



The Order of Worship

**December 11, 2016
11:00 A.M.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE *Pieds-en-l'air* (from the *Capriol Suite*) Peter Warlock
Westminster Strings

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Ann Allison-Coté and Kathy Allison-Coté

INTROIT *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Kenneth Dake

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. (Refrain)

Frans Mikael Franzen

Chancel Choir
Westminster Choristers
Kathryn Gawne, Violin

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146, Isaiah 40

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: **Our hope is in the LORD our God, who made heaven and earth, who executes justice for the oppressed, who lifts up those who are weighed down... Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) *Comfort, Comfort You My People* Psalm 42

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, the light of your love shines in this Advent season, but in its radiance we also seek the darkness around and within us. The intensity of these pre-Christmas days heightens our joys and magnifies our sorrows. Search us, O God, and remove anything that would prevent us from bearing good fruit with our lives. Where there is hatred, heal us with your love; where there is anxiety, calm us with your peace; where there is despair, strengthen us with hope and joy; where we have failed to see you in a stranger, failed to love you in our brothers and sisters, and failed to serve you in our neighbors, forgive and renew us in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

(Congregation singing—music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Cameron Sears

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-11

MAGNIFICAT *Magnificat a 4* Giacomo Antonio Perti

Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo. Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes. Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est; et sanctum nomen ejus. Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui. Deposuit potentes de sede, exaltavit humiles. Esurientes implevit bonis, et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum. Recordatus misericordiae suae. Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His

mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Luke 1:46-55

Chancel Choir
Westminster Strings

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

(See above)

***HYMN NO. 2** (blue hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol

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.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS *Wake, O Shepherds* Jean-Philippe Rameau

Wake, O shepherds, hear, the story of the Babe in Bethlehem. Angels fill the sky with glory like a heav'nly diadem, and sing a song, loud and clear, of praise to the Lord of heaven, the Father, almighty King. The Lord above, the Lord of love has sent to the earth a Savior! His glory forever sing!

Shepherds, up! and hasten yonder to adore the King of love. Kneeling there in awe and wonder, blend your hymns with those above, (Refrain)

Ronald A. Nelson

Boys' and Girls' Choirs
Kathryn Gawne, Violin
Eileen Rudd, Organ

Balulalow Peter Warlock

O my dear hert, young Jesus sweet, Prepare thy credil in my spreit, And I sall rock thee in my hert And never mair from thee depert. But I sall praise thee evermore With sangis sweet unto thy glor': The knees of my hert sall I bow, And sing that richt Balulalow.

James, John, and Robert Wedderburn, 1561
Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Chancel Choir
Westminster Strings
Eileen Rudd, Organ

***AT THE PRESENTATION** *Doxology* No. 591 (blue hymnal) Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

ANTHEM O Gracious Light Scott Perkins
O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.
from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979
Chancel Choir

***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Veni Emmanuel
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
***POSTLUDE** Partita XI Georg Böhm
(from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*)
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and Tolson Bell
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS:
December 8-14 – Linda Rutherford
December 15-21 – Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Jake Phillips
GREETERS: Joyce Ryan and Brenda Seip
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: John and Elizabeth Salsbery, Owen and Ian Salsbery
SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley
USHERS: Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Rick and Janice Rawe, Lalla Phillips

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Henley Elizabeth Grobe, granddaughter of Mark and Angela Grobe. Henley's parents are Danielle and Andy.
OUR THANKS to the many musicians enriching our worship this morning: the members of the Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs; the Westminster Choristers; and the Westminster Strings. Many thanks to Katy Gawne for accompanying the choirs, Jennifer Bloch for assisting the Westminster Strings, and Eileen Rudd for accompanying the Boys' and Girls' Choirs and playing continuo on the Perti.

ADULT SERVICE PROJECT! For all adults 21+ years, we are working at the Angel Tree Distribution center on Thursday, December 15 from 6-8 p.m. (Please be prompt, as we need to enter the distribution center as a group.) The center is in the old Farragut Kroger (Kingston Pike across the street from Farragut High.) After we "santa it up", we'll go get dinner!! Questions? Call Barbara at 865-584-3957.

2017 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2017 flower dedications. We ask for a \$65.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.



A BRIEF SESSION MEETING has been called today immediately following the worship service. We will meet in the McKinnon Room.

**Potluck Dinner, Christmas Craft Night and Jazz Concert
Wednesday, December 14th - 5:30 p.m.**

We'll provide chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. After dinner we'll make Christmas crafts, and the Knoxville Jazz Orchestra will present their Christmas Jazz Concert at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this fun evening!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts.

Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: Join us next Sunday, December 18th at our annual Christmas breakfast during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is provided by volunteers from each Ministry Team. Come and enjoy this great Christmas tradition at Westminster!

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

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I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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ADVENT GIFT OPPORTUNITY

When Knoxville area teens run afoul of the law, they are sent to the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center. These young people range in age from 14-17, and are both boys and girls. They may be there for several days, weeks, or months. This Advent season, as we did last year, we would like to show God's love to them, to let them know that someone is thinking of them and praying for them. If you would like to participate, bring a Christmas gift bag with any of the following items in it:

- Hats, scarves, gloves, harmonicas, Yo-Yos, socks, slippers, combs, brushes, small mirrors, nail polish, lipstick, hair ornaments, small games, books, pens, pencils, writing papers, chocolate, candy, etc. or other small things for a teen.

Put your bag on the gift table in the Schilling Gallery by **Sunday, December 18**. We will add a tag telling the teen that the gift comes to them from Westminster with our prayers, and we'll deliver the gifts to the Center before Christmas. Thanks to the whole Westminster family for your giving spirit!

December Events

- Wednesday, December 14**
5:30 p.m. - Advent Craft Night, Jazz Concert and Potluck Dinner
- Sunday, December 18**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Christmas Breakfast
- Saturday, December 24**
5:00 and 11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship
- Sunday, December 25**
Worship at 11:00 a.m. only

THE SESSION

Class of 2017: Phil Barnette, Bitsy Ingram, William Milam, Bryan Powell, Brenda Seip
Youth Elder: Tolson Bell
Class of 2018: Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda Van Beke, Wes Williams, Michael Yates
Class of 2019: Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Terry Crow, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley
Trustees: Larry Ridley, Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer