

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Of Westminster*



*The Service of Worship*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*March 24, 2019 – 11:00 am*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Softly and Tenderly” – *arr. Hayes*

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come, because we seek our God.

**People:** *Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.*

Leader: We come, because we hunger for Christ.

**People:** *Jesus will feed us with hope, will replace our emptiness with grace.*

Leader: We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

**People:** *Who fills our yearning for peace, who ends the drought of justice.*



Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

*God of steadfast love: you offer to all, that world where all thirst is quenched, all the hungry are fed, all strangers become family. Jesus, friend of the poor: you dare to envision that world where we do not waste a single person, but offer hope to those in despair, bring light into every shadow, embrace the lonely and broken.*

*God in Community, Holy in One, continue to nurture us with steadfast grace, 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.*



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 Hymn: #81 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” *(Words are on the screens.)*

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: *(responsive)*

Leader: The thirsty come,

**People:** *and we offer lead-filled water;*

Leader: the hungry come,

**People:** *and we offer a single can from our overflowing pantries;*

Leader: the lonely come,

**People:** *and we cling to our cliques;*

Leader: the broken come,

**People:** *and we hand them an aspirin;*

Leader: the needy come,

**People:** *but we have wasted everything on stuff we do not need. Have mercy on us, God of Steadfast love, and pour your heart into our grace-parched souls. As you have been with us in every moment, may we go to be with those around us. May we listen to the needs and hearts of others, even as you lean down to listen to us, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

 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.)*

Children’s Moment

*Nickel-a-Meal*

*(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)*

Anthem: ”Come to the Table” – *arr. Schrader*

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Like a Venomous Snake”

 Hymn: #97 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” *(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 – Amy, Michael, Bo & Molly Knight –*

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “A Clean Heart” – *Harlan*

 Prayer of Dedication

 Hymn: #98 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” *(on the screens)*

 Postlude: “Postlude in D minor” – *F. Walezynski (1852)*

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

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

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