reading: **Mark 10:17-23**

Anthem: *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Craig Courtney
Ron Anderson, conductor

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: *This Is My Father's World* #370

Scripture Reading: **Acts 6:1-7**

Sermon: **What Is Your Price?** Steve Newton

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: *Be Thou My Vision* #450

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Perdue Lois Hejl
Lynnae Perdue Al Hejl
Shepherd: Billie Kitchens
Liturgist: Jenni Marshall
Reader: Zach Marshall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 17
Happy Father's Day!

Wednesday, June 20
July newsletter deadline

Sunday, June 24
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Hamburgers and Swim Party

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Jane Durant Robertson in loving memory of her brother, Robbie Robertson, Jr., and her father, R. C. Robertson, Sr.

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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

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Ann Anderson	Bruce McNellie	Ken Deppisch
Clarence Bahs	Robin Moore	Bennie Kitchens
Deborah Dalton	Ray Taylor	Terry Kline
Kristi Hachtel	Patricia Thompson	Terri Moehring
Michele Peck	Betsy Tucker	Barbara Stump

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

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Stoning of Stephen
Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn 1606-1669

**June 17, 2018
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.
~ Acts 6:1-7