

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day September 10, 2017
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Raguet Elementary School James Allen

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus said, "Wherever two or three people are gathered together in my name, there I am in the middle of them" (Matthew 18:20). In the name of Jesus, we are gathered here

People: **to rejoice with the Spirit who inspires us,**

Leader: to worship the God who utterly loves us,

People: **and to celebrate the Lord who still lives among us.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **All Creatures of Our God and King** #15
verses 1, 4, 6

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Loving and merciful God, with the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. While we may not murder, we do not hesitate to harm. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to do. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. We confess our unworthiness to wear your mantle of love.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy** #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Paul reminds us how "it is now the moment . . . to wake from sleep.

People: **For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;**

Leader: the night is far gone, the day is near."

People: **We may then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.** Romans 13:11-12

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

*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:

**O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be
obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Psalter:

Psalm 149

(Tune: Llanfair, #33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*)
People's part is paraphrased by Michael Morgan

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

People singing: **Praise the LORD, new songs employ, Alleluia!
Sing to God, who is your joy, Alleluia!
Israel, with one accord, Alleluia!
Lift your voice unto the LORD, Alleluia!**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

People singing: **Let your feet be still no more, Alleluia!
Dance, your Maker to adore, Alleluia!
Strike the timbrel and the lyre, Alleluia!
Your delight is God's desire, Alleluia!**

Leader: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

People singing: **Heirs to grace, now celebrate, Alleluia!
God in righteousness is great, Alleluia!
Justice shall outlast our days, Alleluia!
If we lose ourselves in praise, Alleluia!**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 18:15-20**

Anthem: **Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long** G. F. Handel

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: **We Are One in the Spirit** #300

Scripture Reading: **Romans 13:8-14**

Sermon: **Love on Wheels** Jennifer Marshall

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: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** #366
(Tune: Beecher, #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*)

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **We Will Walk with God** #742
Sizohamba naye

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



“... Love is the fulfilling of the law.”

September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:8-10 (NRSV)

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>
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ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Ushers: Tony Thompson Chris Kline
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Liturgist: Johnny Brown
Reader: Carrie Moody

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children’s Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Blood Drive
5:30 pm Hamburgers and Swimming

Monday, September 11

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children’s Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Youth

TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God in loving memory of all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and in honor of those who have “lived” theirs since.