

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day October 14, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O Lord God, we give thanks for those who founded this church and for all those in years past who labored in the work of the gospel. You have given us a noble inheritance. Enable us to hold fast the faith which you gave our mothers and fathers, and have preserved through years of suffering, years of joyful worship, and years of faithful service. Keep us true to the vision of life you have revealed in your dear Son, lead us in the paths of uprightness and truth; and grant that, guided always by your Spirit, and trusting in your love, we may abide in fellowship one with another, and all in fellowship with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable.

People: **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.** Psalm145

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: **Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.** Hebrews 12:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn: **O Lord, You Are My God and King** #270

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see your salvation. Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to your righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** 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: May we live lives worthy of the Lord,

People: **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Colossians 1:10-14

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:

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 67**
Hymn #341; **O God, Show Mercy to Us**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with justice and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: **Sing verse 1**

Leader: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

People: **Sing verse 2**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 17:1-9**

Anthem: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** arr. Boyd Bacon
Greg Garcia, baritone
Arjang Abrarpour, Max Mucina, Travis Wattigney, trumpets

Congregation please rise and sing verse 3 of Hymn #35 as directed

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: **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past** #687

Dee Allums, Robin Moore, Lynnae Perdue, Nancy Yarbrough, handbells

Scripture Reading: **First Thessalonians 1:1-3**

Sermon: **Precious Memories**

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: **Precious Memories** back panel

*Benediction

Choral Response: **Be My Church** David Lantz III/Pamela Stewart
Fred J. Allen, flute Romans 12:9-18

*Rejoice with the rejoicing, and weep with those who mourn.
Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn.
Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in.
Serve each other faithfully until I come again.*

**Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served.
Give as I have given. Be my church.
Be my hands and body moving in the world.
Live your life in blessing. Be my church.**

*The outcast, the beloved, the powerful, the weak;
The ones caught up in battle, and those who sleep in peace;
The thriving and the struggling; the greatest to the least:
My child, they are my children, so love each one of these.*

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Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Precious Memories

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1. Pre-cious mem'ries, un - seen an-gels, Sent from somewhere to my soul;
2. Pre-cious fa - ther, lov - ing moth-er, Fly a - cross the lone - ly years,
3. In the still - ness of the midnight, Ech - oes from the past I hear;
4. As I trav - el on life's pathway, Know not what the years may hold,
How they lin - ger, ev - er near me, And the sa - cred past un - fold,
And old home scenes of my child - hood, In fond mem - o - ry ap - pears.
Old - time sing - ing, glad - ness bring - ing, From that love - ly land somewhere.
As I pon - der, hope grows fon - der, Pre - cious mem'ries flood my soul.

Chorus
Pre-cious mem'ries, how they lin-ger, How they ev - er flood my soul,
In the still - ness of the mid - night, Pre - cious, sa - cred scenes un - fold.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson Margaret Sultenfuss
Charlotte Sanderson Terri Moehring

Shepherd: Kristi Hachtel

Liturgist: Noble Peck

Reader: Megan Petti

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 14
125th Anniversary Celebration
12:00 noon Celebration Lunch
5:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 15
9:00 am Prayer Group
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 16
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, October 17
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 21
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the 125th Anniversary Planning Committee in honor of Steve and Sally Newton and in celebration of the 125 years of ministry to the community of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THE SESSION

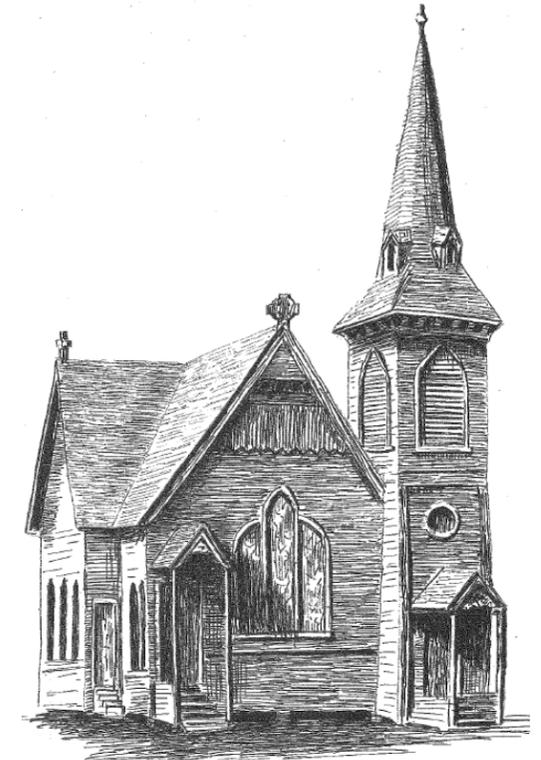
<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Ann Anderson	Bruce McNellie	Ken Deppisch
Sue Atkins	Robin Moore	Bennie Kitchens
Deborah Dalton	Ray Taylor	Terry Kline
Kristi Hachtel	Patricia Thompson	Terri Moehring
Michele Peck	Betsy Tucker	Barbara Stump

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.

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¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ First Thessalonians 1:1-3