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Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday
Communion Sunday

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee arr. Bert Carlson

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship(based on Psalm 99)

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

Gospel Praise Without God Andre Woods
Westminster Harmony Chorale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response AAHH #524** There Is a Balm in Gilead
 **There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
 There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
 But then the Holy Spirit restores my soul again.
 Repeat refrain.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Luke 9:28-36

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Welcoming New Members

Michelle Crump-Morden

Nicole Martin Walgren

***Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

***Hymn GTG #190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS
SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS
CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Gustav Holst
Chancel Choir

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #463** Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

***Benediction**

Postlude Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Robert Powell

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Downs, Guest Preacher
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
Kristen Getschman, Liturgist
CJ Chapman, Peyton Friday, Acolytes

Today's Anthem

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture – in the body and the blood - He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food. At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim , with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Visit our website at www.wcodetroit.org for the link to view our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube or follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



New to Westminster Church of Detroit? We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

Westminster Church of Detroit News and Events

Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th at 12Noon

March 5th is Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. Join us for a service of prayer, imposition of ashes and music to begin our Lenten journey of reflection and the renewal of our faith. This service will be held in the Chapel and led by Rev. Beth Downs.

The 2023/2024 Annual Report

The 2023/2024 Annual Report is finished, and copies are now available. Printed copies are located on the table in the Narthex, or if you would like an electronic copy, please contact Lisa Turner at ltturner@wcodetroit.org.

Wednesday Noon Adult Bible Study

The Rev. Beth Downs leads this weekly adult bible study. This group meets faithfully every Wednesday from noon to 1:00pm, studying and discerning God's word. All are welcome to come and participate, either in person or by Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the WCOD website: wcodetroit.org.

Westminster Calendar

Sunday, March 2nd

10:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School for Children
11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 3rd

7:00pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th

12Noon Ash Wednesday Service
3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm NA Meeting

Saturday, March 8th

8:30am ARK

Sunday, March 9th

10:00am Worship
Installation/Ordination of Incoming Elders and Deacons
10:15am Sunday School for Children & Youth
11:30am Deacon Meeting

Prayer Concerns

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, please call the church office at 313-341-2697 or email at office@wcodetroit.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Recent prayer requests

Matthew Gough (son of Irene Gough), Melvina Norment, A'lanna Norment, Aaliyah Garrett, Kamani Jacobs, Central Park Village, Bishop Melvin L. Williams, Trudy & Jim McCreadie, Rev. Dakota, Megan, Lennon and Dorothy Joy Whitaker

Dr. Joyce Tibbs, Dorothy Ellis-Davis, Arice Willoughby, Dr. Maxine Bloodworth, Catherine Lewis, Gladys Stephen, Prince Ella Cunningham, Sandy Gross, Margaret Clay, Virginia Fields and Family, Heide Lewis and Family, Julie Handel & Family, Elizabeth Galloway, Adeyah Brady Lewis (great-granddaughter of Carol Lewis), Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law), Rosa Armstrong, Faye Baker, Dorn Fair, Dianna White (Deborah Fair's sister-in-law), Edda Dickerson, Sandra Lamb, Samuel Willis, Sandra Gray, Victor & Janette Jackson, Ann Gourlay, Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother), Vernon and Alfreda Wilder, Jocelyn Wilder

Lenten Devotional Booklet

The 2025 Lenten devotional booklet is now available. The booklets can be found on the table just outside the church office.

Lent Devotional for Families

This devotional will guide children and families through the Season of Lent with activities, family questions, inspiring nature walks, and feast days to enjoy together. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, each day will take you through the 40 days of Lent, including Sunday Feast Days, culminating on Easter Sunday. Copies are available on the table near the office.

One Great Hour of Sharing and Fish Banks

Children and youth are invited to take home a fish bank to collect money during the season of Lent. These banks are meant to collect spare change which will go to One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports three programs in the Presbyterian Church: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

All three of these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Your help, no matter how big or small it is, is invaluable to supporting these missions and helping those in need around the globe! Make sure to pick up your fish bank next Sunday and start dropping those loose coins in! The fish banks along with a One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected during worship on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm)

Fm (Gm) (A7) (Dm)
B^bm C7 Fm

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7)
B^bm C7 Fm B^bm C7

daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) (A7) (Dm) (D) (Bm)
Fm C7 Fm F Dm

Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Dm Gm C7 F Dm F C7 F

toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

463 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my

heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart,
heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart,
heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart,
heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart,

In my heart, In my heart,
In my heart, In my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.
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