

Weston Presbyterian Church

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“Christ in the Wilderness” by Stanley Spenser

February 18th, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (sung):

*Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love; send us power; send us grace!*

Let us worship God!

Lenten Reading

Hymn: “You thirsty ones”

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Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**You are holy, O God, and merciful,
willing to forgive our transgressions
and the unbelief of our hearts.**

**Through our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone,
we have sullied our relationship with you.**

**We have not loved you or our neighbour as commanded
and have not listened to your call to serve
as Christ served us.**

**We have not been true to the mind of Christ
and have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**Take from us, O God, everything which displeases you:
our unfaithfulness, impatience, and self-indulgence;
our love of comfort and worldly goods;
our negligence in prayer, worship and ministry;
our false judgments and uncharitable thoughts.**

**Take from us these things
and restore us to our estate in Christ
that we may again share the joy of communion with you.
Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination: "Open my eyes" (v. 1) 500

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Old Testament Scripture:

Genesis 9:8-17 (p. 6)

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10, refrain I (red psalter):-

Engaging with THE STORY

Hymn: "The steadfast love of the Lord" 20

Epistle and Gospel Readings:

1 Peter 3:18-22 (p. 985)

Mark 1:9-15 (p. 812)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *“Lord Jesus, who through forty days”* 200

Sermon: *The ‘D-word’*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: *“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”* 205

Offering and Offering Response: *“Doxology”* 830

**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.**

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**God of all creation, you are blessed
and in your love we have abundant life.
Accept us in your service, Lord,
and also these gifts
which we are able to bring through your goodness.
Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluding with
the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: *“Lord of all power”* 626

Call to walk in the Spirit (responsive):

Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration
of our redemption through the death
and resurrection of Jesus.

He is Lord of our lives, the Saviour of the world.

Lent is a time for acknowledging
our ongoing need for repentance
and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed
in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**He has died for our justification
and been raised for our salvation.**

**We live thankfully for our new life with him
in the power of the Spirit.**

Thanks be to God!

Sung Benediction

(Edelweiss)

***May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your heart to see his face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.***

Amen

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Silent Meditation (We leave to share the good news.)

Organ Postlude

***Welcome to our service of worship this morning.
Thank you for joining us. We hope you will come to
Lower Creelman Hall for refreshments and a time of
fellowship after the service.***

***If you are here for the first time, please sign our
guest book at the Cross Street entrance.***

***May God richly bless you and make you a blessing
to many.***

Stewardship Moment

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.

Anonymous



Mission Moment - World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20)

In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities. This all changed when she participated in *PWS&D*–supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live. While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. “We are highly grateful to *PWS&D* for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists.”

PWS&D promotes gender justice.

UPCOMING

Tuesday, **February 20** – *OWA/ISSA*
Church House – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, **March 10** – *Session Meeting*
Church House – 9:30 a.m.

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre is always in need of items of various sorts. For February we will continue to provide personal hygiene items for the Centre's clients, but also items such as warm socks, gloves, and scarves. Know that your support is greatly appreciated. ***Thank you!***



Don't forget the Food Bank!

The need is greater than ever. Any non-perishable food item you can provide would be greatly appreciated. A collection box is located at the back door. Thank you for keeping this important ministry in mind.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Weston Area Service

Friday, March 2nd, 2018

2 p.m.

Weston Presbyterian Church

The service is written by the women of Suriname on the theme "*All God's Creation is Very Good.*"

Everyone is welcome!

Donations of non-perishable food for W.A.E.S. (the food bank) would be appreciated.

Readings for February 25th

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *Abram and Sarai's covenant with God*
Psalms 22:23-31 *God has not hidden God's face*
Romans 4:13-25 *Grace and faith and God's promise*
Mark 8:31-38 *Losing life to save it*



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