



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 30, 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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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

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.

No Sunday School Today: To give our Sunday School teachers a time to rest from their preparations and enjoy the holidays with their families, we will not be having Sunday School today.

This Week & Beyond

Adult Sunday School at Westminster: we will resume January 6, 2019.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will resume January 16, 2019.

Adult Choir will resume on Wednesday, Jan 9, 2019.

Youth Event: RYM – mark your calendar July 1-5, 2019
*** for more information--- see the weekly e-mail blast or contact Eric Fulcher.

Birmingham Theological Seminary will offer the class “Old Testament I” on the following Saturdays (January 19, February 16, March 2 and March 30) from 9am -3pm here at WPC. Please contact Rob Nelson at: robn76@aol.com or (703) 909-6667 for more information.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Dec 30, 2018	NEXT WEEK: Jan 6, 2019
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Carol Evans, Annabelle Lowrance	Adeline Gunn, Jennifer Harvey, Rachel Nemati
	Catherine Henderson	Eleanor Lynn
	Noah Keel	Gilchrist Grady
NURSERY – Sunday School	Taylor Thompson	Mary Katherine Keel
NURSERY – Evening Worship	-----	Allen Zumbach, Elizabeth Steele
HEAD USHER	Lee Talmadge	Joe Crowhurst
SEXTON COUNTER	Art McKinney, Craig Bosma	Sam Lowrance, Paul Galloway
SOUND	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher	Clif Barnes, Jacqueline Bryant
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	-----	Stacy Murphree
COMMUNION SET UP	-----	Joe Hall
WCA DOOR MONITOR	-----	Scott Nicol

Year-end Giving: Don't forget--all year-end gifts must be post-marked no later than **midnight December 31st** to be included on your contribution statement for 2018!

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Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude Mr. Art McKinney

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship Mr. Art McKinney

† **The Call to Worship** Psalm 136:1; Revelation 7:12
Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
Congregation: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

† **The Hymn of Praise** *All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord* #219

† **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
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment*

***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† **The Gloria Patri** #735

The Call to Repentance 1 Samuel 16:7
Church Bible, pg. 238

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Corporate Confession of Sin

God of all grace, who has given me a Savior; produce in me a faith to live by him, to make him all my desire, all my hope, all my glory. May I enter him as my refuge, build on him as my foundation, walk in him as my way, follow him as my guide, conform to him as my example, receive his instructions as my prophet, rely on his intercession as my high priest, obey him as my king...and whatsoever I do may it be done in the Savior's name. Amen.

(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, p. 44)

† **Congregation Standing**

The Assurance of Pardon Colossians 1:12-14
Church Bible, pg. 983

† **The Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #529

The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication Mr. Stacy Murphree

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Mr. Art McKinney

The Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13
Church Bible, pg. 959

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Dieter Paulson
"The Way of Love"

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

† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology** #731

† **The Postlude** Mr. Art McKinney

Aids to Worship

To use the church's Wi-Fi, 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.

SERMON NOTES