

*Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
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Gathering

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PRELUDE "Adagio" Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Rader

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to worship, expect God's presence.
All: We have experienced God before in this place.
One: Come to worship, expect to hear a Word from the Lord.
All: We want to hear the Word of the Lord.
One: Come to worship, sing your praises!
All: Great is our God; greatly to be praised!
One: Come to worship; go out to witness.
All: We will witness with our worship and then with our lives.

HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise"
The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am! by earth and heaven confessed;
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought and still the same!

CALL TO PRAYER

Janet Lindfors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, God, shaking in our boots. You are a God of righteousness, and we have sinned. We have sinned in thought, word and deed – in the wrong we have done and the good we have not done. We have not lived the way of Jesus, tripped up by temptation and seduced by society. Individually and together we have not obeyed; we deserve your condemnation. Appealing to your love made known in Jesus, we seek your mercy, we ask for forgiveness and we beg that in the Spirit you will renew and remake us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

Ashley Camp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Norton Christeson

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” and I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am^[b] a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ “Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

SOLO

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. Dan Forrest
Jeanne Keiper, Soloist

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But

the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers^[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Unwelcome Prophet”

HYMN 345 “In an Age of Twisted Values” Ebenezer

In an age of twisted values, we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language, we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions, we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty, if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
when our children are bewildered, when they lose their way in life,
when we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.

We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY “Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word” Walther

DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jeannie Keiper

HYMN 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women richer poorer, all God's people young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Rondo”

Purcell

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Presbyterian Women in honor of the women of Westminster.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about this congregation, please check "desire a call" on the red pew pad and add your phone number. Rev. Sumner will contact you.

FLOWERS: If you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for the front of the church on any given Sunday, contact Kristin at the church office or fill out the included Flower Insert and Kristin will call you. \$30 per bouquet (and you can take them home after the 11:00 a.m. service if you wish).

SPIRES: Copies of the monthly spires are available in the Narthex from one of our ushers. A new Spire will be available the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise advised and will be available throughout the month.

ANNUAL MEETING: An annual meeting for the congregation is called February 6th after the 11 a.m. service for the purpose of distributing Annual Reports and making changes in the Pastor’s Call.