



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**February 26, 2017  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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**

(9:00) Duello Amoroso Adriano Banchieri  
Brass Choir

(11:00) Duello Amoroso and Mattinata Adriano Banchieri

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalms 99*

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**People: The Lord is great; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**People: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity and righteousness.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**People: For the Lord our God is holy!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 478** (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**God of compassion,  
In Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
But we turn away, distracted by our own plans.  
We confess that we speak when we should listen,  
And act when we should wait.  
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.  
Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
And to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**\*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 ...**

**HISTORY**

Exodus 24:12-18

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Bryan Powell

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON**

“Turning For Home”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

*“Jesus...led them up a high mountain, by themselves.” – Matthew 17:1*

**\*HYMN NO. 344** (blue hymnal) Christ of the Upward Way *Sursum corda*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealing with us. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created us and endowed us with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God, to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of all life.**

**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) Mattinata Adriano Banchieri

Brass Choir

(11:00) Transfiguration Joel Martinson

We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heav’nly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Carl P. Daw

**\*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. 423** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

*Duke Street*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Brenda Seip and Phil Barnette  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS :**

February 16-28: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

March 1-15: Susan Baughman and Sue McSween

**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**

**ACOLYTE** (11:00): Griffen Oros

**GREETERS** (11:00): Frank and Marty Marsh

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Lucy Gordon and Ellie Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Christie Dowling

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Bill Rudd, Scott Rutherford, Jay Schmid, Rick and Janice Rawe

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 Derek and Helen Dowty in honor of Hugh Pelham’s second birthday.

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** comes from the second of two suites of organ music by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault. Every occasion I play this music, I am happily reminded of the late Jayme McMurry and her late husband, Searle, who gave me the volume containing these as a gift not long after joining the Chancel Choir in the early 1980s. During their time in this church they were wonderfully generous, devoted, and steadfast supporters of the choirs and the music program, and their gift towards our sanctuary organ enabled Westminster’s organ committee and the organbuilders to design an instrument that would bring to life centuries of organ repertoire, beautifully accompany the choirs, and inspire our hymn singing. Thanks be to God always for bringing Jayme and Searle into our midst!

Peter Van Eenam

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

**KIDS’ CLUB** meets in the Fellowship Hall today following the 11:00 worship service. We’ll have lunch, then package rice and beans for FISH Hospitality Pantries. Thank you to the WPC congregation for your donations.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**March 1 - 7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup> as we begin our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent continues for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

**WOMEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

**DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT** are available on the credenza in the narthex.

**Lenten Study**

Join Rev. John Muntz in the McKinnon Room at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings during Lent for a study about Sabbath. The series is an exploration of Sabbath as a rhythm of life that fosters care for creation, rebalances our relationship with work, grounds Sabbath in biblical teaching and tradition, connects Sabbath to justice, roots it in community, infuses Sabbath with joy, places Sabbath at the heart of loving God and neighbor, and ties Sabbath to the Lord’s Day.

The video series features some of the country’s leading theologians, including Brian McLaren, Amy-Jill Levine, Dorothy Bass, Walter Brueggemann, and many others.

**Cook-Off With A Twist**

**Sunday, March 5**

**5:00 p.m.**

The youth are hosting another of their famously delicious Chili/Soup and Dessert cook-offs on Sunday, March 5. This one has a wonderful “twist.” It’s at dinner time! We are partnering with the Maryville College Choir to bring you a “two-fer” event. First, we’ll enjoy a fabulous cook-off meal, and those that wish can hear Maryville’s opening concert to kick off their annual spring choir tour. Our own Sam Phillips will be featured in the performance.

**Sign-ups have begun** for soup, chili and dessert entries. Everyone is invited to join us for the meal, and to vote for your favorites. Cook-off proceeds will benefit our Stop Hunger Now project. Thanks for supporting Westminster's youth (and their BIG-idea service projects!)



**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Sign-ups are underway for our March 24<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery. Our meal will be catered by Naples Italian Restaurant.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2020, one Youth Elder for the class of 2018, and one Trustee for the class of 2020. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: William Milam (Chair), Leigh Dunlap (Vice-chair), Paula Hogan, John Johnson or Shirley Wittman.

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**COMMUNITY CHEST OF KNOXVILLE** will be taking donations of clothing and small household items on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension (800 Northshore Drive). You can also bring items directly to the Community Chest (122 W. Scott Avenue 37917) during hours of operation, Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**STYROFOAM RECYCLING:** The recycler who was taking our styrofoam is no longer available, and we are unable to continue to collect styrofoam at Westminster.

**Upcoming Worship Opportunities**

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series, March 8 - April 12, 5:45 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 13, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 16, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**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 explores how we take our faith into the world.

**Faith and Life** Fellowship Hall

Spirituality and Mental Health

**Coffee House** Schilling Gallery

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2017**

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**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

**TRUSTEES**

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