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Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Adam Keefner

Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. Service

**Please stand in body or spirit. - BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Come and Fill our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone; the Holy Spirit is with us.

God's Word is on our lips. Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

*HYMN 159

O Sing a Song (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges.

We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with many chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

**Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim. It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy. Hear and believe this good news—

God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God, amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HYMN #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

There Is a Balm In Gilead

Westminster Chorale with Don Hill as soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

In My Life Be Glorified

Solo by Abby Pennanen

(Children K - 5th grade are invited to exit during this time for fellowship time followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick up at 10:30 at room 301.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Even in the Desert

Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN 177

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Fred Hutchinson (brother of Valerie

Pennanen)

Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)

Weekly Concerns

Elizabeth Allen-Flores

The Armstrong Family

Patty and Matt Andrews (parents of Kelly
Rommelfanger)

The Borbely family

The Cafmeyer family

Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)

Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)

Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)

Dave Ferguson

Lars Grow (grandson of Bob Grow)

Diane Karlen

Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)

The Ludwig family

Heidi Morgan

Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)

Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)

The Orrick family

Sharon Orr and family

Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)

John Shields

The Strain family

Pat Snyder (mother of Christine Cangiano)

Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)

Bob Vlieg (brother of Jim Vlieg)

Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)

Sandy Walsh in the passing of her niece,

Judith Mills

Wendy Wilke-Sola

Continuing Care & Prayers

Ron Allen

David Cafmeyer

Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)

Jan & Charlotte, cousins of Barb McKinney

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend of the Pedricks)

David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn)

Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)

Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)

Mike Feege

Ed Harrison

Kim Karlen

John & Carole Keener (family of Ron

Robbins)

Joe McDaniel

Betty Morris

Morgan Orrick

Richard Simkins

Elaine Schneider and her friend Debbie

(friends of Robin Webber)

Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)

Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)

Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Because of Your Love

Brenton Brown

The Plans

We the Kingdom

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

MESSAGE

Even in the Desert

Rev. Angela Ryo

REFLECTION/OFFERING

Are You Listening?

Brock Human

CLOSING SONG

Forever

Chris Tomlin

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 301

Children K - 5th grade will have a lesson on Jesus Healing a Man with Mr. & Mrs. Shelton.



Disciples & Donuts from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 401

Youth grades 6- 12th grade are invited to bible study with Mr. & Mrs. Keefner.



Sunday Discussion Group at 10:30 a.m. in room 209

Join us as we discuss this week's topic, "Canaries in the Coal Mine of Planet Earth."

Upcoming Events



Drop Our Drawers for Lent - Donation Drive from now till Easter

Join us to support LOVE Inc & La Jornada's work with children by donating new children's underwear throughout the Lenten season! Sizes needed are boys and girls small-XL and adult sized XS-L. Donations can be dropped off to the labeled black bins in Fellowship Hall now through March 30 or you can shop La Jornada's Amazon Wish Lists online for their most needed items and supplies. These links are also available on our app and website under "Upcoming Events."

La Jornada's Amazon Wish List:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/GRUXZ8KSLDJ5>

Calming Corner Supplies:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1HES7FJIOAQYY>



Green Team Kick-off Meeting - Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Resource Room

Come and help us make a positive difference for God's creation!



The Good Book Club - Friday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. in room 209

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.



Youth Summer Mission Trip Sign-ups

Youth interested in attending the mission trip to Kenosha, WI from July 21 - 25, 2024 should submit their deposit of \$150 to Tricia Shelton by February 25. Checks may be written to WPC with Youth Mission on the memo line.



WPC Partners in Action - Sunday, March 11 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats while learning about our many wonderful non-profit partners and various volunteer opportunities throughout our local community and beyond!

Sign up for a Lenten small group today! You can do that during coffee hour or by going to our website/app or calling the church during the weekday.

Recurring Weekly Events

Monday

- Loving Hands: 12:30 p.m. in room 106

Tuesday

- Discussion Group: 10:00 a.m. in room 209
- Quilters: 1:00 p.m.
- Study Group for Youth: 3-4:30 p.m.) in room 401
- Youth Group Activity: 4:30-5:30 p.m. in room 401

Wednesday

Thursday

- Study Group for Youth: 3-4:30 p.m. in Room 401
- Volleyball Practices: Middle School 4:30-5:45 p.m., High School 5:30-7 p.m.) in South Hall

Saturday

- Pickleball at 4:00 p.m. in South Hall
- Volleyball games at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. for Middle School in South Hall and 11:00 and Noon for High School at New Life Church