

Westminster United Church



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*"We are a faith community building relationships
with God, all people, and our world."*

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When we step into the unknown, we can count on God's steadfast accompaniment. On the journey, God's loving concern is embodied in individuals and communities. When we tell stories and enact rituals of our journey, we understand again and again what it means to live and move and have our being within God and God's being within us.

If you would like to stay seated for any or all of the "standing" parts of the service, please feel free to do so.

Need a refuge? Our Nursery is located off Memorial Hall, has a speaker system through which to hear the service, and exists for all who may need this space. Memorial Hall approach is via the pulpit side exit.

Prelude / Sharing Announcements / A Time of Greeting

A Time of Silent Preparation—Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

One: Time runs in circles and cycles.

All: Day follows night. Weeks turn into months. Months into years.

One: One generation follows another.

All: Our lives are locked and linked by time.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

We are grateful for the generations that have gone before us, especially people of vision, imagination, and creativity. We know there are still discoveries to be made and problems to be solved.

May we not betray the trust given to us, but be prepared to take our place in the circle of time. Amen.

Hymn #232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

Conversation Time

The Sunday School leaves for their classes.

Prayer for Transformation (*Unison*)

The humility of Elijah is in the Hebrew Scriptures for us, and we understand that sometimes we hit the lowest point before hearing that "still small voice" within. The humility of Mary is in the Christian Scriptures for us, and we learn that an unexpected turn in a life's journey is not accepted without struggle. The humility of Peter is in the Christian Scriptures for us, and it is clear that we can betray what is crucial to us before we see the truth. The humility of Saul is in the Christian Scriptures for us, and we realise that our faith can become dynamic when the light dawns...*(time for silent reflection)*

Words of Assurance (*One*)

Life is full of choices. May we make the choices that bring us peace. Amen.

Biblical Notes / Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Pg. 599

*Other lessons for your personal consideration from today's lections are:
Joshua 3:7-17; Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13.*

Anthem "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"

Matthew 23:1-12 from the Christian Scriptures Pg. 34 (*NRSV*)

Reflection

Hymn #684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Mission Moment Pat Connell

Our Church Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Dedication Hymn #227 "For the Fruit of All Creation" (v. 2)

Prayer of Dedication (*One*)

We are thankful for the gifts we have that we may now share them with this community and communities far from here. May these gifts, now presented, be blessed. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Hymn #595 "We Are Pilgrims"

Commissioning *(One)*

Let us embrace the wonder of this week with expectation and imagination. Peace and justice have need of us after the words, the music, and the gathering. May we be granted the depth for dedication to justice with compassion.

Choral Amen

Hymn #298 “When You Walk from Here”

Postlude

Welcome to Westminster this morning.

Please gather for coffee in Memorial Hall, following worship.

This Week at Westminster *(October 30th – November 5th)*

Sun.	Christian Development	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Worship	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Jr. Choir Practice	11:45 a.m.	Lounge
Tue.	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
Wed.	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Qi Gong	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Thu.	UCW Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Next Week at Westminster *(November 6th – 12th)*

Sun.	Daylight Savings Time ENDED		
	Music & Worship	9:00 a.m.	Lounge
	Local Food Needs	10:00 a.m.	Narthex
	Worship: Remembrance Sunday	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Jr. Choir Practice	11:45 a.m.	Lounge
	Ministry& Personnel	11:45 a.m.	Side Office
Mon.	Property	7:00 p.m.	Westminster Room
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Wed.	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Qi Gong	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Thu.	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Fri.	Remembrance Day—Office Closed		

Friendship Rosters: Please sign the Friendship Roster this morning. It is a helpful record of your worship presence and a way to share special concerns.

Please be mindful of those who suffer from allergies and let us keep WUC a perfume, cologne, and **SCENT FREE** place for worship.

Please remember to **ōFall Backō** on Saturday night so we can gather together Sunday. Clocks go back one hour to reflect the end of **Daylight Savings Time**.

If you are interested in Baptism, Transfer of Membership, or Reaffirmation of Faith, please contact James or the office as soon as possible.

The Westminster Child/Youth/Family group would like to thank you for bottle and cash donations during our 2nd Annual Bottle Drive. **A total of \$647** was collected which will go towards funding future Westminster Family events. We greatly appreciate the support of Westminster's youth!

The **November—December 2011 issue of *The Upper Room*** is now available on the ramp for \$2.00 each.

