

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day August 19, 2018
 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

People: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch. Psalm 5:1-3

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* #664

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* A. Dvořák

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

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Remembering our baptism, we rejoice in the knowledge that as Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe 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; #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. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

People: His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

Leader: All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

People: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

People: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:17-27

Anthem: *Praise God!* Fred Bock

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:

More Secure Is No One Ever

LINA SANDELL BERG, 1832-1903
 Composite translation TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA Swedish melody

1. More se- cure is no one ev- er Than the loved ones of the Sav- ior-
 2. God His own doth tend and nour- ish, In His ho- ly courts they flour- ish;
 3. Nei- ther life nor death can ev- er From the Lord His chil- dren sev- er,
 4. Lit- tle flock, to joy then yield thee! Ja- cob's God will ev- er shield thee;
 5. What He takes or what He gives us Shows the Fa- ther's love so pre- cious;

Not yon star on high a - bid - ing Nor the bird in home - nest hid - ing.
 Like a fa - ther kind He spares them, In His lov - ing arms He bears them.
 For His love and deep com - pas - sion Com - forts them in trib - u - la - tion.
 Rest se - cure with this De - fend - er - At His will all foes sur - ren - der.
 We may trust His pur - pose whol - ly - 'Tis His chil - dren's wel - fare sole - ly.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:21-26

Sermon: To Live Is Christ

*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: *Here I Am, Lord* #69

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Go Into the World*

Dale Wood

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

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.

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Nacogdoches, Texas

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Perdue Lois Hejl
Lynnae Perdue Al Hejl
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Reader: Clarice Miller

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	Ray Taylor	Terry Kline
Michele Peck	Patricia Thompson	Terri Moehring
	Betsy Tucker	Barbara Stump

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 19

5:00 pm Youth

Tuesday, August 21

September newsletter deadline

Wednesday, August 22

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, August 26

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth
7:00 pm Session Meeting

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Hamp and Clarice Miller in loving memory of their parents.

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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²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ~ Philippians 1:21-26