



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 8, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Dieterich Buxtehude
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6/Psalm 95

Leader: With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 464** (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in living out the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 10:34-43

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“When the rain washes you clean, you’ll know, you’ll know”

“Dreams” – Fleetwood Mac

***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

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 Méditation (from 24 Pieces in Free Style) Louis Vierne

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 276** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar J. S. Bach

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night
(from the Orgelbüchlein)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and Wes Williams
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Abby Hatmaker and Ella Wright

GREETERS (11:00): Scott and Linda Rutherford

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Janet and Peter Tortorelli, Julia Tortorelli

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and John Styron

(11:00) Marlene Browning, Sue Caradine, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Don Byerly

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Mission Service team will provide our refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER will be back January 11. Our first night will be Open Mic Night! Did you take a fabulous trip in this country or beyond during 2016? Would you like to share a few of your best pictures and stories? We will give you a chance to share for five minutes or so that evening. Just put your pictures on a thumb drive and we’ll take it from there. All you have to do is put on your best travelogue voice. Please let Mary Boyd know if you’d like to participate.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson. The lesson will be led by Tim Crais, and breakfast will be provided by Buz Johnson. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, January 12. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

Ruthie Carey Pavilion

It’s been said that the buildings we create inspire us and reflect who we are. Within a few weeks, a team led by Tom Byerley will finalize design plans for a multi-use pavilion on WPC grounds dedicated to the memory of Ruthie Carey. The hope is to begin construction in the spring. The project is funded exclusively from generous donations made by Ruthie’s friends and family, WPC members and the community-at-large. To date, more than \$102,000 has been raised. That is a good start, but significant additional funding is needed. To make a donation, please make your check payable to WPC, noting that it’s for the Ruthie Carey pavilion.

VISIT FROM ONE OF THE PC(USA) CO-MODERATORS: Westminster will welcome the Rev. Jan Edmiston January 28th and 29th. We will host an informal town hall/potluck supper Saturday evening, and she will preach at both services Sunday morning. She will meet with students at UKirk at the University of Tennessee at lunch on Monday.

Rev. Edmiston attended Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton-Centre, Massachusetts and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. She currently serves as Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry at the Presbytery of Chicago, and was elected Co-Moderator (with the Rev. Denise Anderson) of the 222nd General Assembly in Portland in June of 2016.

Throughout her parish ministry years, she served as moderator of the social justice committee (Albany Presbytery) and personnel committee (National Capital Presbytery), as well as taking leadership roles in the areas of church revitalization, new church development, and presbytery council in both presbyteries.

Adult Sunday School

- Bible Study** Library
This group takes a deep look at Scripture, mixed with lots of laughter.
- The Wired Word** Prayer Room
Using stories pulled from the headlines, the class takes a look at how we take our faith into the world.
- Topics** McKinnon Room
We are starting the year with Mike Slaughter’s book/video series, *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Christ*.
- Faith and Life** Fellowship Hall
January 8-22, we will discuss Civil Dialogue, When Conversation Matters, Are We Not of Interest to Each Other.
- Coffee House** Schilling Gallery

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- Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
- Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
- Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
- Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
- Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

THE SESSION

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
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Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

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