

# *Galloway Presbyterian & Westminster Presbyterian Churches*

Shared worship at Westminster

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Disciples – Everyone here!

February 16, 2025 10:30 A.M. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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Marsha Ross is our Greeter/Usher and Don Crumley is our liturgist this morning.

**As we prepare to worship** - Everyone wants to know "How are we doing as a church?" when the real question is "As a church, what are we doing for God?" (Robert Brearly)

**Ringing the church bell calls us to worship**  
**Welcome & Announcements**

## **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 146:4-8

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob and Rebekkah for their help;

**Whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

**Who keeps his promises forever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed

**And food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;

**God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and give us joy in our worship.

**\*Hymn** "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven" #619

**Call to Confession** (Please be seated)

Let us admit we have a mess somewhere in our lives right now.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, Jesus, for hiding the light you have given us. We are afraid to show others we are your disciples. We hide your light. We are resentful of those who have no faith and yet they prosper. We hide your light. We let our egos take over and our loved ones**

**suffer as a result. We hide your light. Rescue us from ourselves. Please hear our silent prayers...**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** from "The Daily Encouraging Word"

One of the names given to God in Scripture is "Redeemer" because God can redeem our mistakes and turn them into learning experiences. God can turn the mess you make into the miracle you need. God took the mess of Joseph's brothers' jealousy and the mess of Joseph's ego and redeemed the whole family with new life in Egypt, rescuing them all from famine. Let God redeem a mess in your life. And God will. You are forgiven!

**\*Joyful Response** stanza 5 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 306  
**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

**Prayer for Illumination** from Ed Horstmann based on an Edward Abbey blessing

Let us pray. Lord, may your words to us this morning be the doorway to a life more beautiful and more full of wonder than our deepest dreams as we choose the winding and dangerous path toward participation in your blessed kingdom. Amen.

**Old Testament Lessons**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Jeremiah Warns the People

Psalms 1 Life's Two Roads

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" #816

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 6:17-26 Jesus Gives the Beatitudes

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*Sermon** "Level Playing Field"

Rev. Thom Shuman, Pastor, Galloway Presbyterian Church

**Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together**

Jesus was saying "Don't put your treasure where it can be damaged, decayed, or done away with." A pastor writes: "Jesus doesn't want your money. It's already his. Jesus wants your heart. But since your heart always follows your money, he wants you to surrender your money, your wealth, and your stuff to him." When you do that, you're investing in eternity.

## Offertory

\***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 606

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Thank You, God, for not requiring us to fill out a 1040 form. You have given us all the income we need to live and to be generous to those in need. We dedicate these gifts for your glory. Repair this broken world with your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Our prayers of intercession and petition, our prayers of thanksgiving and praise...

\***Prayer Chorus** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #469

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\***Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 65

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude



Westminster Presbyterian Church was founded December 4, 1955  
We are one of eighty-three member congregations  
of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley; and the  
Synod of the Covenant – 11 presbyteries and nearly 700 congregations  
mainly in Ohio and Michigan

### Our Mission - our purpose

To bring God's word to everyone, that God loves **everyone**, including you. The Gospel calls us not to just preach, but also to practice Christ's compassion for all by serving others and leaving no one out.

### Vision – our roadmap

The vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is to build our community of Christ with love and care. We are committed to reaching across the street, and around the world to proclaim the Gospel.

### **Serving Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Our Session - Elders – Linda Crumley, Trent Rowe, Karen Flowers & Lynne Kelly (Clerk)

Our Deacons - Jim Benney, Carol Jones, Marsha Ross & Joyce Sizemore

Church staff – Karen Flowers, Sexton  
Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor

Rene Miller, Treasurer  
Olivia Mitchem, Pianist

### **Serving Galloway Presbyterian Church**

Session- Elders - Carla Bennett, Kathy Cardi, Mary Ann Frederick, Mark Kotur, Rolena Manning, and Roger Walls (clerk)

Deacons - Kathy Cardi, Lori Doig, Darlene Kern, Mary Lou Parsons, Bonnie Shuman, Faith Simmons

Staff - Rev. Thom M. Shuman, Stated Supply Pastor and Alexander Toth, Music Director

## **Announcements**

Tuesday – Westminster Presbyterian **lunch group** meets at York Steak House 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to share in this meal.

Next Sunday at Galloway: Monthly last Sunday Soup/sandwich **luncheon** after worship.

Next Sunday's **sermon** at Westminster will be "I Am Judgmental," based on "<sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." In preparation, please read Luke 6:27-37.