

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above, arr. C. Courtney¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 29; Luke 3:21-22

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People: **All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: **In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 711**

Lord of All Good, Toulon²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.

We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.

We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

Through Christ we pray (continue with silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Vasile³*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

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. 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. 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, and 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. 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.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the

water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON

The Holy Spirit wants me to do WHAT?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 302**

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace, O Waly Waly⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lords Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 292 (verse 2)

As the Wind Song, Wairua Tapu⁵

*As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again; so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the
world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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We Are Many Parts, arr. M. Haugen⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁷
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

*HYMN 733

*We All Are One in Mission, Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein*⁸

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome, C. Haywood⁹

Leaders Today:

Preacher: Rev. Devon Reynolds

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Graham, Joyce Buseman, Abe Aberle, Doug Rouse (Deacon)

Liturgist: Ed Cothroll

AV/Tech: John Tarr



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS January 19, 2025

Annual Meeting Next Sunday

We will be having our annual congregational meeting in the sanctuary next Sunday immediately following worship. We hope you can stay for this brief meeting.

Today's Preacher

We are grateful to have Rev. Devon Reynolds in the pulpit who started in July as the Presbyter for Vision and Leadership at John Knox Presbytery.

A native of northwest Alabama, Devon has a business degree from Strayer University and has worked in computer tech support, catering management, and customer service supervision. She is a 2019 graduate of Austin Theological Seminary and is pursuing a DMin in Social Impact at Drew University. She served as solo pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lawton, Oklahoma and chair of COM in Indian Nations Presbytery. Prior to that, she was solo pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, TN. Her recent continuing education includes SoCap2023, Hispanic Women's Conference, and *Nevertheless She Preached*.

Pastoral Coverage

Sunday, 1/26 - Rev. Sandy Nuernberg

If you have pastoral needs in January, you may contact Rev. Sandy Nuernberg at sn333@aol.com or 608-695-4248.

The Racial Equity Book Study Kicks Off Today!

The Racial Equity Work Group kicks off a four week book study on the *The False White Gospel* today. This book discusses the Christian Nationalism movement in America and helps us better understand what it is and how we should respond as Christians. Join us in the MJB lounge after worship for this important discussion.

2025 Dine with Nine—Don't forget to sign up!

We will be kicking off another season of meeting/eating with your Westminster family. As in the past, we will form groups of 9-10 which will meet several times over the year for fellowship and food. Groups can meet at the church, in homes, at restaurants, at a park, etc. Each group decides the venue and the menu! This is a great opportunity to get to know your Westminster community better and in a fun setting!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can email Katie in the office or Juanita. Each year we mix up the groups so you can get to know a new set of fellow Westminster community members better. We will have a kick-off potluck at the church on February 21. Any questions, contact Juanita Halls (jjh71152@gmail.com).

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine

Members & Friends: Jerry Tarr, Fred DeWitt, Jeff Shaver

Online Giving

Collection plates will be passed around, but if you prefer to donate online, feel free to use this QR Code. Thanks!