



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**January 15, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180 Dieterich Buxtehude
Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) The Three Kings Peter Cornelius
arr. Neil Jenkins

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star; and this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn king of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the king; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray: the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary’s child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the king: gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man! Lo, to Bethlehem the kings are trav’ling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant king. Offer thy heart!

trans. H. N. Bate

John Harrison, Tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; God inclined to me and heard my cry. The LORD drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

People: **The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Blessed are those who put their trust in the LORD.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) *Book of Common Worship*

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts
are restless until they rest in you.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***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 Isaiah 49:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Open your eyes, look up to the skies and see...”

“Bohemian Rhapsody” – Queen

***HYMN NO. 394** (blue hymnal) There Is a Balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live

in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 ANTHEM

(9:00) The Three Kings Peter Cornelius
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Great Day! African-American spiritual
Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. Oh, Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.

The chariot rode on the mountaintop, God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. My God spoke and the chariot did stop. God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. (Refrain)

This is the day of Jubilee, God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. God shall set the people free. God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. (Refrain)
African-American spiritual

***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. 334** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land
Go Down Moses

(Verse 1: Choir; verses 2 and 3: All)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johannes Petzold
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and Michael Yates
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY 15-31: Linda Rutherford
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): Lane Palmer and Jake Palmer

GREETERS (11:00): Kaye Davis and Brenda Seip

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Tyler and Daniele Wear, Lucy Gordon and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) Leslie Versen and Genet Weber

(11:00) Reed Ellis, Scott Carley, Mary Lou Crow, Nancy Cundall, Bob Daverman

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe to honor special office staff and helpers.

OUR THANKS to John Harrison for his enrichment of our worship this morning.

THE PRELUDE THIS MORNING makes use of the tremulant, a mechanism on the winding system of the organ that intermittently leaks small amounts of air, causing the wind pressure to fluctuate with a periodicity (thus creating vibrato), lending additional gentleness and expressivity to music such as this morning’s ornamented chorale prelude.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow. We will open at 9:00 a.m Tuesday.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet January 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the library. This month, we will discuss *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Dr. Buran Phillips will join us to share his thoughts on this historic work. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

BLT: BIBLE, LUNCH, THEOLOGY: Dr. Phillips’ Biblical Studies Class will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 17th in the McKinnon Room at noon. Our first class will pick up with I Corinthians, chapters 15 & 16, and then the next Tuesday we will move into II Corinthians. The classes are mostly independent, so feel free to read the material and come join us at any time.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Join us this week for a program entitled, “The Last Billion Years,” presented by Don Byerly. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m, followed by our program at 6:30.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is Sunday, January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

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 this project a reality. To make a donation, please make your check payable to WPC, noting that it’s for the Ruthie Carey pavilion.

LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH: All ladies of Westminster are invited to gather for lunch on Thursday, January 19 at 11:30 at Cazzy’s Corner Grill (2099 Thunderhead Rd. – at the corner of Northshore and Thunderhead Rd., which is the road that takes you to Northshore Elementary School). Young, old or in-between; single or married; all are welcome. It is a time of fellowship and sharing together. We gather once a month during the school year on the 3rd Thursday at various restaurants. You order just what you want from the menu, and everyone pays for their own meal. We hope you will come and join us. If you can come or want to be put on the contact list for future gatherings, please call or email Georgann Byerley by Tuesday, January 17.

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.

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

MLK Parade - Come March With Us!

The WPC youth would like to invite you to march with us in the Knoxville Martin Luther King Parade. This amazing experience allows us to literally march down MLK boulevard, marching for peace and unity with a rainbow of friends. We will meet at the parking lot of 1st Presbyterian Church (downtown- 620 State St.) at 9 a.m. There will be a shuttle to drop off at Tabernacle Baptist (parade start) and pick up at the Greater Warner Tabernacle (parade end.) All are invited to go to lunch afterwards! Come be the change you wish to see...

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 15-22, we will discuss Civil Dialogue, When Conversation Matters, Are We Not of Interest to Each Other.
- Coffee House** Schilling Gallery

THE SESSION

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

TRUSTEES

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