

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day November 11, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

Loving God of Hosts, in whom our parents trusted, we give thanks for all your servants who have fought in the cause of freedom. Unite all the people of this nation and your world in a holy purpose to defend freedom and brotherhood for which they lived and died. Grant, we beseech Thee, that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all the nations of the earth, and to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **An American Medley** arr. by Anna Laura Page
Westminster Handbell Choir

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
Psalm 67

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn: **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand** #331

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father, you led men and women to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

People: **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.** Psalm 34:17-18

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

People: **They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.** Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Friends, this is 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: **Let All Things Now Living** Ash Grove
Christian Crawley, flute arr. Anna Laura Page
Westminster Handbell Choir

*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:

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 127**

Congregation will sing their response
Tune: *Kingsfold* #182; ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

Leader: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

People: **Except the house is built by God, Its stones for naught are laid
The city, without God's defense, is feeble and afraid.
To eat the bread of anxious toil makes all our labors vain;
God feeds our cherished souls with rest to face our work again.**

Leader: Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

People: **In every age, the greatest gifts God's fullness can accord
Are generations born to claim the blessings of the Lord.
The ancient die, the young grow old; they, too, shall fade away;
Creation, as God's heritage, begins with each new day.**

Anthem: **If My People Will Pray** arr. K. Christopher

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 9:24-28**

Hymn: **My Country, 'Tis of Thee** #337

Scripture Reading: **Second Chronicles 7:14**

Sermon: **Prayers That Changed America** George Patterson

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: **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** #338

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Song of Hope** #765

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Lois Hejl
Margaret Sultenfuss Al Hejl
Shepherd: Betsy Tucker
Liturgist: Sue Atkins
Reader: Kristi Hachtel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 11

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, November 12

9:00 am Prayer Group
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, November 13

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

9:30 am Circle Meeting
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 15

9:00 am Set up for 10,000 Villages
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Fri.-Sat. November 16-17

10,000 Villages International Fair Trade Market
9:00 – 6:00 Friday
9:00 – 12:00 Saturday

Sunday, November 18

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

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 18 to approve changes to the pastor's call.

**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

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Terry Kline
Terri Moehring
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.

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor	Steve Newton
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
Nursery Coordinator	Myra McNellie
Presbyterian Women Moderator	Sue Atkins
Treasurer	Sue Atkins
Secretary	Sally Newton
Children's Choir Director	Elise Gavin
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~ Second Chronicles 7:14