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***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent***

**February 18, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

**WE GATHER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE: *Prelude et Petit Canon*

Vincent D'Indy

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pix Mahler, Clerk of Session

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: One does not live by bread alone,  
People: **but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
People: **try me and know my thoughts.**  
Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me,  
People: **and lead me in the way everlasting.**

\*HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

UNISON

**Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to right paths through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist

**Leader:** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, the Lord will not despise. The abundance of God's grace is freely given to us.

**People:** **We receive this gift with joy and thanksgiving, praising God for the new life that his grace provides.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

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**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Carl F. Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!*

SECOND READING: Mark 1:9-15

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**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "On the Promises of God . . . Live!"

Rev. George Goodman

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*HYMN NO. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

\*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

\*Prayer of Dedication

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

\*HYMN (INSERT) *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Standing for those who are able.)

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

February 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.

Sunday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	<b><u>2:00 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Session Meeting</u></b>
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 23		Church Office Closed
Sunday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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

Adult Sunday School: Kathleen Smith  
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Jerry Ferguson  
Acolyte: Jerry Ferguson  
Liturgist: Robert Roberts  
Ushers: Greg Hoag & Pat Knowles  
Nursery: Mary Harris & Doris Hailey

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

Adult Sunday School: Ashley Thulin  
Children's Sunday School: Martha Wilson  
Fellowship: Julia Crim  
Acolyte: Sharee Evans  
Liturgist: Jane Reed  
Ushers: Richard Mahler & Robert Roberts  
Nursery: Mary Harris & Nicole Reed

**New Directories are available on the table outside of the office.**

*Lenten devotional booklets are available in the Narthex. If you prefer an online resource, visit [d365.org](http://d365.org) for thoughts, prayers, and contemplative music, keyed to the season of Lent.*

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## **Meetings & Events this week:**

- Sun., February 18 - **First Sunday in Lent**
- Sun., February 18 - **Session Meeting at 2:00 p.m. today**
- Tues., February 20<sup>th</sup> - **Chimes Deadline.** Sorry to be asking so soon for your articles, but this is a short month!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS:**

- Mon., February 26 - Lunch Bunch at Charley's 12:00 noon
  - Wed., February 28 - WPC Fellowship & Wellness at 5:45 p.m.
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### **CHURCHES FOR URBAN MINISTRY'S 7th Annual Spring Benefit Luncheon Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

The luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon in the Hall Campus Center Ballroom at Lynchburg College. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at noon, and our program will begin about 12:10 p.m. Our goal is to conclude no later than 1:15 p.m. Keynote speaker: Mr. John H. Hughes, IV, Assistant City Manager. Nancy Duncan (WPC) will be a Table Captain and will need 7 guests. This is a fundraising event. There is no ticket price and there is no minimum donation, but I hope that you will give as much as you can comfortably give. If you would like to attend, please sign-up (RSVP) on the sheet outside the office before February 20th. **MANY THANKS!**

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*Sympathy is extended to the family of Starke Sydnor who died on February 11, 2018. Funeral service will be tomorrow at St. John's Episcopal Church. Starke was a life-time member of Westminster, and we will miss him.*

**Souper Bowl of Caring - Chili Cook-Off 2018** - Congratulations to Christopher Harris for Champion of the Chili second year in a row. Of course, everyone was a winner! Thanks to all who brought their own variety of chili, Lucy & Joe Slette, Angela Hart, Jerry Ferguson, Martha Wilson, Ashley Thulin, Byron Thulin, and Betty Oliver. We collected \$66.00 for the local Meals on Wheels.

**Meals on Wheels** – Thanks to the following people who will be driving this week:  
February 19 - Cary Roberts; February 20 – Kendall Sydnor; February 21 – Robert Roberts;  
February 22 – Stuart Turille; February 23 – Charlie Ross.

**ART DISPLAY** – Pat Knowles will have an art display of his paintings at The Summit through the month of February. Check out his beautiful work.

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

- \*Becky & Lee Maxey
  - \*Sylvia Knowles
  - \*Family of Starke Sydnor
  - \*Sarah Goldenberg Fraher
  - \*Westminster's Homebound
  - \*Men and women serving in the military & their families
  - \*Lee Maxey is in ICU at Lynchburg General Hospital, prayers needed!
  - \*Helen Hester
  - \*Helen Ross
  - \*Pastor Kristi & family
  - \*Betsy Jamerson
  - \*Marian Viar & family
  - \*Hugh & Maymie Keys
  - \*Jonathan Campbell, Julia Crim's grandson
  - \*Grace Sydnor
  - \*David Oliver
  - \*Louise Motley
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**For inclement weather closing**, please check the church answering machine, or tune to WSET-13 for the scroll of closings.

**CONTACT** - Pix Mahler or Nancy Duncan.