

CREATE
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PSALM 51:10 ESV

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February 18, 2018 11:15 a.m.
1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

We gather as a family of faith to listen for the voice of God.

**We come eager to encounter our Creator
and to be transformed by God's Spirit.**

Let us open our hearts to God

so that we may live abundant lives.

Song #415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Call to Confession

Time of Confession

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10*

Lent is a time for us to examine our lives, to confess our sin, and to commit ourselves anew to following Christ. As we begin this holy season, we invite you to reflect upon the ways you feel you have fallen short of the glory of God. Have you spoken hurtful words, or offered no words when they were needed? Have you damaged a relationship, or disregarded another? Have you neglected to care for yourself or for others? How have you strayed from Christ's way of love, justice, reconciliation, and peace? For what do you seek forgiveness? We invite you to write or draw a personal prayer of confession on the sheet of paper you received at the beginning of worship. Then pin this sheet to the wooden cross. Trusting that God's grace will make us whole, let us give to God the sins that weigh heavy on our hearts and the sins that barely bother us.

Song #441 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 51:1-12

Cathy Lang, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Greg Jones

Song #427

“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Song #790

“In Silence My Soul Thirsts”

Sending

Song #746

“Send Me, Jesus”

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

Come to the Cross: A Lenten Journey

The story of Easter is a story of reconciliation. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God entered into our broken world to offer forgiveness, to restore us to relationship, and to open the way to eternal life. At the center of this story is the cross – the site of Jesus' suffering and death. During this Lenten journey we invite you to bring your own suffering to the cross of Christ, trusting that the one who triumphs o'er the grave is still at work to heal and transform. Throughout these forty days, the cross in Rodney Chapel will become a visual prayer, representing our lament, our longing, and our hope.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

Image: <https://generation1church.weebly.com/blog/day-2-experiencing-gods-renewal>

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