

This Week at Westminster

Welcome guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you'll worship with us again soon.

This morning Dr. Carter will be preaching from Luke 7:36-50 which speaks of the power and necessity of forgiveness. During the Sunday school hour, he will be teaching on the headline topic of the Bible: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ". In a healthy congregation The Gospel must be at the center.

This evening David Hammond will continue his series on The Gospel According to Genesis. This week he will be teaching from Genesis 22:1-19.

Tonight, during our evening worship, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. While this is a celebration of the work of Christ on our behalf, it is also a serious moment for self-reflection. Please examine yourself. Grant forgiveness where it is warranted. Seek it where it is required. Repent of those sins of which you are aware then come to the table and receive assurance from the Father who gave his son on your behalf.

This Week & Beyond

Midweek Ministries at WPC: The following opportunities for fellowship, growth and service are available on Wednesday nights at WPC:

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm**, childcare available
- **Student Choir Rehearsals:**
 - Youth Ensemble (6th-12th graders), 5:45-6:15
 - Student Choir (2nd-5th graders), 6:15-6:45
 - Beginning Choir (4s-1st graders), 6:45-7:15
- **Wednesday Night Youth Group** meets in the parlor for a light meal at 6:15 pm, followed by group time and Bible study on *Disciplines of Grace* by Jerry Bridges from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Growth Groups for Adults: We offer several men's, women's, and mixed groups for study, fellowship and prayer throughout the week. To see the full list of available groups, pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the homepage of the church website.

HPRC/Choose Life: Fundraising Banquet will be Thursday, April 19th, 6 pm at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Reserve your spot and work together to "Save the Rest". Invitations available at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, contact Regina Ligon.

Providence Presbytery Youth Day: Saturday, April 21 (11 am – 4 pm) at WPC. Join us for a fun day of grilling, games and fellowship. Guest speaker – Stephen Hooks.

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" gathering will be Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Tom Adams (25 Braxton St in Providence). All men are welcome to come and fellowship to get to know one another a bit better!

Palmer Home Youth Mission Trip: June 25 – 29, 2018 (on-line registration is now open – visit wpc-hsv.org/events). If you have any questions, please contact Jes Wendland.

Below are opportunities to support our youth

- **Hire our students and put them to work!** We will be sending our students to homes on April 28 and May 12 to rake leaves, paint fences, weed flowerbeds or whatever other manual labor tasks you might have. Our students will split into groups with one chaperone per group and be sent to divide and conquer your list of work to be done. If you would like help at your home, please sign up on the Blue Sheet today. We will contact you to obtain a list of work to be done.
- **Parents Night Out:** Parents, come and enjoy a night out and help our students pay for the Palmer Home Mission Trip. Childcare will be offered in the church nursery on Friday, April 27th and Friday May 11th from 6 – 9 pm. You may sign up on the blue sheet today. Cost is \$20.00 for one child, \$30 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Questions? Please contact Jes Wendland.

Graduate Sunday at WPC: Once again this year we plan to recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 13, during the morning worship service. Following the service, we will serve refreshments in the lobby for a light reception. If someone in your family will graduate in May or has graduated in December 2017 (from high school, college, or post-graduate program), please let us know as soon as possible so we can honor their accomplishment. You can email the information to Jes Wendland.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: April 15, 2018	NEXT WEEK: April 22, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April Stegman	Rebecca Harness, Emily Vechinski, Lady Emrich
	Garrett Grady	Bill Emrich
	Micah & Charissa Matson	Alex Covert
NURSERY – Sunday School	Noelle Thompson	Amy Vechinski
	Kendall Branscomb	
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Eion Grady & Anna Bosma	Lucy Fulcher
HEAD USHER	Lee Talmadge	Steve Stegman
SEXTON COUNTER	Paul Galloway, Monday Mbila	Monday Mbila, Nate VanKirk
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Mark Linker	Chuck Grady
COMMUNION SET UP	McKinneys	----

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for April 8, 2018

Morning Worship – 254

Sunday School – 165

Evening Worship - 83

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Dr. J. Alan Carter – Interim Pastor

Aids to Worship

To use the church's wifi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Binders with today's hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go www.wpc-hsv.org and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to www.wpc-hsv.org and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 15, 2018

A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN
DARKNESS, HERE AND
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life
was the light of men."*

John 1:4



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Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude *Still, My Soul, Be Still with Be Still, My Soul*
(Gettys and Townend)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
(Hymnal #528)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* #501, vv. 1, 3

† **The Call to Worship** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Church Bible, pg. 952

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Amazing Grace!* #460

† **The Invocation and the 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.

† **The Confession of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed Hymnal #845

† **The Gloria Patri** #735

The Call to Repentance Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 57-62

Leader: Which is the fourth commandment?

People: The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

People: The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Leader: Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

People: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Leader: How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

People: The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

† **Congregation Standing**

Leader: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

People: The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Leader: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

People: The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Confession of Corporate Sin

The Assurance of Pardon 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Church Bible, pg. 991

† **The Hymn** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* #465

The Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51:1-5
Church Bible, pg. 474

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Scott Lynn

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God* Sanctuary Choir
Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
Uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners will be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson Luke 7:36-50
Church Bible, pg. 843

The Proclamation of the Word of God Dr. J. Alan Carter
“How to Have a Great and Growing Love for Jesus”

† **The Hymn of Response** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #455

† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Sending**

The Postlude *B^bMajor* Miss Bertha Dykstra
(H. Hönig)

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude *Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee*
(Hymnal #471, arr. M. Cox.)

Who Trusts In God, A Strong Abode
(Hymnal #668, arr. Grotenhuis)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

People: How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

Leader: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

People: He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

People: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Leader: The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,

People: For the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Rejoice, All People, Homage Give* #73

† **The Invocation**

Encouraging One Another with Songs & Prayers for Missions

The Offertory *More About Jesus* - (Sweney, arr. G. Smith)

The Teaching of the Word of God Mr. David Hammond
“Abraham’s Final Exam”
Genesis 22:1-19 (Church Bible, pg. 16)

† **The Hymn of Preparation** *Not All the Blood of Beasts* #242

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

The Deacons’ Offering *God of Grace*
(Getty and Rhea)

It is our custom to receive an offering for those in financial need, both in the congregation and the wider community, as our response of thanksgiving for the grace received in the Supper.

† **The Hymn of Response** *Jesus, My Great High Priest* #306

† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* Miss Bertha Dykstra
in the setting of Bach’s Praeludium VII
(McGranahan, arr. Berry)