

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

JANUARY 19, 2025 10:45 A.M.



### WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude (Acolyte brings in the Light of the World.)

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Ascribe to the Lord”

J. Metzger

✠ Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: Our good and grace-filled God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

All: **With all our hearts and minds we worship you, O Lord. We love you! We ask your blessing as we worship and pray.**

One: God is at work among us. Let all that is within us give glory and honor to the One and only God of all creation.

All: **Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

✠Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

✠Opening Prayer

Living God’s Best – The Law as Found in Psalm 36.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Merciful God, we come to you with humble hearts. We know that we have fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed we have turned away from your steadfast love and faithfulness, preferring to follow the ways of the world rather than the fullness of your Kingdom. Have mercy upon us for Jesus’ sake. Encourage us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Teach us the way of self-giving love. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us. In spite of our human waywardness, push us in the direction of your Kingdom and righteousness, for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

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.

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

(Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ’s name.)

Time with Children and Youth

**GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Isaiah 62:1-5

One: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent! And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

**All: The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.**

One: You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken! Your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married, for the LORD delights in you and your land shall be married.

**All: For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you. And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“Because God Loves Us – God Blesses Us!” Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn “The Steadfast Love of the Lord” (Sing 3 times) #59

✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (p. 35 in the Hymnal)

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem “O Magnum Mysterium” Tomas Luis de Victoria

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠Doxology #606

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

### WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "Give Thanks, O Christian People" #644

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing (Acolyte returns the Light back to the World)

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay for the Postlude.)

### Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins!*

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Toni Cammack

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

Acolyte: Lauren McArter

Choir Members: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc, Bill Tiffany, Nancy Morton, Jeremy Duncan and Dani McArter

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