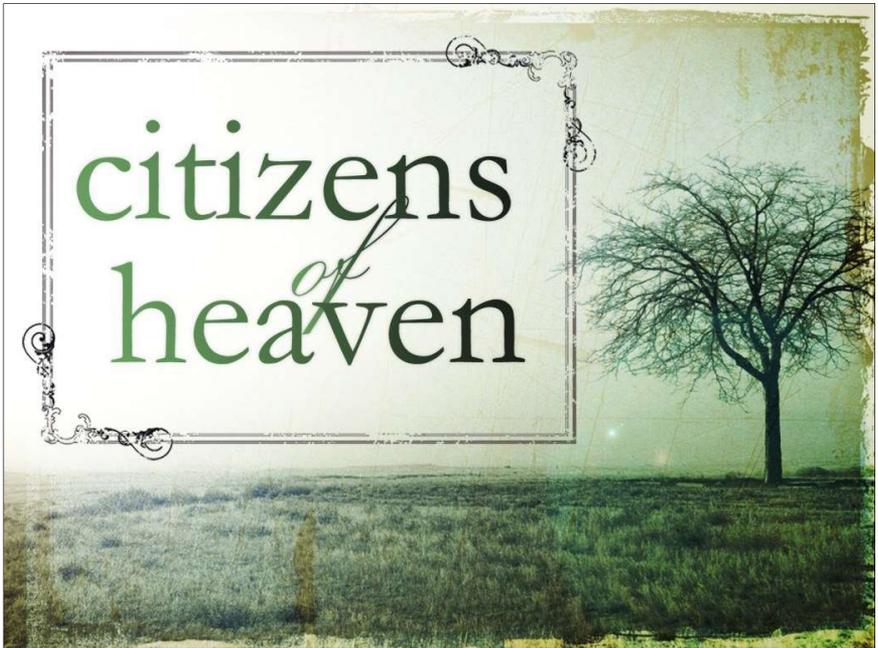


# ***Weston Presbyterian Church***

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**March 17th, 2019**

***Second Sunday in Lent***

**Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

## **THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Organ Prelude

**Lenten Reading**

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**Hymn: “O Lord my God! / How great thou art”**

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Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession and **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, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

### **TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination (unison):**

**Help us, O God, to hear your word  
in such a way as to hear your Voice.  
May your Spirit open our ears  
so our eyes may be opened  
to your glory in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Old Testament Scripture:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

(p. 10)

**Responsive Psalm 27, refrain I (red psalter)**

*Engaging the Children of God*

**Hymn: “Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated” 508**

Epistle and Gospel Readings:

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (p. 955)

Luke 13:31-35 (p. 849)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: “Give to the winds thy fears” 326**

(alt. 558, Festal Song)

**Sermon:** *Citizens of heaven*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn: “Will your anchor hold” 744**

**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):**

**We rejoice in your loving care, O God.**

**Not only have you provided for our every need,**

**you reveal to us who you are in Jesus**

**and through the Spirit, the gift of yourself,**

**enable us to serve you in love.**

**May we sing your praise each and every day. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Hymn: “*Simply trusting every day*”**

**689**

**Call to walk in the Spirit (responsive):**

Stand firm in the Lord.

**We will live without fear.**

Believe the promises of God.

**We will walk with confidence.**

Wait for the Lord and be strong.

**We will love God and one another in word and deed.**

The Lord is with you.

**We will rejoice in the fellowship of the Lord.**

**Sung Benediction**

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.***

***Give thanks to the Holy One.***

***Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.***

***And now let the weak say ‘I am strong.’***

***Let the poor say ‘I am rich.’***

***Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

***Give thanks. Give thanks.***

**Fourfold Amen**

**766**

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.***

**Weston King Neighbourhood Centre** is always in need of items of various sorts. In March, we will continue to provide hair-care products and other hygiene items for the Centre's clients. Know that your support is greatly appreciated.  
***Thank you!***



### ***Mission Moment - Furthering God's work***

Called to respond to suffering caused by disasters and conflict across the globe, the mission and outreach committee of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in Ontario hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser last year in support of *Presbyterian World Service & Development's* emergency relief projects. Generous contributions totalled \$300 for *PWS&D*, which will help save and improve the lives of those living in crisis situations throughout the globe. "Helping communities around the world overcome poverty is what God wants us to do," shared Susan Johnson, elder at Richmond Hill and organizer of the event. "We are humbled and grateful to be able to assist The Presbyterian Church in Canada in furthering God's work."

*PWS&D* connects Canadians to needs across the globe.

## ***Stewardship Moment***

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

### ***UPCOMING***

Tuesday, **March 19** – OWA/ISSA  
Church House – 1:00 p.m.

### ***Psalm 27:1, 4-7, 13-14 (The Message)***

Light, space, zest—that's GOD!  
So, with him on my side I'm fearless,  
afraid of no one and nothing.

I'm asking GOD for one thing, only one thing:  
To live with him in his house my whole life long.  
I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet.

That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world,  
The perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic.

God holds me head and shoulders  
above all who try to pull me down.  
I'm headed for his place to offer anthems  
that will raise the roof!  
Already I'm singing God-songs; I'm making music to GOD.

I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness  
in the exuberant earth.  
Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit.  
I'll say it again: Stay with God.

## ***Living Lent Attentively and Gently***

Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time during which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection that constantly takes place within us. Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and the familiar, and being reborn again into a new hope, a new trust, and a new love. The death and resurrection of Jesus therefore is not just an historical event that took place a long time ago, but an inner event that takes place in our heart when we are willing to be attentive to it.

Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle but also demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also community, it is a time of listening to the voice within, but also a time of paying attention to other people's needs. It is a time to continuously make the passage to new inner life as well as to life with those around us.

When we live Lent attentively and gently, then Easter can truly be a celebration during which the full proclamation of the risen Christ will reverberate into the deepest place of our being.

Henri Nouwen



### ***The many and the few***

There will always be many who love Christ's heavenly kingdom, but few who will bear his cross. Many are eager to be happy with him; few wish to suffer anything for him.

Thomas à Kempis

## Readings for March 24th

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

*Without money buy wine & milk*

*I long for you, O God*

*Not tested beyond our strength*

*The barren fig tree*



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