

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

January 24, AD 2021 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. “Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and endue us with the spirit of meekness and patience; that no evil we suffer from others may move us to do evil to them, but that we may overcome them by doing them good; and if it be possible, as much lies in us, live peaceably with all men. And in all our dangers and adversities, stretch forth Your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Missions

\*The Call to Worship Psalm 65:4  
Minister: Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts.  
All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple.  
Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise  
\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pastor Reiber  
\*Hymn #342: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Confession of Sin from Calvin's Liturgy  
Minister: My brethren, let each of you present himself before the face of the Lord, and confess his faults and sins, saying together with me:

All: O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Colossians 1:13,14  
Minister: He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.  
All: Amen.

\*Confession of Faith The Apostle's 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.

The Lord's Gifts  
Offertory Prayer Pastor Reiber

\*The Doxology p. 731  
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 #348: Jesus, with Thy Church Abide Gower's Litany  
Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
while on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,  
trusting in thy promise sure: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,  
winning all to faith in thee: we beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light  
through the realms of heathen night: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,  
gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us.

The Lord's Word  
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Reiber  
Scripture I John 1:1-4  
Sermon The Communion of the Saints

Our Commitment  
\*Hymn #359: Blest Be the Tie That Binds Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

\*Benediction Pastor Reiber  
Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: I John 1:1-4

Title: The Communion of the Saints

Introduction

I. The Communion of the Saints: Scripture testimony and meaning.

II. Who are the saints?

III. How do they become saints?

IV. What is this communion?

A. It is a communion which we do not establish or cause!

B. Living the *Communion of the Saints*

C. *A holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God*

D. *Performing spiritual services which tend to mutual edification.*

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.*

***Our flowers are given to the glory of God by Terry and Frances Warren in thankfulness for their pastor and family and their church family.***

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

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**Westminster Shorter Catechism #32:** *What benefits do those who are effectively called share in this life?* In this life those who are effectively called share justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that either go with or come from them.



Missionaries of the Week  
Homebound  
Communion:  
Pray for those with birthdays: Danny McPhearson, 25;  
Sam Stockstill, Caleb Whitney, 26; Jenny Karel, 27  
Bible Readings: Gen 48:1-Ex 12:23; Mt 15:29-20:28;  
Ps 20:1-25:15; Prov 4:20-6:11

Lee & Emma  
Jackie LaBarre  
February 7

Welcome  
To  
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