The **2012 Canadian Church Calendars**, featuring stained glass windows, are available in the office for \$5 each.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: To date we have given out over 427 shawls or lap robes to grieving, sick, or needy individuals. We have sent, 770 toques for newborns and 27 blankets for stillborns, to the hospital. If you know of anyone in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe, please contact the office or one of our knitting group. *Donations of wool, gift bags, or cash to support this ministry will be gratefully appreciated.*

The women of the UCW would like to invite all women of the church to participate in our Poinsettia Tea & Bake Sale. If you wish to donate baking for the bake sale or to help in any way, please contact Yvonne at 403-504-1249.

Westminster UCW's **Poinsettia Tea & Bake Sale** is Saturday, **November 19th** from 2:00 ó 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.50/person. Come and bring a friend.

Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Festival Sale, Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 504 ó 2nd St. S.E. Start checking off your Christmas list early! visit us for a unique shopping experience! *Fair Trade since 1946 www.TenThousand Villages.ca*

Gifts and Goodies Gala - at Fifth Avenue Memorial United on Saturday, November 5th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. You are invited to an event for the whole family. Mini Trade Fair, crafts, bake sale, soup, pie, coffee and more. This fundraiser is sponsored by the United Church Women.

Estate Planning: When some of us opened our first bank accounts, we were given a balance book. We had to fill out a deposit slip, stand in line, and have a teller do the transaction. The bankbook would be updated by hand with the date, amount, and the teller's initials. Today, one can arrange for entire mortgages on line, without signing a single document with a pen. You meet no one and do not even have to leave your home. Who could have envisioned a time when banking could have been done with your computer, at home and without any personalized touch?

The same is true for our worship. Everything in God's time is seasonal. God has created in us an evolving nature. Have you ever thought about worship spaces might look like in the 2050? Have you ever wondered how the mission of the United Church will manifest itself in the years to come? And how you today could be a part of tomorrow's vision?

Please join us as we meet with Kathryn Hofley, your Financial Development Officer for the United Church, on **November 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Salem Room at FAM United Church.** She will be sharing estate planning information and how you can be a part of the United Church of tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank You to all who participate in the Life & Work of the Church! your

contribution is to be celebrated and **we continue to need your help!** If you are interested in:

- Greeting & Ushering
- Hosting Coffee
- Reading Scripture
- Counting the Offering after Worship
- Assisting with Hospital Visitation
- Singing with the Junior or Senior Choirs

Please volunteer your time on the sign-up sheets by Memorial Hall and remember to mark the date on your calendar!

Free trade coffee has been purchased from Lifeline Haiti for their efforts to make life easier for Haitian children. Anyone wishing to support this worthwhile cause, through a free-will offering, the coffee will be brewed separately to prevent waste. It is labelled, *“In support of Lifeline Haiti.”*

PAR—Pre-Authorized Remittance:

Myth: I can't find how to sign up, so can't be bothered.

Fact: The sign up forms are located in the back of the pews. They are printed on salmon or yellow sheets. Fill it out and place it with a voided cheque in the offering plate or hand it in to the office or to Donna Scharf.

Myth: It is just as easy to put your donation in an envelope each week.

Fact: You sometimes miss Sundays or go away on holidays and you fall behind. With PAR the church knows the exact amount coming in each month and can budget accordingly. The church has to buy the envelopes and counters are needed every Sunday.

Celebrations This Week

Birthdays: *Theresa Hardiker, Stuart Hardiker, Leonard Klaudt, Viola Foster, Alex Irvine, Ben Irvine, Bill Scott, Bill Taylor, and Brenda Wallsmith.*

Anniversaries: *Leonard & Esther Klaudt.*

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning in loving memory and to celebrate the life of father, **Earle** by **Sharon Clay**.

South Alberta Presbytery: *Our prayers this week are requested for Grace Anglican United pastoral Charge & the Rev. Janni Belgum.*

Our Order of Ministry This Morning

Sunday School Co-ordinator	Jackie Carlson
Greeters & Ushers	UCW
Coffee Hosts	UCW
Scripture Reader	Al Olson
Elder-in-Charge	Pat Evans

Next Week's Readings for Remembrance Sunday: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70; Matthew 25:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.*

Stewardship Thought for Today

When we are gone, what legacy will we leave? Will it be one of generous giving from God's abundance, or one of hoarding and fear?

by Kathie Murphy (General Council Office)