

Living
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November 19, 2017 11:15 a.m.
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Song #626

“As the Deer”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust in God
and hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We yearn to deepen our faith in God
and to discover God’s guidance.**

Blessed are those who serve God with joy,
touching the lives of others with a spirit of hope.

**We intend to give our best to God,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Song #37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we give thanks for our community of faith
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us
and provide opportunities to share your love with others.
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our souls,
may we discover the work that is ours to do,
and summon the courage to carry it out.
Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence;
inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously;
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture

John 21:15-19

Mary Field, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Serving the World, Finding Our Soul”

Greg Jones

Song #296

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

Offering

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

Song #659

“Know That God Is Good”

Prayers of the People

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.**

Song #647

“Give Thanks”

Sending

Response #648

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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

SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

The Golden Age of the church has passed. Or has it? The church will never regain its place of importance. Or will it? The Christian Church in the West has been on a downward slide for decades. Belief in God remains high among Americans, but church membership is on the decline. Is this the long, slow death of Christianity, or is it the long, slow death of the church as we know it today? Are we living in the final days of the church or could this be the beginning of the reformation of the church?

On seven Sundays this fall, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is absolutely crucial to the state of the world.

October 8	The Church Plays a Critical Role in Society	November 19	Serving the World, Finding Our Soul
October 15	Where Community is Built	December 3	A Prophetic Voice
November 5	Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?	December 10	Where We Find Hope
November 12	Shaping Character		

Previous sermons are available on the literature table and on the church website.

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.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charma Welch and Martin Gravely by Barbara Gravely Welch and Chuck Welch.

Please remember in your prayers Cassandra Piovoso.

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

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