

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day October 21, 2018
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Your voice burns within the depths of our being, O God of our ancestors, and draws us into your presence and service. Hear the cries of your people and speak a word of comfort that we may proclaim to all the earth the glory of your name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayers to the God of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in the Lord.

People: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.** Psalm 32

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn: ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** #645

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos. We follow those who flatter us. We seek comfort and not challenge from our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit within us, O God, and train us in righteousness as we ask you to forgive us again.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***O Lord, Have Mercy*** #578

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

People: **He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.** Hebrews 9:24,26b

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. 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

*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:

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to your word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great expectation. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 91**

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Leader: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

People: **Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: **Let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 14:22-33**

Anthem: ***Greater Love Hath No Man*** John Ireland
Bobbie Ann Anderson, soprano
Nikolaas Van Kley, baritone
Ron Anderson, conductor

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 Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*** #365

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 3:11-15**

Sermon: **I AM**

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: ***Be Thou My Vision*** #450

*Benediction

*Choral Response: ***God Be With You Till We Meet Again*** Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Michael Maurer Judy Taylor
Amy Maurer Ray Taylor
Shepherd: Lynnae Perdue
Liturgist: Charles Gavin
Reader: Ray Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 21

5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, October 22

9:00 am Prayer Group
1:00 pm Circle Meeting
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 23

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, October 24

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 25

9:30 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, October 28

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Happy Healthy Halloween
5:30 pm Picnic and Hayride

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Ben and Kat Thompson.

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

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Sue Atkins
Deborah Dalton
Kristi Hachtel
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

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Bennie Kitchens
Terry Kline
Terri Moehring
Barbara Stump

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MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

*"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.*

~ Exodus 3:11-15