

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day September 30, 2018
 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **O Worship the King** Lyons, Arr. Bill Ingram
 Westminster Handbell Choir

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: **When Morning Gilds the Skies** #667

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Filled with the riches of your Spirit, we cling to the old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You sent the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered our lives to you. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Thus we call upon you to touch our hearts and minds and change us into a people who live for your glory.

Time for Personal Confession

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

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.** Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel, for 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: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** Lobe Den Herren
 Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Bill Ingram

*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:

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our hearts and minds to your Word, that hearing we might believe, and believing live in the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 105:1-10**
 Refrain is from **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
 E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b

Refrain

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**

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

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

Sing Refrain

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

People: **He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

People: **the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.**

Leader: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

People: **"To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."**

Sing Refrain

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 1:26-28a; Matthew 16:24-26**

Anthem: **Christus Paradox** Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

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: **God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us** #436

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 2:1-16; 23-25**

Sermon: **A Lesson in Compassion**

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: *God of Grace and God of Glory* #307

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Go to the World!* #295

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Amy Maurer
Sue Atkins Michael Maurer

Shepherd: Michele Peck

Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel

Reader: Debbie Dalton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 30

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 1

9:00 am Prayer Group

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 2

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday, October 3

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 4

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 noon Communion Reception

5:00 pm Youth

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

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MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Barbara Stump in loving memory of Mike Stump.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Nacogdoches, Texas



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

¹¹ One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹² Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

¹⁴ The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. ¹⁶ Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

²³ During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

~ Exodus 2:11-16, 23-25