

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster
The Service of Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!



March 17, 2019 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Winter's Crossing” – *Gallagher*

Flute: *Shari Schucht*

Keyboard: *Emily Cugle*

Percussion: *Kathy and Kevin Hillock*

(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Today, God comes to us, to gather us in worship:

People: *to wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.*

Leader: Tomorrow, the Word of God comes, calling us to go forth to serve:

People: *to bring hope to those who have none,
to love all tossed aside by indifference.*

Leader: The next day, and the next day, the Holy Spirit will come:

People: *so we might discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.*



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 Prayer for the Day: (in unison)

Today, you are on your way, God of righteousness, gathering your children into your arms and offering them as precious gifts, so that, through our sisters and brothers, we might be blessed.

Tomorrow, you are on your way, God of Passion, looking back to see if we will dare to follow you, imitating your every act of compassion and justice.

Each day, we will seek to be faithful, God in Community, Holy in one, even as we pray, saying, 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 sins as we forgive those who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

 Hymn: #84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Offered a feast at grace’s table, God of the covenant, we choose to gorge ourselves on the empty calories of greed. Invited to live in your house, we move into death’s fear-infested boarding house. Though you promise to be with us, we toss you aside, chasing after those who will abandon us at the first chance.

But you will not let the foxes of foolishness devour us, Mothering God, but will gather us under the shelter of your love. You do so in order to give us that peace which heals us, that wonder which surprises us, and that faith which enables us to let go of the present to walk into the covenant of grace made possible through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

 Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)



Anthem: “Love Grows Here” – by Don Besig

Soloists - Lexi Day and Aubrey Anderson

Children’s Moment:

Nickel - A - Meal

(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 3-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Emily and Kenny Cugle present their son, Liam Paul Cugle



 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Eyes on Jerusalem”

 Hymn: #80 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (Words are on the screens.)

 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (page 14, *The Hymnal*)

 Concerns, Prayers of the People (Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)
Prayer Family – Mike and Judy Cook –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

 Offertory: “Calming Peace” – *Moklebust*
Prayer of Dedication

 Hymn: #281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Words are on the screens.)

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” (on the screens)

 Postlude: “Toccata Gaelica” – *Stamm*

Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.