Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Fourth Sunday in Lent/Communion
10:30 a.m.                                             March 6, 2016

Gathering Around the Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

PRELUDE:     Andante Sostenuto       from Symphonie Gothique       C.M. Widor

EXTENQUISH LENTEN CANDLE       Jay & Gloria Olson

CALL TO WORSHIP       Vicki Jones
One:    Come, foolish people; God is calling us. The God of all time and space wants our attention.
All:    Why are we called foolish in the church? Does God think we are foolish people?
One:    Have we embraced the world’s talk and actions? Have we turned away from God’s expectations?
All:    People call us foolish when we take faith seriously. The world thinks us strange if we are different.
One:    God says to us: You shall be holy because I am. You shall be true and just, generous and loving.
All:    How can God expect us to be perfect? How can we help others if we don’t fit in?

*HYMN:    I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord       #441

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Silent Prayer followed by corporate prayer)
Gracious God, we do not understand your ways. We have forgotten that you call us to standards far different than the accepted norms of our society. We confess that we have dealt falsely with others. We have benefited from systems that defraud many of a living wage for their labors. We have slandered people you invited us to love and hated some for whom you have asked us to pray. O God, we admit that we are people of vengeance and grudges. We cry to you for help. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON       #574
Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Proclaiming the Word**

MOMENT WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES  “Why do we go to Church?”  Pastor Mike

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING  Matthew 16: 13-18  NT Pg. 22

ANTHEM  O Darkest Woe  Carlton Young

SCRIPTURE LESSON  I Corinthians 11: 17-26  NT Pg. 211

SERMON  “Why I’m Grateful to be a Presbyterian”  Dr. Mike Seitz

**Responding to and Sealing of the Word**

*COMMUNION HYMN:  Beneath the Cross of Jesus  #92

OFFERTORY CALL

*DOXOLOGY

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People  (Please hold the elements and partake together)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

   God, you can call us to humility. Awaken in us, now that we have celebrated, the humility you showed and the desire to humble ourselves and serve each other. Amen.
Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN:  The Church’s One Foundation  #442

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE:  Choral

*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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ALL CIRCLES meet TUESDAY, March 8, 2016.
*Lydia Circle at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Hostess: Regina Thomason
Study Leader: Freida Cooley
*Ruth Circle at 10:00 a.m. Westminster Library. Hostess: Kitty Reddin
Study Leader: Susie Wright.
*Catherine Circle at 1:00 p.m. Westminster CAB Rm. Hostesses:
Study Leader:

PW MISSION WORK DAY-is Tuesday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. We still need Hand Towels, Wash Cloths, Bath Soap (bath size), Toothpaste (4-7oz), Deodorant and Razors! (NO more toothbrushes—we have plenty)

HEAVENLY HOST-We will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15, at the home of Curtis & Susie Wright. Please come join us!

RENAISSANCE LUNCHEON-is Thursday, March 17, at noon in the parlor.

Dr. Trantham Address: Fox Ridge Senior Living-17 Parkstone Circle, Apt. 72, North Little Rock, AR, 72116, 501.801.9742.
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
“Striving to share Christ’s love with all of God’s people”

PRAYER CONCERNS
THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS LISTED EACH WEEK, AND THOSE LISTED ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION.
THIS WEEK, PLEASE PRAY FOR: Larry & Arlene Kirkwold, Marie Klugh, Fran Lancaster, Pansy Lascaro, Susan Lascaro and Bob & Debi Lau.

ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY REQUESTS PRAYERS FOR: Second, Little Rock and First, Yellville.

REMEMBER: ********************************************************************OUR COUNTRY/LEADERS
Military—Grant Morgan, Erik Knebel, & Adam Howell.
Missionaries—Jeff and Christi Boyd, Congo

Members and Friends in the Hospital
Members in Long-Term Healthcare Facilities
Brookfield Assisted Living ..................................................... George Douglass & Lois Dannenhauer
Country Club Village ............................................................. Marjorie Springston
Montgomery County Nursing Home ........................................... Mary Spikes
West Shores ................................................................. Lee Angel, Fred Cason, Pansy Lascaro, Irma Netherton,
Mildred Patterson, & Betty Siegismund.
Fox Ridge Senior Living, NLR .................................................. Dr. Trantham

Worship Assistants
Greeter .......................................................................................... Bob & Nancy Bolin
Registrar .......................................................................................... Joyce Walters
Head Usher ..................................................................................... John & Billie Wetzler and Jim & Sybil Dowds
Organist/Choir Director ................................................................. Donald VerKuilen

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are dedicated to the glory of our Heavenly
Father, and in loving memory of Lisa Karol Kaufman, given in love by,
the Ben Kaufman family.

ATTENDANCE/FRIENDSHIP PADS— are in each row of the pews, please fill in each family members name that is in attendance today and any friends in attendance as well. Also if you have a prayer request, please fill the request card out and drop in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY: A person may become a member of this church family by one of the following methods:
• Transfer of letter from another church
• Affirmation of Faith if you have not joined a church before
• Re-affirmation of Faith if you haven’t been active in church recently

The Presbyterian Church recognizes the baptisms of other Christian denominations. We are an “Open Communion” church. You are encouraged to talk to our Pastor about becoming a part of the Westminster church family. If you need more information, please contact our Minister or call the church office at 525.1367, or e-mail us at wpchsar@sbcglobal.net. The church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

FLOWER SCHEDULE – March (Catherine) and April (Ruth)