

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

October 25, AD 2020

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "O God, forasmuch as without You we are not able to please You; Mercifully grant, that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, and renew us in the spirit of our minds; that putting away all bitterness and wrath, anger and malice, and every other evil affection, and being kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as You, O God, for Christ's sake have forgiven us, we may comfortably look with an assured hope for the day of redemption from all evils, unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 119:1,2,12

Minister: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!

All: **Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #92: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' Feste Burg
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin

from *John Knox Liturgy*

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 6:1

Minister: Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

All: Amen

*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #140:

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world; It is the chart and compass that, o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy light, as of old.

O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

II Corinthians 2:1-5

Sermon *The Scriptures the Distinctive Foundation of the Reformation*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #614: *Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth* Old 124th

Now Israel may say, and that in truth, if that the Lord had not our right maintained, if that the Lord had not with us remained, when cruel men against us rose to strive, we surely had been swallowed up alive.

Yea, when their wrath against us fiercely rose, the swelling tide had o'er us spread its wave, the raging stream had then become our grave, the surging flood, in proudly swelling roll, most surely then had overwhelmed our soul.

Blest be the Lord who made us not their prey: as from the snare a bird escapeth free, their net us rent and so escaped are we: our only help is in Jehovah's name, who made the earth and all the heav'nly frame.

*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Next Sunday.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: II Corinthians 2:1-5

Title: The Scriptures the Distinctive Foundation of the Reformation

Introduction

I. Do the Scriptures actually teach that faith is to be founded upon them?

II. How do we have the truth as it is in Jesus Christ?

A. God reveals Himself supremely in Christ the Word.

B. But Christ is not now on earth, but in heaven?

III. What about Apostolic Tradition?

A. Holding fast the pattern of sound words.

B. What is this Apostolic tradition?

C. How was Apostolic Tradition passed on? Where is it?

Three Very Important Facts:

Three Very Important Lessons:

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Next week is the first Sunday of the month and we will be coming to the Lord's table. Be sure to prepare. LC #171 *How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?* They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

If anyone wants to put flowers in the Sanctuary please call the church office at 601-636-4292.

Tithes and Offerings may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism #19: *What is the misery of man's fallen condition?* By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God and brought His anger and curse on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.



Missionary of the Week
Homebound

Michelle Maly
Mildred Coleman

Pray for those with birthdays: Maisey Walker, 27

Bible Readings: Jer 48:1-Lam 5:22; II Tim 4:1-Heb 2:18; Ps
95:1-103:22; Prov 26:9-23

Welcome
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