

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day October 15, 2017
 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all, O God, are gifts of your grace.

People: **We gather to sing you our praises and to tell of your virtues in the midst of our neighbors.**

Leader: Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant encompasses us and in Christ knits us together.

People: **We give you all honor as we rejoice in your glory!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.

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: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Leader: Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

All: **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:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 23**
 (Tune: Forest Green; #712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*)
 People's part is paraphrased by Michael Morgan

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People singing:
**As faithful shepherds tend their flocks, so God will care for me;
 and from God's store of grace my needs are met abundantly.
 In pastures green, by waters still, my soul new life doth take;
 and in the paths of righteousness I follow, for God's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

People singing:
**When death surrounds I will not fear, God's strength dispels my dread;
 I hold God's blessing in my heart and face my fear instead.
 For as a lamb, my comfort rests upon the Shepherd's rod,
 to bring me home, where'er I stray, into the fold of God.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

People singing:
**A bounteous feast for me is placed in the presence of my foes;
 my head with oil the LORD anoints, my cup with grace overflows.
 The loving-kindness of the LORD is mine for all my days;
 and in God's house for evermore I'll join the songs of praise.**

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 25:1-9**
 Anthem: *Laudate Dominum* W. A. Mozart
 Kelley McAdams, soprano
 Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people.
 For He has bestowed His mercy upon us,
 And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
 And for generations of generations. Amen.

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: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #803

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 4:1-9**
 Sermon: **Ten Easy Steps to Being Worry-Free** 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: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* #804

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *May the God of Hope Go with Us* #765

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Lynnae Perdue
 Terri Moehring Gary Perdue
 Shepherd: Kristi Hachtel
 Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel
 Reader: Noble Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

12:00 noon Action for Peace
 Committee Meeting
 5:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 16

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 17

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, October 18

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 20

November newsletter deadline

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 2:00 pm Benefit Concert
 5:00 pm Youth

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 22. Westminster will be hosting a benefit concert for the American Red Cross at 2:00 PM. The SFA music faculty and other members of our community will be performing.

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 (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

Class of 2017

Ken Deppisch
 Bennie Kitchens
 Chris Kline
 Lisa Thompson

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
 Clarence Bahs
 Deborah Dalton
 Kristi Hachtel
 Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
 Robin Moore
 Ray Taylor
 Patricia Thompson
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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

CHURCH STAFF:

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¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)