

Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Over 125 years of ministry in the community -

Moving forward in a tradition of service

Sunday Nov. 24, 2019
Sacrament of Baptism,
Reign of Christ Sunday,
and Stewardship 2

10:30 am

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Call to Worship * (*Seasons ENCORE Woodlake Publishing Nov 24, 2019)

Friends, as we gather for worship this day,

may we seek to live in, and help build, a world where Christ's example of forgiveness and peace is shown and followed -

Let us worship God together!

Hymn VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy One,

So often we do not live as we have been called.....

We have made idols of power and wealth

we have lost sight of the vision of your reign on earth

we have ignored the struggles of others in need

we have forgotten to love our neighbours and embrace diversity

Forgive us.

Open our hearts and our minds,

So that we love our neighbors as ourselves, work for justice, and show mercy and love to one another.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Jesus came into the world not to reign as a king over us,

but to serve humanity

and to show the way of God is the way of love.

The way is prepared for us –we are forgiven and free to begin again.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

The Morning Trumpet

by Daniel Kallman

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Chloe Josephine MacDonald

daughter of Krista and Graeme MacDonald,

sister of Katherine (Katie) and Winston

Godparents – Laurie Ryz, Michelle Edwards, Sue-Ellen Watson

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

Liz Witjkamp, a representative of the church, will introduce the baptism family.

THE TEACHING "The Sacrament of Baptism"

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed and commissioned: we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God; we are claimed by Christ, united with Christ, with one another and the Christian community of every time and place; we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

Parents/Godparents/representative of church respond:

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you share your faith with your child, growing with her in faith, hope and love, encouraging her by your words and actions in the way of Jesus Christ?

Parents/Godparents/representative of church respond:

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT *(stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care:

**AS A BAPTIZED AND BAPTIZING PEOPLE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO
SUPPORT AND UPHOLD YOU WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.**

May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, A NEW CREED (VU 918)

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at Creation.
By water, comes the growth of the earth.
Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.
In the waters of the Jordan, your Child Jesus was baptized.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES and CHRIST CANDLES

THE BLESSING *(VU 965, sung by all)*

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen.**



**Children will go to the Chapel for Sunday School following the Baptism.*

Scripture Readings:

John Grivell

Matthew 25: 31-46

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 157 I Am a Child of God

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo On Eagle's Wings
given by Jennifer Turner

by Mark Hayes

Minute for Mission Youth Pilgrims

John Grivell

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offering Doxology VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Let us pray,
**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,
the lonely find comfort,
and the despairing find hope.
In Christ we pray, Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken, unison)

**Our Father/Mother, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 595 We Are Pilgrims

Commissioning and Sending Forth

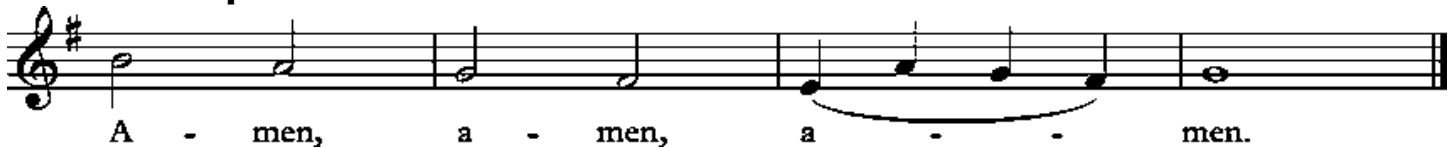
Let us go out into the world to feed those who hunger in body and spirit, to provide company to those who are alone, and to comfort those who are afflicted.

And as we go, may we see the face of Christ in all we meet.

And may they see the face of Christ in each of us.

Amen

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering*, ACE 2019-2020, page 4. Used with permission.)

December 1 – Advent 1

Worship materials for Advent were contributed by Taylor Croissant, Kitscoty-Marwayne P.C., Kitscoty, Alta.

Isaiah 2:1–5

Swords into ploughshares.

Psalms 122 (VU p. 845)

With joy to God's house.

Romans 13:11–14

Wake up! The day is near.

Matthew 24:36–44

No one knows the hour.

To Ponder

What does it mean for you to name Jesus as Messiah or the Christ, the Anointed One?