

*Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1022 Floyd Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24501*



*Live  
Courageously*

*COMMITMENT SUNDAY*

*Sunday, November 18, 2018*

***Westminster Presbyterian Church***  
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***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**November 18, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

***WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE***

PRELUDE: *Prelude on Forest Green*

Craig Phillips

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Richard Mahler, Liturgist

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

**\*HYMN NO. 555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ashley Thulin

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

UNISON

**Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and after it shall cease to be, you are God. You continually break into our lives and show us what is eternal and right and good, making it possible for us to worship and serve you with thanksgiving and praise. May all glory, honor and power be unto you through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

**Gracious God, our sins are too substantial to discount, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

(Here each worshipper offers silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist

Leader: Let us worship God joyfully, nurture faithful fellowship, and reach out through compassionate service.

People: **Let us be the living Body of Christ here and for all the world.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

FIRST READING: Proverbs 22:7b-12

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

*Peace be with you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!*

SECOND READING: Matthew 21:33-41

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"Blessed Are Those Who Are Generous"**

Rev. George Goodman

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

Stewardship Moment

Cary Roberts

Dedication of our Commitment

*(the Ushers will collect your pledge cards while we sing.)*

Hymn No. 414 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* Traditional, page 14 (Front of Hymnal)

\*HYMN NO. 322 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please take a moment to share Christ's peace with those near you.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Common Prayer of Dedication

Unison

Gracious God, we offer our lives to you in gratitude and praise. Use us in ways we never dreamed possible. Let us act as your partners in acts of justice, mercy, and peace. You have poured out your grace upon us, named and claimed us to be your children, and promised to be our God. In affirmation of the new covenant, with gratitude for all your promises, refreshed by living waters, and gifted with new life, we offer our pledges for the ministry of our church in Jesus' name. Use them together with all our offerings in your service. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\*HYMN NO. 375 *Lord of All Good*

TOULON

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Standing for those who are able.)

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

November 18 - 25, 2018

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*We welcome all who worship with us today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to join us as we celebrate the difference God's grace is making in our lives.*

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|------------------------|------------|--|
| Sunday, November 18    | 9:30 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School<br>Children's Sunday School              |
|                        | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship   |
|                        | 11:00 a.m. | Worship – <b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b><br><b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b> |
| Monday, November 19    | 2-9 p.m.   | CUM Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall                       |
|                        | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice   |
| Wednesday, November 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group   |
|                        | 5:45 p.m.  | Health and Fellowship  |
|                        | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice   |
| Thursday, November 22  |            | <b>Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving</b>                 |
| Friday, November 23    |            | Church Office  |
| Sunday, November 25    | 9:30 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School<br>Children's Sunday School              |
|                        | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship   |
|                        | 11:00 a.m. | Worship  |

## **This Week: November 18, 2018**

Adult Sunday School-Cary Roberts  
Children's SS-Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Cary & Robert Roberts  
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson  
Liturgist: Richard Mahler  
Ushers: Greg Hoag & Pat Knowles  
Nursery: Marisa McHone & Chris Hartzog

## **Next Week: November 25, 2018**

Adult Sunday School-Kathleen Smith  
Children's SS-Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Eloise Peters  
Acolyte: Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Pat Knowles  
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Robert Roberts  
Nursery: Marisa McHone & Chris Hartzog

## Meetings & Events this week:

\*Sun., Nov. 18- **Commitment Sunday**

\*Mon., Nov. 19- **CHIMES DEADLINE**

\*Mon., Nov., 19- ChUM Community Dinner in Fellowship Hall 2-9 p.m.

\***Thur., Nov 22- Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day**

\*Sun., Nov 25- Christ the King Sunday

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:

Mon., Nov 26- Lunch Bunch at Charley's at 12:00 Noon

Wed., Nov 28- Health & Fellowship 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 5:45 p.m.

Sat., Dec 1- Hanging of the Greens at 9:00 a.m.

**Sun., Dec 2- Congregational Meeting immediately following worship service**

**Sun., Dec 2- Taylor Concert (Brass, Organ, & Timpani) at 4:00 p.m.**

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## Dedication of our Commitment Today

The Ushers will collect your pledge cards while we sing our commitment Hymn No. 414, seated, "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought."



On **Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 a.m.** We will have snacks, coffee, music, lots of decorations, and a lot of fun.

*Come join us!*

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**Congregational Meeting** - has been called for **Sunday, December 2, 2018** immediately following the 11 o'clock worship. The purpose is to hear a report from the 2018 Nominating Committee for the Election of three Elders, and one Trustee for the Class of 2021, and an At Large Member for the 2019 Nominating Committee.



## **POINSETTIAS**

*Please sign up on the order form outside the office to order your beautiful poinsettia. They will enhance our sanctuary for the Sounds of the Season Concert on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through our Lessons and Carols Service December 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may take your poinsettia home after the Lessons and Carols service. Since we are ordering early this year the price is not known at this time. They will be around the same price as last year.*

## *TAYLOR CONCERT – SOUNDS of the SEASON*

December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. featuring Robert Blevins, Organ, \* Walker Pennock, Trombone, Larry Seip & Mark Campbell, Trumpet, Andrew Phillips, French Horn, Bill Folger, Tuba, and \* Mark Landry, Timpani.



Let's go caroling! Can you reserve time on Saturday, December 22, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., to go Christmas caroling? If so, sign up on the sheet outside the church office. Invite friends to join us for caroling and for the pizza party afterwards. **We will decide on Dec. 16 whether there is enough interest to move forward with plans.** The church bus will accommodate 12 to 14, or we can take cars.



The Little Free Library in the side yard of the church is open to this neighborhood and to church members. Usually it is stocked with lots of children's titles, but some for adults as well. The lovely miniature of our church building in the narthex is also a Free Library space. Feel free to look inside and borrow anything you find there. The plastic donations box is for books for children or adults. See something there you'd like to read? Borrow it! We love to see books in use!

### **Remember These and Others in Prayer**

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|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| *Becky Maxey     | *Louise Motley             | *Hugh & Maymie Keys   | *Pat Hughes      |
| *Helen Ross      | *Betsy Jamerson            | *Marian & Sylvia Viar | *Helen Hester    |
| *Reinhild Sydnor | *Kathleen & Sherwood Smith |                       | *Barbara Turille |
- \*Men and women serving in the military & their families
- \*Valerie Harris' cousin's little boy, Nolan, three years old, (update) still very ill.
- \*Jonathan Campbell, Julia Crim's grandson. Thank you for your prayers for Jonathan Campbell, he is making good progress but still needs prayers.
- \*Note from Pat Heath 11/14/18 (Update): Thanks so much for your prayers for Marian and Sylvia. Sylvia is doing all right at home, although weak and has abnormal lab values. She will see the dr. again tomorrow. I have hired someone to stay with Marian for 6 hours per day at the nursing home. She can help Marian with 2 meals and give her companionship, etc. I can visit only about twice per week. A psychiatric nurse practitioner will see her today and hopefully prescribe medication to reduce her anxiety. Dave and I are avoiding groups in order to stay well, so Sylvia can stay well. That is hard but worth the effort.

**DECEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE TOMORROW NOVEMBER 19TH**