

Westminster At Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2020

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we wait patiently for the Lord,

People: As we look for deliverance from what we suffer,

Leader: God hears; God draws us out; God makes our steps secure;

People: And God gives us new songs of praise to sing.

Leader: We come, with confidence and trust, to worship God,

People: And to declare God's faithfulness, steadfastness, and love.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God together!

ANTHEM

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Bell Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our lives are filled with words, O God: words and words and words — on television, in books, on the Internet. Words we hear and words we speak. Our culture of words lulls us into complacency, and then we fail to follow our words with actions. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to connect what we say and what we do, that we may become ever-growing disciples. Hear us now, Gracious God, as we come to you in silent prayer...

— SILENCE —

We pray in the name of him who is your Mercy, our Savior, our deliverance. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel,

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. **2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" **5** and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. **6** The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the

boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

GOSPEL – John 1:35-51 (NRSV)

The First Disciples of Jesus

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” **39** He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. **41** He first found his brother

Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). **42** He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” **46** Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” **47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” **48** Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” **49** Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” **50** Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” **51** And he said

to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

SERMON

"Come and See"

Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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, of one 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**

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Dawn, Nikelle, Judy

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your love toward us in many ways. We give you
thanks for your grace, given to us in Christ Jesus, and
for your constant faithfulness toward us. In response,
we offer you these gifts, praying that you will use them
to strengthen the work of your church in the world;
through the merits and under the Mercy of your Son,
Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Opening Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us now pray as our Savior has taught us:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,
Amen.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Dawn, Nikelle & Judy

CHARGE & BLESSING

MINISTERS
GUEST PREACHER
PARISH ASSOCIATE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR
NURSERY SUPERVISOR
CHOIR DIRECTOR
HAND BELL DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
TREASURER
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All the People
Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein
Rev. Linda Williams
Nikelle Johnson
Elaine Edwards
Dawn Auger
Peggy Hanson
Wendy Tally
Heather Heidtman
Harold Miller
Judy Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 17, 2021

PER CAPITA & OFFERING ENVELOPES: Per capita for 2021 is \$28.76. This is per active, confirmed member. Offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up at the church during regular office hours.

MASKED SINGERS: In December a group of Westminster folks made two caroling expeditions into our community to serenade church family members outside their homes. These “Masked Singers” had so much fun and enjoyment connecting with others in these days of social isolation, that they want to continue into the New Year. AND to open up this opportunity to others who would enjoy singing and serenading others. So, if you would be interested in joining the Masked Singers to sing hymns and other (fun) songs, we will be going out again on Friday, January 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Darlene Kusterer will be your hostess. We’ll gather in the Wenona side church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to get details, songs, and last minute instructions. Every singing “household” travels in

separate cars to assure needed distancing. Following the “serenading,” we will regather in the parking lot for a hot beverage. Even in these days of social distancing, we can find creative and safe ways to be together and to be a blessing to others. Come join us!

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom beginning January 14 where we will discuss a variety of Bible passages as well as explore the ideas of the book, *“The Bible with and Without Jesus.”* Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book *“The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend”* by Katrina Bivald. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at [**cedirector@wpcbc.org**](mailto:cedirector@wpcbc.org) to receive Zoom login information.

SPIRITUALITY OF AGING: Our Spirituality of Aging groups have begun gathering in groups of twos over the phone. We realize this is

not the way we would have all hoped to have gathered this Fall, but for the ten to twelve who have signed up, it has become a way to remain connected during these coronavirus days. For these “two-by-two” conversations, we are using “*On the Brink of Everything*,” a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to “the brink of everything.” This book is written by beloved and bestselling author Parker J. Palmer. It’s never too late to join in! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our “two-by-two” discussion format, please give Rev. Linda a call.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 20

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

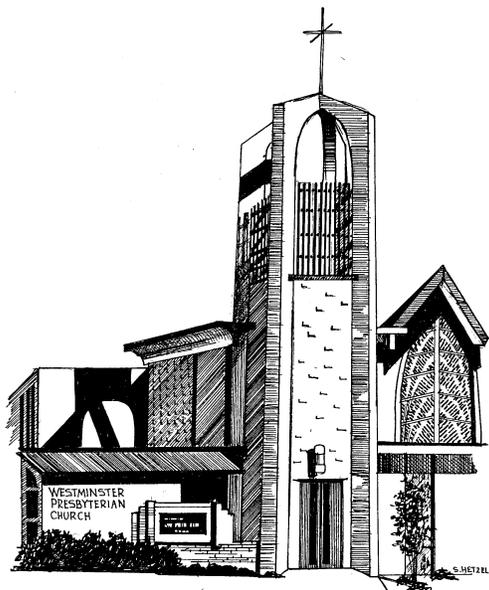
Thursday, January 21

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, January 24

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.