

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Separated from the Congregation
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These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. (Psalm 42:4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

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OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander (1680); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863); Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten from the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of the same substance as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

SONGS & HYMNS

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Text: Edwin Hatch (1878); Tune: TRENTHAM

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

Be Still, My Soul

Text: Kathrina Von Schlegel; Translator: Jane Borthwick (1855); Tune: FINLANDIA

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

OFFERING

“Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:14-16)

Offerings can be given electronically by sending an e-transfer to admin@westminsterchapel.ca (with a memo, “tithes & offerings” or “benevolence”) or through Canada Helps (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/15609>). Cheques can be mailed to Westminster Chapel, 9 Hewitt Ave, Toronto ON M6R 1Y4.

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken (1674); Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER

Lamentations 3:19-26

Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 131

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

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SERMON

“Like a Weaned Child”

Pastor David

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Irish (8th C.); Trans. Mary E. Byrne (19050, Vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1912); Tune: SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

PERSONAL & FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Read Nehemiah 12-Esther 5; Luke 8-14
- Sing “Be Thou My Vision”
- Recite and memorize Question 46, 47, and 49 of the Heidelberg Catechism:
 - Q46. What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?*
A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.
 - Q47. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?*
A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.
 - Q49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*
A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand..
- Pray Lamentations 3:19-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We're studying the prophecy of Isaiah. For more info, contact Pastor David: david.robinson@westminsterchapel.ca.

Ladies Bible Study: The Ladies Bible Study meets at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are studying 1, 2, and 3 John following a study by Jen Wilkin called *Abide with Me*. There are audio sessions and a workbook of homework. The audio sessions can be found on Podbay: <https://podbay.fm/podcast/503752876>. If you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting each week, please contact Brittany Reid: dbreid@live.com.

Spanish Bible Study: Estaremos empezando un estudio bíblico sobre los fundamentos de la fe Cristiana. Para agregarse a la reunion Zoom los Domingos, por favor contactar a Julian Castaño: julicastano@hotmail.es.

Church Life & Ministry

Westminster Morning Prayer: Join us morning prayer via Zoom at 8:00 AM (Monday to Saturday). Our morning prayer will be 15 minutes and will be led by one of our elders. You can find the Zoom link in previous church e-newsletters or email the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca.

Evangelism Ask-Me-Anything (AMA): Do you want to share the gospel with friends and family but don't know how to get the conversation started? Is there a question that a non-Christian friend asked you that has you stumped? This upcoming **Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** George Simopoulos will be hosting a Zoom ask-me-anything, where you can ask anything related to evangelism, the gospel, or the defence of the Christian faith. If you're curious and just want to listen, you're welcome as well!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81684675640?pwd=cFRvRUxZY3BIYUdtODIqRDBSNDk3QT09>

Gathering for Communion in Groups of Five: We believe it is vital that we gather for worship and celebrate Communion, even if it's limited to gatherings of five (which is permitted by the Ontario Emergency Order and Protection Act) and observes physical distancing guidelines. If you are willing and able to come to the church on Sundays for a Communion Service with an elder and three other people, please email Stefanie in the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca. She will reply with a time to come (e.g., 2:30 pm).

Counselling Ministry: Pastor Trevor has now transitioned to part time; however, he continues to serve in his counselling ministry. This has been a difficult time for many of us and counselling is available via video conference. To make an appointment contact Trevor: trevor.bertenshaw@westminsterchapel.ca.

WCCA Spring Banquet: As many of you are aware, Friday, April 24th was the intended date for the 6th Annual WCCA Spring Banquet. This is an annual event where we gather and enjoy wonderful food together, while being inspired as we see and hear how the school is growing and developing. Although we have not been able to gather, would you consider donating instead? Any amount you can give would be greatly appreciated. As always, all donations made will be eligible for a donation receipt. You can make a donation by visiting www.canadahelps.org or call the WCCA Office at 416-466-8819 x306, or send a cheque made out to "Westminster Classical Christian Academy" with Spring Banquet in the memo line to:

Westminster Classical Christian Academy
9 Hewitt Avenue, Toronto, ON M6R 1Y4

Prayer Calendar: We want to encourage the congregation to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17) during these uncertain times. To that end, we've set up a prayer calendar and invite you to sign up to pray at particular times. Our hope is that at any given time, someone from the church is praying. You will be able to view the calendar and see the names of your brothers and sisters who have committed to pray on different days and times. All you need to do is sign for a prayer slot and we will add your name and time to the prayer calendar. The sign-up form and calendar can be found here: (<https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/covid-19-prayer>). If you have any questions, or need assistance, please email the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca.

Community Servant Team: I am sure that many of you are doing well, notwithstanding a little cabin fever. As we look forward into the next few weeks and months, however, we know that may change. We want to be wise and proactive with the time and start thinking through ways we can help one another spiritually and practically in the event that things continue as they are. That is why we are encouraging healthy and able of Westminster Chapel to sign up to be part of the community servant team. We are going to need members of the church who will be able to provide help to others in and around their neighborhood. Prayerfully consider being part of the team! Sign up! <https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/ministries/community-outreach>.

Community Care: There are people all around us who don't have friends or family to help them during this time. This presents all of us with the responsibility and opportunity to offer help and love to those around us. We want to encourage you to interact with neighbours and reach out with help wherever you can. This is also a great opportunity to share the gospel, as this crisis presents us with a way to explain the reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). To that end, we have created two fliers, (one for the Roncesvalles community and one for the non-Roncesvalles community) and we would like you to hand them out to neighbours. The

cards can be found here: <https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/ministries/community-outreach>. If you don't have access to a printer, email the church office and we will mail you a batch of cards.

Westminster Covid Challenge: It isn't too late to submit your videos or written testimonies to George Simopoulos for a chance to win the coveted Calvin and Luther fridge magnets. We're looking for a video or written testimony of something you have been doing or something God has taught you during self-isolation. For example, if you have started doing scripture memorization, record a video of what you've memorized. If you've been reading more, send a book review. If God has taught you about patience, record or write a testimony. **Pastor David will judge whose submission wins on July 1.** Email your videos to george.simopoulos@westminsterchapel.ca. Check out the videos on Westminster Chapel's YouTube channel. The YouTube link can be found on the website (under "News and Notes" on the COVID-19 page).

COVID-19: We will be regularly posting news & notes on the website. Please click the red COVID-19 button of the homepage. You'll also find updates on prayer and community outreach there, along with the order of service for Sundays and the Sunday School resources.