

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day November 19, 2017
 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, we glorify you that you have again fulfilled to us your gracious promise that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the good fruits of the earth, which you have given to our use. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that we live, and grant us evermore to feed on Him who is the true Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **By the great mercy of God we have been born to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**
 First Peter 1:3

Leader: O Come, let us sing to the Lord

People: **and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: **singing joyful songs of praise.** Psalm 95:1-2

*Hymn: *We Gather Together* #336

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness: according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out our transgression. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Psalm 51

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: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

People: **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**
 Ephesians 2:8-10

Leader: Friends, rejoice in the good news, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Hallelujah, 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: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**All creatures, your Creator Bless,
 And worship Him in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!**

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 118:1; 14-29

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART #645; *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
 The People's response is to be sung

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

People: **Give thanks unto our gracious God,
 whose love endures forever;
 The Lord, our strength and song shall be,
 from whom no fault can sever
 Sing mighty songs of victory,
 both now and for eternity,
 For God will leave us never.**

Leader: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live,
 and sing God's grace with elation.
 Though I deserve no more than death,
 God blesses me with salvation.
 The gate that should unyielding be
 is open wide to welcome me,
 Give thanks and adoration!**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **Upon the stones the builders judged
 imperfect, weak and tender,
 Now rest the corner of God's house,
 still unsurpassed in splendor.
 This is the day the Lord has made;
 God is my sun, and God my shade;
 Rejoice and praise gladly render!**

Scripture Readings: Luke 17:11-19; First Thessalonians 5:12-18

Anthem: *Canticle of Thanksgiving* Dale Wood

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: *Give Thanks* #647

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

Sermon: **A Recipe for Gratitude**

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: *Now Thank We All Our God* #643

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* #648

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Kristi Hachtel Sue Atkins
Fred Niehaus Gary Atkins
Shepherd: Martha Holt
Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel
Reader: Norm Markworth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 19

12:00 noon Congregational Meeting
5:00 pm Youth

Monday, November 20

December newsletter deadline
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, November 21

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thurs.-Fri. November 23-24

Church office closed

Sunday, November 26

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Kevin and Becky Helmer in loving memory of Kevin's brother, Christopher Eric Helmer.

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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.

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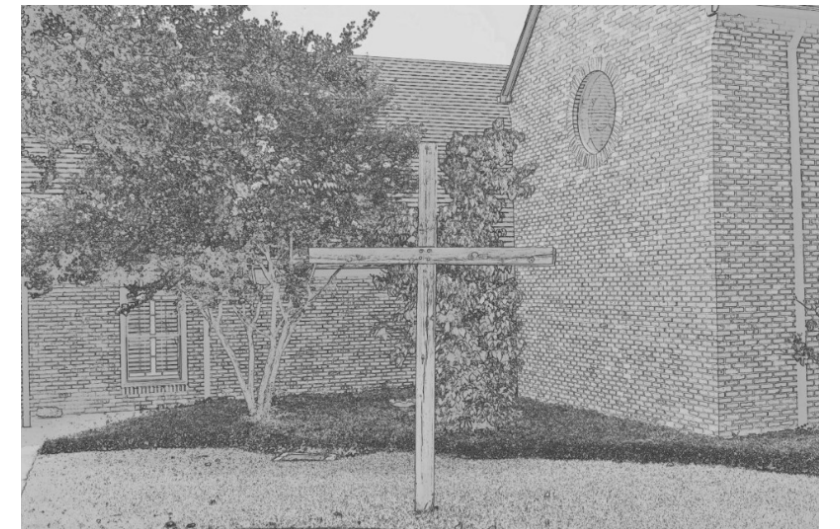
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**November 19, 2017
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

¹LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
²Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
⁷all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
⁸the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
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