

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 7th, 2021 | 10:00am

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## Order of Worship for Second Stewardship Sunday

**Prelude**

Steve Johnson

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl

**Call to Worship\***

Jim Reed

*One: Grace and peace from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: (Eph 1)*

*Many: who knew us and chose us before the world began; (1 Pet 1, Eph 1)  
who loves us so much that he calls us his own children; (1 Jn 3)*

*One: who has brought us from darkness into light and filled us with his glorious power; (Col 1)*

*Many: who has prepared an inheritance for us that will never spoil or fade; (1 Pet 1)  
who encourages and strengthens us in every good deed and word; (2 Thess 2)*

*One: who comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others. (2 Cor 1)*

*All: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.  
(1 Cor 8)*

*Let's worship God together!*

**Opening Praise music**

Led by Steven and Sarah

### OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see you, I want to see you. (*sing twice*)

*To see you high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of your glory.*

*Pour out your pow'r and love*

*As we sing, "holy, holy, holy."*

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.

*Open the Eyes of My Heart words and music by Paul Baloche*

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!**

GTG # 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our songs 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 see.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art, and evermore shall be.*

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me

*Create In Me A Clean Heart words and music by keith green (C) 1984 Last Days Ministries*

### **Preparing for the Word**

Call to Confession

#### **Litany of Confession**

One: I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,  
Taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.

**All: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

One: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning.

**All: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

One: I will give you a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. You shall be my people and I will be your God, for you shall return to me with your whole heart.

**All: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

One: Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts."

**All: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

**Words of forgiveness\***

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Gloria Patri**

### **Hearing the Word**

*Message for all God's Children: Being a steward*

*Song with Children: To be full of love, to be full of grace, to be full of peace is a wonder full life  
Giving others love, Giving others grace, Giving others peace is a wonder full life*

*Prayer for illumination\**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 58:5-8

**New Testament Lesson:** Matthew 6: 16-21

**Sermon:** Stewards of our Hearts

*Anthem*

*“Behold the Lamb”*

*Choir*

**We Celebrate our Communion with God and with Each Other**

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Great Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*Sung prayer after Communion* “How Beautiful” by Twila Paris

**Responding to the Word**

*Invitation to the Offering*

*Doxology*

*Prayers of the people*

One: Good and grace-filled God, we lift our hearts and voices knowing the power of your kingdom.  
So we pray:

One: Into the heart of the terrorist, Into the heart of the soldier, Into the heart of the politician, Into the heart of one bereaved by war

**Many: may Your Kingdom come.**

One: Into the heart of one made hungry, Into the heart of one made homeless, Into the heart of one who is in despair, Into the heart of one who is ill

**Many: may Your Kingdom come.**

One: Into the heart of one who has been abused, Into the heart of one who is addicted Into the heart of one who is faced with unpayable debt

**Many: may Your Kingdom come.**

One: Into the heart of the lonely, Into the heart of the fearful, Into the heart of the depressed

**Many: may Your Kingdom come.**

One: Into the heart those we wish to pray for...(say aloud or silently their names)

**Many: may Your Kingdom come.**

One: Into the heart of our own hearts

Many: may Your Kingdom come.

One: Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done as we pray as Jesus taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

### Going forth in Joy!

Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

GTG # 69

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in darkness now my hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

#### Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my words to them  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*I the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

#### Benediction

Postlude

Steven Johnson

\*Call to worship adapted from Christine Longhurst

\*Words of forgiveness adapted from Rev. Marilyn K. Levine

\*Pray for Illumination adapted from song by Paul Baloche

**A Congregational Meeting is called for November 14 right after our  
worship service  
to hear and vote on the nominations for Deacons and Elders for class of 2024.  
And to vote on committee members for auditors and the nominating committee.**

**Thank you to those involved in worship today:**

Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl  
Ushers: Marylea and Phil Franz  
Liturgist: Jim Reed  
Musicians: Steve Johnson, Sarah Altvaters & Choir

**Remember in Prayer**

*Pray for all those  
touched recently by violence and natural disasters, the healing of national  
hostility and mistrust, efforts to feed the poor and provide shelter for the  
homeless in our area, and the following people:*

**Karen Reed Noel**, half sister to **Jim, Joe, Bob, Ann and Amy Reed**, is undergoing chemotherapy in her battle with cancer.

**Rev. Innocent Mabuza**, Bishop of some churches in Swaziland and friend of **John Hawkins**, is seriously ill.

**Theresa Altvater**, grandmother of **Sarah**, has been admitted to the hospital in New Jersey. Sarah has requested prayers for healing, as well as the comfort of God's calming hand for her father, who is Theresa's primary caregiver.

**Ed Carter** (102) is under hospice care in the skilled nursing unit at The Moorings. He is comfortable and appreciates our prayers . There are no visitors at this time.

**Linda Book** continues her battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

**Chuck Burton**, extended family of **Lois Rayner**, is dealing with issues related to cancer.

**Pauline Cottingham** is doing well, despite the general decline in her health.

Lois Anne Rayner was in touch with a relative of **Frances Cowgill's**. Frances will be relocating to the continuing care facility behind Giant (Brandywine ) as she is needing more attention and personal care. Let us lift her up in prayer.

**Peter Culin**, **Sue Culin's brother-in-law**, is undergoing chemotherapy.

**Rob Harkins**, son of Bob and Claudene Harkins, is fighting a serious, resistant foot infection. Bob and Claudene have returned to Florida to support him.

**Bill Hrin** fell on August 25th, fractured his knee- cap, he is ambulating with difficulty, using a walker.

**Sandra Hrin** is home and recovering from surgery, but is still dealing with back pain. We keep Sandra and Bill in our prayers.

**Clare MacDonald** reports that her son-in-law, **Jay Carlson**, who suffered a blood clot in his head, has returned to work on a part-time basis and is gradually improving. She requests our continued prayers for him and his young family.

**Lib Macnab** was in the hospital and now home recovering. Lib appreciates the continued prayers.

**Sharon's sister, Marcy** who has just begun her chemotherapy.

**Robbie** who has lung complications from Covid 19.

**Lacey Meade, Betty Pratt's daughter**, completed her last round of chemotherapy.

**Betty Pratt** is feeling better, though she has some memory issues.

**Janet Waugaman, Sally Waugaman's daughter**, continues to lose mobility due to Multiple System Atrophy.

**Our church has a prayer chain of members who will pray for any person you ask. Contact Leslie Marsh by phone at 302-542-9927 or email at [cmarshjr@verizon.net](mailto:cmarshjr@verizon.net)**

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