

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.

2017 Theology Conference

Welcome to the continuation of the 2017 Westminster Theology Conference, 'Reformation Reflections: 500 Years and Counting.' Sessions 1 and 2 took place yesterday morning, today's worship will double as session 3, with sessions 4 & 5 following in the Sunday School hour and the evening service tonight. We hope you'll stay with us here in the sanctuary for the Sunday School hour as we learn about "Our Branch of the Christian Family Tree," and then return at 6 pm to consider "The Reformation of Preaching and Listening" tonight.

Our speaker this year is Dr. L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America and Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary (Atlanta). Dr. Taylor is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He has served as a Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) pastor for sixteen years, as Professor of Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, (Jackson) for ten years, and as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PCA since 1998. He has served as an adjunct professor at RTS since 1998. He has written various articles and is the author of several books. He and his wife, Donna, have two children and five grandchildren.

This Week

Most of our Growth Groups for adults are up & running: To see the full list of available groups, you may pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or go to the church website & select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the menu bar at the top of the homepage.

Wednesday Night Youth Study will meet on Wednesday nights in the Parlor. All youth are invited to join us for a light meal at 6:15 pm. From 6:30 – 8:30 pm, we will be studying *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung. For more info, contact Eric Fulcher at eric.fulcher@gmail.com.

The Adult Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and we are looking for new members. This is a great opportunity to learn if you have always wanted to test that "shower aria" or "lawn mowing motet" voice and grow in a welcoming environment! For more information, please contact Tom Adams at (256) 797-5656.

The Beginning and Student Choirs also meet weekly on Wednesday nights: The Student Choir (2nd grade and up) meets from 6:15 - 6:45 pm, and the Beginning Choir (4s/5s-1st grade) meets from 6:45 - 7:15 pm. Both groups meet in the sanctuary classroom to the right of the platform. Contact Rebecca Johnson to register at 256-508-9352.

Downtown Rescue Mission Tour – This Wednesday, August 30. The Mercy and Benevolence Committee of the Diaconate has arranged for a briefing and tour of the Downtown Rescue Mission for all who are interested. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the mission of the DRM and see how they transformed the previous WPC campus. (Briefing 11:15-11:45) (Tour 11:45-12:30. Sign up on the blue sheet today.

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" gathering will be THIS Thursday, August 31, 6:30 pm, at the home of Curry Knight, 1460 Rountree Place, Madison. Be sure to put this on the calendar now!

Upcoming Events

The next church membership seminar—called First Steps—will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 9 am – 2 pm, in the church parlor (lunch included). First Steps is for anyone who would like to know more about our beliefs, values and commitments as a congregation and serves as a 'first step' toward membership. If you're interested in the seminar or are ready to sign up, check the appropriate box on the blue sheet today and we'll be in touch.

The next "Women Reading Great Books" gathering will be Thursday, September 21st: September's book selection is, *Openness Unbindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ* by Rosaria Butterfield. We look forward to discussing this important book together this fall!

The next Baby Sprinkle for expectant moms will be Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Join us in blessing Laura Diaz, Jennifer Harvey, Alyssa Knight and Nicole Perrin. You can sign up today on the blue sheet.

Ministry Opportunities

Opportunities in the Nursery: We have several needs in staffing the nursery for the fall. Look at today's blue sheet to see what's available and let us know how you would like to serve the littlest members of our covenant family!

Communion Set-up & Clean-up: The church is looking for volunteers to join the rotation for Communion setup and cleanup. The duties are either Sunday morning first Sunday of the month or Sunday evening the third Sunday of the month. With enough folks on the team there will be only a few months of service per year. If you are interested, please contact Joel Hall (joel.hall@gmail.com) or Joe Crowhurst (crowhurst.je@gmail.com) or sign-up on the blue sheet.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Aug 27, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Sept 3, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Rebecca Harness, Emily Vechinski, Lady Emrich	Laura Kate Fulcher, Rebekah Fredrick, Adeline Gunn
	Bill Emrich	Eleanor Lynn
	Alex Covert	Gilchrist Grady
NURSERY – Sunday School	Amy Vechinski	Elizabeth Lauderdale, Kathy Bradshaw
	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel	Tami Covert
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Susann Anderson, Lucy Fulcher	Allen Zumbach, Jennifer Murphree
HEAD USHER	Daniel Palmer	Joe Crowhurst
SEXTON COUNTER	Art McKinney, Craig Bosma	Craig Bosma, Sam Lowrance
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Monday Mbila	Monday Mbila
COMMUNION SET UP	-----	Halls

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for August 20, 2017

Morning Worship – 282
Sunday School – 203
Evening Worship - 78

Staff and Ministry Team

Bob Brunson
Curry Knight
Tracey Zumbach
Jessica Perez
Mary Spybey
Stephen Hooks

Interim Pastor
Administrator
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Coordinator
Office Manager
WCA Head of School



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 27, 2017

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

Grant Us Peace
(from the Motet *Éxultate, Jubilate*”, Mozart, arr. Birchwood)

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose
(Trinity Hymnal # 510)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Blessed Lord, in Thee is Refuge
(Trinity Hymnal # 513)

Sanctuary Choir

† The Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

People: “Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

† The Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#92

† 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, pg. 845

† The Gloria Patri

#735

The Call to Repentance

Romans 3:9-20

The Confession of Sin

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:21-26

† The Hymn

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

#524

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Church Bible, pg. 155

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Eric Fulcher

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Sanctuary Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, For Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, swell with me,
I would be like thee!

The New Testament Lesson

John 4:16-26
Church Bible, pg. 889

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Dr. L. Roy Taylor

“Reformation of Worship”
2017 Theology Conference (Session III)

† The Hymn of Response

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

#168

† Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

The Postlude

Benediction
(Getty and Townend)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

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.

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.

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise
(Trinity Hymnal #34, arr. Berry)

At the Name of Jesus
(Berry)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise

O Word of God Incarnate

#140

† The Invocation

Songs and Prayers

The Offertory

Give Thanks to God, for Good is He
(from Ps. 136, arr. Grotenhuis)

The Ministry of the Word

Dr. L. Roy Taylor

“Reformation of Preaching and Listening”
2017 Theology Conference (Session V)
Romans 10:14-17
(Church Bible, pg. 946)

† The Hymn of Response

Speak, O Lord

See insert

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord
(Trinity Hymnal #505, arr. Berry)

Miss Bertha Dykstra