

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Processional*

Robert A. Harris

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

You are the salt of the earth.

Let us share our bread, giving glory to God.

You are the light of the world.

Let us shine our light, giving glory to God.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn of Praise 377 – *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

* Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin. We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. In this day's reading and proclamation, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives, giving witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-9a

pew Bible pg. 600

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

Howard Keever

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;

O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without arrival there.

Thine wholly, thine alone, I am; be thou my rod, and staff, and guide.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;

O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!

All coldness from my heart remove; may every act,

every word, every thought be love.

O love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;

Care anguish, sorrow melt away wherever thy healing beams arise.

O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee,

Nothing desire, or seek, but thee, but thee.

Second Reading – Matthew 5:13-20

pew Bible pg. 786

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Salt and Light*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

* Communion Hymn 395 – *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

Invitation to Offering

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Let us now present our offerings to the Lord.

Offertory – *Adoration*

Florence Price

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

God of all the nations, we thank you for the wideness of your table, where there is room enough and food enough for all who hunger and thirst for your righteousness. As we have met the living Christ in this meal, transform our lives, that we may become the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

- * Hymn of Consecration 339 – *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
- * Charge (*responsive*)
Go forth as a light to the nations; tell the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth.
Amen.
- * Blessing (*responsive*)
May the Lord be your light and salvation, all the days of your life. **Alleluia!**
- * Postlude – *Spiritual: McKee* Matthew H. Corl

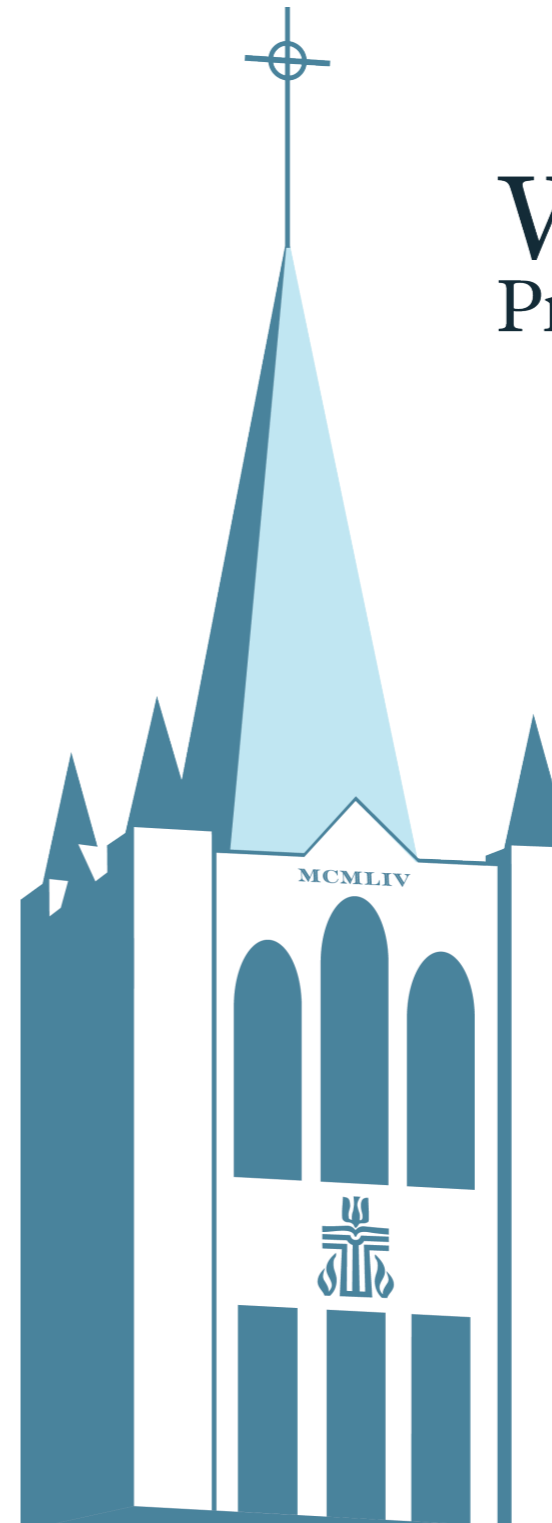


- * Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Today's liturgy is from *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2013-2014, 2017-2018, Year A.*

Westminster Presbyterian Church

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

II Corinthians 5:17



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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – maintaining low markers while cancer treatment is working

Jan Bozeman

Janet Burke

Dr. Tim Cole, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia and financial fraud victim

**Nancy DiDemenico, niece of Maggie Scheetz – recovery from kidney surgery*

**Chip Edmonson, Chad Edmonson's father – health issues*

**John Gaudet*

Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – recovering from stroke

Jennifer Morrice Harrell, Kenny Harrell's daughter-in-law – recurring lung cancer

Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant

**Greg Herndon, friend of Amanda Brown – recurrence of cancer, more chemo needed*

Jeanne Herring – recurrence of cancer

Jennie Jackson, friend of Nancy Johnson – breast cancer

Ann Johnson

**Harweda "Weda" Johnson, Chad Edmonson's grandmother – strength and endurance*

Geraldine Jones – starting treatment

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – dementia

B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength

Kirsty Lochhead, Bob and Margaret Lochhead's daughter – diagnosed with breast cancer

Carolyn McLarnan – health issues

Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health

Wanda Matthews, Dudley Westbrook's mother – health and mobility problems

Becky Nobles, Glenn Nobles' sister-in-law – esophagus cancer

**Debbie Nobles, Butch Nobles' sister – metastatic thyroid cancer began treatment*

Cala Raborn – heart and breathing issues

**Steve Ramp – prostate cancer*

Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain

Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's father – laryngeal cancer

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – infusion therapy

Jenny Roberts Robbins, first cousin of Robin Roberts – broken back from car accident

Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – Hospice for Alzheimer's

Jeannette Russell, Janet Burke's twin sister – serious health issues

Molly Tracy, friend of Ann Aldridge's daughter – throat cancer

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – transitioning to Bedford Care Center for therapy

John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother – prayers for healing

Donna Wilson, teacher at Sacred Heart – colon cancer



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

Today we will observe the sacrament of communion. All are welcome to receive God's gifts at the table. So that all may be served, we will use grape juice and gluten-free bread.

Growing Spiritually will meet today at 11:35 a.m.

The Deacons will meet today at 11:35 a.m. and the Session will meet Feb. 19.

Youth and Children will meet today at 5-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

Circle 3 will meet today at 5 p.m.

PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Brown Bag will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday in Montague Hall at 6:30 a.m.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

Menu: Adults—Mae's lasagna, green salad, French bread and chocolate chess pie

Children—menu available

Activities at 6

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30.

There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex cabinet to volunteer to prepare meals for 15 children and youth on Sunday nights at 6 p.m.



Everyone is invited to Montague Hall to enjoy some hot soup and dessert after worship on Feb. 12.