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*open minds open hearts*

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## *The Season of Lent*

During the season of Lent, our sermon series will focus on the Psalms. The Psalms provide a rich resource for our worship, not only because of their breadth and variety, but also because of how they may be used.

For example, the early church sang the Psalms (Ephesians 5:19), so we will do so in our recorded worship this season. Instead of hearing me read a particular Psalm as the text prior to the sermon, the Psalm for the day might be sung in one of a variety of styles, from traditional chants and refrains to solos or choral settings.

Part of the power of the Psalms is that they give voice to so many different emotions and responses within our lives of faith. As biblical scholar Bernhard Anderson writes, “we find people addressing God in various ways [in the Psalms] - complaint in situations of distress and perplexity, thanksgiving in moods of liberation and joy, and hymnic praise in times of rejoicing in the goodness and wonder of God’s creation and providential care.”

Our sermon series will address themes or threads that are common throughout the Psalms. While by no means an exhaustive list, these themes include being known by God, the faithfulness of God, life, grief, enemies, and how a particular Psalm is used in the New Testament.

I hope you will take the time to read the Psalms during the season of Lent. It is a good spiritual discipline, and one that will provide connection to our worship this season.

In Christ,  
Ben

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Sunday, February 21, 2021 | In Person at 11:15a | First Sunday in Lent

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## Preparation for **Worship**

To meditate on the psalms means first and foremost to speak the human words of each psalm to God...to lament, petition, give thanks, and to praise God day and night. John Calvin rightly called the Psalter “the anatomy of all the parts of the human soul.” What the meditation on the psalms requires, then, is the honest presentation of all the parts of our human soul before God...To present our very ordinary selves, our daily selves, to God, that is the advice of the Psalm.

Paul K.-K. Cho

## Gathering and Preparing for **God’s Word**

### Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Prelude

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 36:7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Let us worship God!

### \* Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God,**

**we know that our memories are selective and self-centered.**

**We pretend that we are self-made creatures,**

**forgetting our dependence on you for all that gives us life.**

**We have fed ourselves with the wrong food,**

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**prizing possessions instead of people,  
pouring energy into status, competition, and control.  
Forgive us for our idolatrous ways, O Lord,  
and plant us in your rich soil once again.  
Help us to walk in faithful and courageous paths,  
so that we would bear the fruit that Christ asks of us,  
and become the love to which Christ beckons us. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Anna Elizabeth McDavid*

Presentation

Questions to the Parents

Question to the Congregation

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer

Organ Meditation

“Baptized in Water”

Smith

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson, *Revelation 22:1-5*

The Psalter, *Psalms 1*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Two Paths”

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\* Affirmation 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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Postlude on an AUSTRIAN HYMN*

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# **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## Leading in **Worship**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Cris Crain, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist*

Roxanne Cromartie, *head usher*

Sarah Beasley, Jeff Beck, *greeters*

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## **About Today's Liturgy**

In the month of February, we intentionally welcome diverse voices in our written liturgy for Sunday morning worship. This week, our Prayer of Preparation is a quote from Dr. Paul K.-K. Cho, an Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

## **Returning to In-Person Worship**

We have returned to in-person worship on Sundays with one worship service in the sanctuary at 11:15a. Our Covid-19 protocols will remain in place, with masks and distanced seating by household. Up to 100 may sign up for a service. You may sign up through the church website. We will continue to provide our recorded worship via our website and social media platforms for our members who need to worship from home. Our 11:15a service will be livestreamed.

# **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Outdoor Worship Service this Sunday, February 21**

Westminster pastors and staff are excited to bring "a season of outdoor services" to the congregation in order to deepen engagement and to provide more opportunities to connect with one another and the faith we proclaim. Our first Green Lot service is today, February 21, at 3:00 p.m. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together, join in singing, and reflect on God's word to us today. Registration is required and is limited to 100 worshipers. Masks should be worn throughout the service and distance maintained in order to guarantee safety. Don't worry! We will continue to stream a service of worship featuring hymnody and liturgy and offer Sanctuary services on Sunday mornings. Join us!

## **OPEN HEARTS • Giving@WPC**

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND**

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

***You may also give online at  
<https://wpc-online.org/give-today>  
and specify the appropriate offering for your donation.***

## **OPEN HEARTS • Gathering@WPC**

**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

This Sunday, February 21, our pre-recorded worship service will include communion. Please have bread and grape juice ready at home so that you can take the elements at the appropriate time. Our in-person worship will not include communion.

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## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP FROM HOME ON SUNDAY MORNING?**

Our pre-recorded service will continue to air on our website at 9am, and on our social media platforms. Our in-person worship service will air on our website via livestream at 11:15a. The Harbinger that you receive in the mail will be for our pre-recorded worship. If you would like the Harbinger for our 11:15am livestream worship, you may download it from our website at <https://wpc-online.org/sermon-archive>.

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## **We Remember in Memoriam**

Martha Richardson Blackwell  
(3/10/1947 - 2/11/2021)

and

The family of Martha Blackwell

*"I am the resurrection and the life." - John 11:25*

## **We Remember in Prayer**

Sara Lindley on the death of her father,  
Richard Wayne Nokes,  
in Memphis, TN - 2/5/2021.

## **With Thanksgiving**

### **We Celebrate**

The birth of a daughter, Lennon Gray Dailey-Mattison,  
to Diana Dailey & Libba Mattison in Greenville on 2/8/2021.

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## **OPEN MINDS • Education@WPC**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

#### **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

The Pastor's Zoom Bible Study is scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10 am and will run through early May. Leigh Stuckey will lead participants in engaging and provoking discussions based on the texts of the day. We hope you will join us.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 918 5587 5662

Passcode: 785672

### **ZOOM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us each Sunday for a Zoom Children's Sunday School at 10a.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 980 3425 3372

Passcode: 700049

### **SHEPHERD GROUPS**

All Youth are invited to register now for Spring Shepherd Groups via our church website. Even if you participated in the fall, we need you to register again. Groups will begin meeting on February 28 and all meetings will be outside in backyards or the Green Lot.

### **JUSTFAITH:**

#### **FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING**

Zoom meetings have resumed and will continue through Monday, March 22 at 6p. For information, previously registered class members may call Susan McLeod (787-6262).



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## **WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**

The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 7pm. Verify location or type of meeting with Ellen Stevenson (ellens7377@gmail.com). Susan Robbins will lead the discussion of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Join us! New attendees are always welcome.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **February 21 - 27, 2021**

### **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Online Worship Service                 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Zoom Sunday Bible Study                |
|            | Zoom Children's Sunday School          |
|            | Confirmation Class - Session 1         |
| 11:15 a.m. | In-Person Worship Service              |
| 12:30 p.m. | Zoom Stated Session Meeting            |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Outdoor Worship Service with communion |

### **WEDNESDAY**

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| 11:00 a.m. | Zoom Luncheon Group Meeting |
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