

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

August 13, 2017

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

Leader: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

People: **You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16:7-11

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: ***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*** #624

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Yet you promise that you will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon 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:

Almighty God, by the power of your word we learn how to live for your glory, so we pray your Holy Spirit will join with our spirits that we may seek your word with our whole heart. And knowing your word, may we have the strength to keep from straying from your commandments. May your word be to us a treasure, kept within our hearts that we may not sin against you, and may we offer ourselves into your service. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Based on Psalm 119:9-11

Solo: Johnny Brown, tenor

Psalter: **Psalm 105:1-11**

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

People: **He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

People: **The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.**

Leader: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

People: **"To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."**

Scripture Reading: **Romans 10:5-15**

*Hymn: ***How Firm a Foundation*** #463

(During the hymn preschool children may gather at the piano where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities)

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

Sermon: **When Jesus Comes**

Jim Ainsworth

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: ***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*** #649

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Terri Moehring Dee Allums
 Kristi Hachtel James Allums

Shepherd: Lynnae Perdue

Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel

Reader: Adam Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 17

11:30 am Presbyterian Women Dutch Treat Lunch

Sunday, August 20

9:30 am New Faculty Welcome Breakfast
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Reception for the Marshalls
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 22

September newsletter deadline

Saturday, August 26

9:00 – 12:00 Handbell Retreat

Sunday, August 27

Rally Day

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Children's Choir
 5:30 pm Youth

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Larry and Diana Walker in loving memory of Enois Walker.

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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.

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
 Betsy Tucker

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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Jesus Walks on Water
 Julius Von Klever (1850-1924)

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²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22-33