

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025 10:45 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

“On Eagles' Wings”

M. Joncas

✠Call to Worship: (Please rise if you are able and join in the Call to Worship)

One: God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus Christ.

All: May all that is within us give glory and honor to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

One: Let us shout praise to the One and only God of all creation.

All: Let us lift up our voices like a trumpet to our Redeemer God. God has been our help in ages past and will be our hope for years to come. Let us worship God!

✠Hymn of Praise

“Faith of Our Fathers”

(See Insert)

✠Opening Prayer

Living God's Best – The Law as Found in I Corinthians 10:13

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts. We know that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed, we, like lost sheep, have strayed from safety of your kingdom. Forgive us and lead us by your Holy Spirit to places of faith, hope, and love. Give us courage to hear your still small voice and to turn away from the things of the world that tempt us to live not in the power and wisdom of your Spirit, but in the idols of human culture. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us to overflowing with the power of your Holy Spirit, 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.

A Time With Our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Luke 4:1-15

One: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

ALL: He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

One: The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

ALL: Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

One: The devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given to me, and I will give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

ALL: Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

One: Then the devil took him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here, for it is written ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’

ALL: Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

One: When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

ALL: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: Romans 10:8-13, 17

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 91

Message

“Living by Faith in a Fallen World”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

829

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

The Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. D. Dobrin

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠The Doxology

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" # 840

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Hinei Ma Tov" L. Bernstein

(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!

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We will share a covered dish meal and have our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church are welcome to fellowship with us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Toni Cammack

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

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

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