

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 14th, 2021 | 10:00am

Live Streaming | In Person

Order of Worship for Third Stewardship Sunday

Praise Song

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

GTG #519

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

When I fall down you pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is your name

Prelude

Judy Moore

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Liturgist

Charlotte Jacobs

To be part of the early Christian movement was to be counter-cultural—concerned with a more equitable distribution of resources and care of those who needed help the most. But this did not mean that those who had money could not help the movement.

Benefactors were essential to the spread of Christianity and support of teachers and apostles. Finances, when coupled with alignment of values, and vision for a more just world, could result in the kind of generosity that gives life not only to the movement, but to the giver.

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Choir Only

Candle Lighting

Prayer

Liturgist

One: Holy and living God, transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

Many: Open us to this light, and the rich possibilities it brings for a “wonderful” life.

Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: Come, bless the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**Many: You are our God;
all good things come from You alone.**

One: Come, bless the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.

**Many: You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.**

One: Come, bless the Lord,
who guides us on the path to eternal life,
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**Many: You are our God;
we will not be shaken.**

One: Let’s worship God together!

***Hymn**

“Praise Ye The Lord”

GTG #35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him;
Let the amen sound from his people again, gladly for aye we adore him.*

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Let us seek God's mercy and forgiveness as we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession:

All

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Derek Hughes, Prayers of Confession, April 25, 2017

Words of Forgiveness

All

God of life, grant us your forgiveness. Amen.

Children's Time

“Wow Wonder”

Rev Barbara Macfie

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

In our scripture today we do not hear that it is evil to have money, but rather *what we do* with that money. Oh Lord, help us prepare our hearts to hear, and to do, **Your word.**

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 16*

Liturgist

Scripture Reading: *1 Timothy 6:11-19*

Liturgist

Sermon "Along The Path With God"

Rev Barbara Macfie

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Special Music

Judy Moore

Prayers of the People

Rev Barbara Macfie & Congregation

**Creating God,
for the awesome wonders of creation,
the abundant feast of family and friends,
the plentiful riches of your presence among us,
We give thanks.**

We are so grateful, O God, for...

**Loving God,
for those times that feel rife with heartbreak,
too much stress and too little assurance,
a plethora of pain and and not enough possibility,
Be with us.**

We lift to You, O God...

**Gracious God,
for those times when our contributions bring
more negativity than positivity,
more resentment than forgiveness,
more breaking down than lifting up,
Forgive us.**

In this silence we open the books of our hearts and make an accounting...

**Already we know you have balanced the ledgers.
You hold nothing against us.
You forgive all debts.
We are so deeply grateful
and we commit to create more good in the world.**

Offertory

Liturgist

“What I have a sense of wonder about is... ”

[something awesome about the work of the church that is happening now]

“What I wonder is, what if...”

[a vision of what could be possible in the church's future work]

[End with something like...]

“I am so grateful that [church name] is part of my ‘wonder-full life.’”

Offering

Liturgist

Offertory prayers

All

Gracious God,

Looking outward, we see your world, your people and the needs not yet met. We know that this practice of sharing what we have is what you would have us do. Draw us ever close to the true living that is possible when we align with the courageous vision of your realm. In the name of the one whose visions of love and justice is the meaning of life, in Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

GTG #187

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use your folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have bought us, we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have bought us, we are yours.*

*We are yours: in love befriend us;
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.*

*Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear your children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor;
Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With yours love our spirits fill:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still,
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.*

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you to those involved in worship today:

Rev. Barbara Macfie
Ushers: Deb and Dave Norton
Liturgist: Charlotte Jacobs
Musicians: Judy Moore & 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:

Anna Beebe Moore died on 11/8/21 at the age of 102. She is survived by a large, close family, many of whom reside in the area. She will also be missed by long-time WPC members who were fortunate enough to call her friend.

Theresa Altvater (Sarah Altvater's grandmother)

Linda Book

Chuck Burton (Lois Raynor's relative)

Jay Carlson (Clare MacDonald's son-in-law)

Ed Carter

Pauline Cottingham

Frances Cowgill

Peter Culin (Sue Culin's brother-in-law)

Rob Harkins (Bob and Claudene Harkins' son)

Bill and Sandra Hrin

Lib Macnab

Marcy

Lacey Meade (Betty Pratt's daughter)

Rev. Innocent Mabuza

Karen Reed Noel (Jim Reed's half-sister)

Betty Pratt

Robbie

Janet Waugaman (Sally Waugaman's daughter)

Our church has a prayer chain of members who will pray for any person you ask. Contact

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