

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

July 29, 2018

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: In John's vision he saw four living creatures who day and night never stop saying:

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Leader: Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,

People: The twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

All: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:8-11

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #1

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.

People: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:8

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

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, we pray for the same Holy Spirit which inspired Scripture to be written to open our hearts and minds to understand what you would reveal to us today. And knowing your word may we have the courage to obey, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 37:1-11

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

People: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Leader: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Leader: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

People: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

People: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Leader: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

People: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Scripture Reading: John 14:18-27

Solo: Ride On, King Jesus arr. Hall Johnson Nathan Ponder, tenor

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 Himself Is with Us back panel

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11

Sermon: The Letter to Smyrna Steve Newton

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: The Church's One Foundation #321 verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Rick Bock Jill Ivy Charlotte Bock

Shepherd: Terri Moehring

Liturgist: Lisa Thompson

Reader: Leland Thompson

God Himself Is with Us

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729
Trans. composite

Joachim Neander's *Bundes-Lieder*, 1680

1. God Him-self is with us: Let us now a - dore Him, And with awe ap -
2. God Him-self is with us: Whom an - gel - ic le - gions Serve with awe in
3. Lord, come dwell with-in us, While on earth we tar - ry, Make us Thy blest

pear be - fore Him. God is in His tem - ple, All with-in keep
heav - en - ly re - gions. "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly," Sing the hosts of
sanc - tu - a - ry, Grant us now Thy pres - ence, Un - to us draw

si - lence, And be - fore Him bow with rev - erence. Him a - lone, God we own;
heav - en, Praise to God be - ev - er giv - en. Bow Thine ear To us here:
near - er, And re - veal Thy - self still clear - er. Where we are, Near or far,

To our Lord and Sav - iour Prais - es sing for - ev - er.
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Thy Church now rais - es.
Let us see Thy pow - er, Ev - ery day and hour. . . . A - MEN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 31

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild

Sunday, August 5

9:30 am Elder Breakfast
11:00 am Worship Service

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
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.

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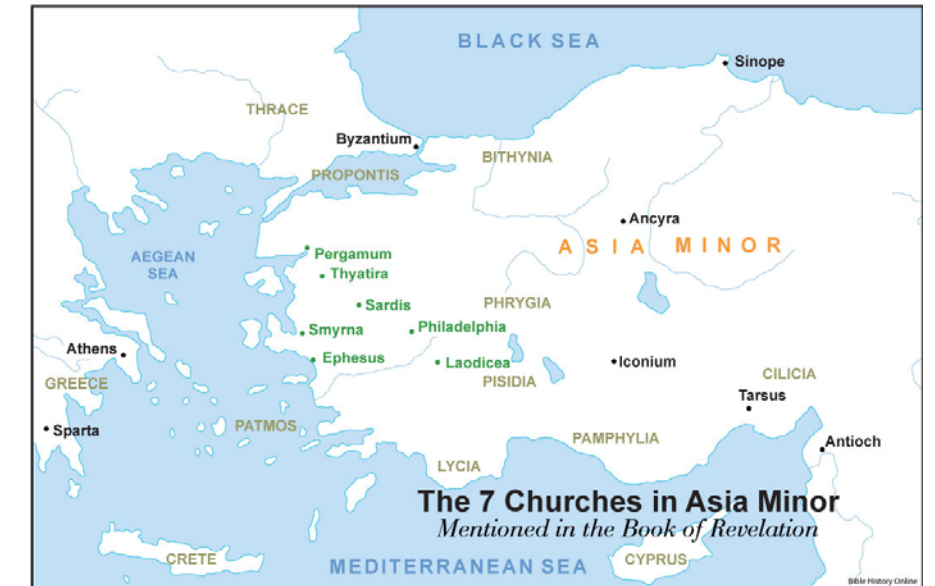
All the Members of the Congregation

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⁸“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

⁹“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who conquers shall not be hurt by the second death.’

~ Revelation 2:8-11