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HARBINGER

open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Mark Matlock

When we're young, worry is only an arm's length long: "What's for supper?" "I can't wait for Christmas!" "My teacher is dumb." In adolescence, those concerns morph: "Does she like me?" "Why do I have to take math?" "What do you mean I have to get a summer job?"

Hours seem like weeks and weeks seem like years for youth. In those halcyon days, the young are ready for the "next thing" when the "present thing" has yet to begin.

Worries grow like mushrooms in summer as we grow older: "The power bill was how much?" "My boss is really coming down on me." "What did the CAT scan show?"

As my hair grays and the years seem like days, my big worry is foolish: I want time to slow down. Fat chance. Our "little girl" just bought a house with her husband and our "little boy" is beginning his senior year of college.

We'd like time to slow so that we can enjoy the ride. We worry about those around us who don't have the time for us or, much worse, those who have run out of time and are no longer there.

As always, we can look to Scripture to help us.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,

what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food,

and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap

nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

Matthew 6:25-34

What Jesus is saying in Matthew is focus on the forest, not the trees. Cherish life as it exists, not as we wish it might be. Live life joyously as Christians. If we do, we can make better the life of our world.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | In-Person at 10a | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Preparation for **Worship**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Walther

Introit *Gloria* from Mass of Creation Haugen

* Call to Worship *Psalm 85:8-11*

Leader: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,
for God will speak peace to God's people.

People: **Surely God's salvation is at hand.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
Have mercy on us, O God, and in your loving-kindness,
cleans us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Robert Walker Miller

Congregational Response

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; ——— born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Genesis 33:1-10*

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Gospel Lesson, *Mark 6:14-29*

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Because of a Grudge"

Responding to **God's Word**

* 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.**

Call to Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Berthier

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.**

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Offering

Offertory

"Think on These Things"

Patterson

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn No. 702

BUNESSAN

"Christ Be Beside Me"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

"Amen"

Keen

* Postlude

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Hustad

**All who are able may stand*

Leading in Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Joe Frasher, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

Ross Glidewell, *head usher*

Toni Paylor, Laura Williams Sanders, *greeters*

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In Memoriam

David Willard Edwards

(11/15/1943 - 7/4/2021)

"I am the resurrection and the life."

- John 11:25

We Remember in Prayer

The family of Dave Edwards.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Robert Walker Miller*, son of Walker & Leigh Miller.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday, May 30, we began our summer schedule. We will live stream our services now at 10:00a. Please note the following changes:

- Our nursery has reopened.
- We will gradually introduce congregational singing back into our liturgy.
- We will have donuts and coffee following worship.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTER NOW! | AUGUST 2 - 6

RISING KINDERGARTNERS TO RISING FIFTH GRADERS

Registration deadline: Thursday, July 15.

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2021 Westminster Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School - Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness!

Children will spend the week exploring what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves and the world.

This year's VBS will be in-person, with groups gathering both inside and outside.

Registration opened June 6. Register online at vbspro.events/p/2021wpc.

VBS needs volunteers! Please join us for a fun and fulfilling week with many volunteer opportunities! If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Rachel Workman (rachelwworkman@gmail.com), or Lindsey Donlan (lindsey.donlan@gmail.com).

JUSTFAITH:

Sacred Air will be the next JustFaith program focus beginning in September. It will address climate change and energy through the lenses of faith, science, and environmental justice. Readings from Pope Francis, Hope Jahren, and others will help to guide this nine-week program. Stay tuned for dates/times of meetings. For more information, contact Meg McKnight (670-5078) or Bill Holt (982-3368).

LIGHTLY SEASONED:

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined). We will meet Friday, July 16, at 7:00p at the home of Josie & Russ Williams (205 Quail Creek Ln). Watch your e-mail for more information or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11 - 18, 2021

Sunday, July 11

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts

Wednesday, July 14

4:00p Witness & Service Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 15

12:00p Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 18

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a Worship Service

11:00 Fellowship with donuts

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