

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day September 16, 2018
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

People: **Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Psalm 33:1-5

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn: **O Lord, You Are My God and King** #270

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Have Mercy, God, upon My Life** #421
verses 1 and 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: May we live lives worthy of the Lord,

People: **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Colossians 1

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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:

O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path. Open our lives to its guidance and to the Spirit's power that we may be obedient, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 63:1-8**
Tune: Festal Song #744: *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*
Congregation will sing the response

Leader: God, you are my God. I search for you.

People: **O God, You are my God; I seek you eagerly;
My soul and body thirst for You in barren lands and dry.**

Leader: I have seen you in the Temple and have seen your strength and glory.

People: **Therefore I gazed on You within Your holy place,
That I might look upon Your power, The glory of Your face.**

Leader: Because your love is better than life, I will praise you. I will lift up my hands in prayer to your name.

People: **Your love is more than life; my lips shall give You praise;
I lift my hands up in Your name and bless You all my days.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live. I will be content as if I had eaten the best foods.

People: **My soul is well content, my mouth shall give You praise,
When I remember You at night and ponder all Your ways.**

Leader: You are my help. Because of your protection, I sing. I stay close to you; you support me with your right hand.

People: **Your wings have sheltered me, my helper in the past;
My soul, Lord, clings to You alone, Your right hand holds me fast.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 28:16-20**

Anthem: **Upon this Rock** John Ness Beck

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: **I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord** #310

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 3:7-13**

Sermon: **Letter to Philadelphia**

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: **Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Hymn: **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations** back panel

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Go to the World!** #295

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Dee Allums
Sue Atkins James Allums

Shepherd: Billie Kitchens

Liturgist: Carrie Moody

Reader: Wyatt Moody

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

"Colin Sterne," 1896

MESSAGE: 10. 8. 8. 7. with Refrain
H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, That the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - iour to show to the na - tions, Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy,
 hearts to the Lord; A song that shall con - quer e - vil
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us,
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples

A sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
 And shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
 And show us that God is love, And show us that God is love,
 Might come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

REFRAIN
 For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,

And Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth, The King-dom of love and light. A-MEN.

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 Mimi Tucker.

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Presbyterian 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 16

12:00 noon Personnel Committee Meeting
 5:00 pm Youth

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, September 19

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 20

October newsletter deadline

Sunday, September 23

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm Youth
 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

5:30 pm Handbell practice
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

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

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⁷ "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
 ~ Revelation 3:7-13