

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

January 31, 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. "O God, who knows we are set in the midst of many and great temptations and dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; that, being faithful to You, rendering to all their due, and doing that which is good, we may be graciously accepted by You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 103:8,10-12

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

All: **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #100:

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession of Sin

The Strassburg Liturgy

Minister: Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

All: **Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto Thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression all our life. We do not fully believe Thy Word nor follow Thy holy commandments. Remember Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, and for Thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18,19

Minister: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

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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 #82:

Great God of Wonders!

Sovereignty

Great God of wonders! All thy ways are matchless, godlike, and divine; but the fair glories of thy grace more godlike and unrivaled shine, more godlike and unrivaled shine.

Refrain: Who is a pard'ning God like thee? Or who has grace so rich and free? Or who has grace so rich and free?

In wonder lost, with trembling joy we take the pardon of our God; pardon for crimes of deepest dye, a pardon bought with Jesus' blood, a pardon bought with Jesus' blood. [Refrain]

O may this strange, this matchless grace, this god-like miracle of love, fill the whole earth with grateful praise, and all th'angelic choirs above, and all th'angelic choirs above. [Refrain]

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Ephesians 1:7

Sermon *The Forgiveness of Sins I*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #691:

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Havre

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

*Refrain: It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Next Sunday.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Ephesians 1:7

Title: The Forgiveness of Sins I

Introduction

I. What are we confessing when we confess to believe *the forgiveness of sins*?

II. The seriousness of the rebellion, transgression, debt that is sin.

A. What has replaced it?

B. What is the needed correction and bulwark for our understanding, faith, and life?

III. The only adequate provision for sin is God's provision in Jesus Christ.

A. Beware of merely reluctant admission of sin and not confessing it.

B. Beware of the lack of humility which shifts blame.

C. Beware of self-justification and hardening in sin.

D. Beware of the reasoning against God and His providence.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #33: *What is justification?*

Justification is the act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight. He does so only because He counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

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.*

Welcome Josh Covington to Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Session met with Mr. Covington Wednesday evening to receive him into membership from another church. May we speaking the truth in love, "grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, cause growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:15,16

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.

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Homebound

Mildred Coleman

Communion:

February 7

Pray for those with birthdays: Terry Warren, 1; Mary Claire

Allison, 4

Bible Readings: Ex 12:14-25:40; Mt 20:29-24:51; Ps 25:16-30:12;

Prov 6:12-7:27

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