



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 127 years of ministry in the community

Sunday Nov. 25, 2018

Stewardship 1 &

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Centering Music

Call to Worship/Approach

In morning sunlight and fall cloud cover
In the first snowfalls and winter chills,
in seasons of change and courage

God is in our midst.

In horizons colored with the setting sun,
and the sounds of honking geese leaving for warmer climes

God is in our midst.

In the faces of families, and singles, friends and strangers,
the hurrying and the day dreaming

God is in our midst.

In life touching other life, moments of kindness,
sharing of joys, weeping with grief, caring for others

God is in our midst.

In our worship, the gift of community
In music, prayer, story and Word

God is in our midst.

With joy, with hope, with gratitude, let us worship.

Prayer of Confession*

We long for Christ's reign on earth - where the poor and powerless will get a fair deal

When we lack generosity, O God, encourage us to share

We long for Christ's reign on earth - where the vulnerable ones will gain confidence.

When we lack confidence, O God open our eyes to see those who walk the road with us and those who seek companions on the road.

We long for Christ's reign on earth - where those held down by life's struggles will be free; where they will be freed from the oppressive forces of the world.

When we lack a liberating, justice-minded and welcoming attitude, O God, enable us to work in new ways.

We long for Christ's reign on earth – where the faithful will be joyful and engaged in their community

When we lack involvement, O God, open us to being people of compassion, generosity and engagement with our world... however we are able to do so...

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance

Gratitude Moment – Rebecca McIntosh, chair of the Stewardship Committee

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.*

Scripture Reading: Lynn E. Soens

Psalm 132 (VU 854-55, parts 1 and 2; sung with refrain) *Part of the tradition here at Westminster UC is to stand for the reading/singing of the Psalm, as you are able.*

John 18: 33-37

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Message

Collection of Offerings

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.

Offertory

Offering Doxology MV 36 Glory to God

One: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

One: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

One: Alleluya, amen!

All: Alleluya, amen! x 4

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Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Commissioning and Sending Forth**

Let us go out into the world to feed those who hunger in body and spirit,

provide company to those who are alone,

comfort those who are hurting.

And as we live and work, may we see the face of Christ in all we meet.

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

Now and always, amen.

Choral Response VU 623 Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
a hidden beauty see
discern in us our richest hues,
show us the patterns we may use
to set our spirits free,
to set our spirits free.**

Organ Postlude *If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

*David Sparks, *Prayers to Share* Year B, Woodlake Books, 2002, pg.173. Adapted.

**Rev Gord Waldie www.worshipofferings.blogspot.ca 2016 (Adapted)

Lectionary readings

December 3 – Advent 1

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Isaiah 64:1–9

Tear open the heavens and come down.

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19 (VU p. 794 Part One)

Shine upon us, shepherd of Israel.

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

In every way, you have been enriched in Christ.

Mark 13:24–37

You will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds.

To Ponder

What have you asked God and what did you expect, only to find that God answers in a different way?

204Thryft presents a **Charity Pop-Up Clothing Swap**
on Wed 28 Nov. from 6-8 pm at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church.
\$20 admission will be donated to Siloam Mission.
Bring some clothes to donate. Take as much as you need.

The Westminster Taxi fund was set up to allow folks who find it difficult to make their way to church, the ability to come on Sundays at no cost to them. Please remember this important outreach to our church family.

The 2018-2019 **Gifts with Vision** catalogues have arrived! A great way to give to those in need and do your Christmas shopping at the same time! You can help folks in Oxford House to buy groceries (pg. 13) or provide warm clothes and a meal (pg 15) here in Winnipeg at one our Community Ministries. There are many other opportunities for giving across Canada or around the world. Catalogues can be found on the tables in the narthex or hallway or shop online at giftswithvision.ca .





Dec. 2nd is Communion Sunday. Our December Communion Offering will be forwarded to the West Broadway Community Ministry to help with the costs of providing a Christmas Day Dinner, responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people of the community.

The **MEMORY TREE** will be in the sanctuary from early November to January 31, 2019. Order forms, to purchase Memory Stars, are in the narthex and the back hallway.



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