

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.** Psalm 96:1-6

*Hymn: ***We Gather Together*** #336

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***O Lord, Have Mercy*** #578

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

People: **He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.** Hebrews 9:24,26b

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

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;
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:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 119:1-16**

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

People: **Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

People: **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

People: **How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.**

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

People: **I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.**

Leader: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

People: **I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Scripture Reading: **Colossians 1:12-17**

Anthem: ***How Can I Keep Fom Singing?*** arr. Craig Courtney

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: ***The Church’s One Foundation*** #321

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 24:15-21**

Sermon: **Rebekah**

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: ***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*** #306

*Benediction

*Choral Response: ***Go Now in Peace*** Dale Wood

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Ushers: Clarence Bahs Sharon Ninness
Barbara Bahs Diana Walker

Shepherd: Chris Bray

Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 25
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 27
1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild

Sunday, July 2
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted by
Evangelism Committee

TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Joe Wood in loving memory of Billye Wood.

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 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Ken Deppisch	Bobbie Ann Anderson	Bruce McNellie
Bennie Kitchens	Clarence Bahs	Robin Moore
Chris Kline	Deborah Dalton	Ray Taylor
Lisa Thompson	Kristi Hachtel	Patricia Thompson
	Michele Peck	Betsy Tucker

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

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	Secretary	Sally Newton
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Third Sunday after Pentecost

¹⁵ Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. ¹⁶ The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again. ¹⁷ The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.” ¹⁸ “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. ¹⁹ After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.” ²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. ²¹ Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful. Genesis 24:15–21