

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

Lent is the season of 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It is a season of extra prayer, sacrifice, service, and renewed spiritual disciplines.

During these 6 Sundays, the cross and candlesticks, when used, are wood; and the flower containers are wicker instead of silver. The flags are removed and there is no Gloria sung again until Easter.

Gathering

Permission for today's liturgy is from
Growing Faith Resources; Follow Me: "Practice Spiritual Disciplines"

PRELUDE "Invocation in A Minor" Guilmant

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: God calls us here to worship:

ALL: **We are here, ready to listen and respond.**

One: God calls us here to worship:

ALL: **We are here, ready to hear God's Word.**

One: God calls us here to worship:

ALL: **We are here, ready to listen to God.**

*HYMN 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Italian Hymn*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise. Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and telling us your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren't sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. But even when we are busy, you still call. Most times your words are hard for us to hear, help tune our ears to your voice. Help us to hear what you have to say, then follow your way, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen,

*KYRIE

Arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*OUR HOPE FOR FORGIVENESS

One: I announce to you today that our sins are forgiven.

ALL: **God's grace is amazing!**

The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

CHORAL ENSEMBLE “Send Your Holy Spirit ”

Hal Hopson

THE SECOND LESSON – Mark 1: 35-39

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Listen to God”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Thanksgiving

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

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

Young

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

*HYMN 547

"Go My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him
saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender
comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lord of our Life”

Smith

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By Barbara Reid, in loving memory of John's father, Normal Reid for his birthday & in celebration of Barbara's father, Mark Coke, for his birthday

By the Camp Family, in loving memory of Jean Taber on her birthday.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about membership and affiliate membership at Westminster, please call the church office and Rev. Sumner will call you.

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: We will be having Vacation Bible School from June 6-10 this year. The theme is FOOD TRUCKS. We need all the help we can get to make sure it runs smoothly. If you are able to volunteer in any role, you can sign up online at:

<https://westminsterbytheseapresbyterian.mycokesburyvbs.com/>
or call or visit the church office for a volunteer form.

DAYTONA TORTUGAS GAME: Please see the attachment regarding our upcoming out at the Daytona Tortugas game on April 22nd. Food and fun! You may sign up in the Narthex on the clipboard titled Daytona Tortugas or by calling the church office.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER: The women of Westminster are invited to a get-together in Peninsula Hall Tuesday March 22 at 10:00 am. It will be a wonderful time to enjoy the company of friends as well as make new friends in fellowship. Pastor Jeff and our new Christian Ed director Ashley Camp will be with us to welcome the women back to our first event since March of 2020. We are looking forward to a new, exciting way to study and pray together. There will be refreshments and a time to “catch up”.

To prepare for the event, we ask you to please RSVP to either Edith Moser at phone # 383-7567 / email erivermt@aol.com or Barbara Wagner at # 756-5500

LENT PRAYER SERVICES continue Wednesday at 5:30.

SPIRES: Copies of the Spire, our monthly newsletter, are available in the Narthex from one of our ushers.

LITURGIST: Mary Ann Sumner

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
March 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
March 30	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
April 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
April 6	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Palm Sunday	8:45 & 11 a.m.
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday Service	12 p.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday	8:45 & 11 a.m.