

First Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 5, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

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. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper.

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

PRELUDE Pastorale in F, Part III J. S. Bach
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
INTROIT (11:00) Praise Him J. S. Bach
Praise him the great Creator. For his goodness; for his bounty show'ed upon us throughout the year. Praise the Lord.
Unknown
Boys' and Girls' Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.

People: **In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.**

Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and nourishes us.

People: **In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.**

Leader: Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.

People: **We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to recognize you as you come to us in Scripture, in the Christ, in worship, in those we love and in the stranger, and

even in the challenges and changes we face. Forgive us for thinking that you are absent when we are absentminded about you. Forgive us for overstepping the limits of our humanity and living as if we have no need of you. Forgive us, heal our spirits, bring wholeness to our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell
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** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Amy Rawe

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Puer nobis nascitur*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC(USA)

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. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 ANTHEM

(9:00) Praise Him J. S. Bach

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Harold W. Friedell
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath, Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life that killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a

Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

George Herbert

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

This great thanksgiving prayer is part of a larger prayer prepared by an International Committee on Peace and Justice. Since the words of institution are included in this prayer, they are not said in the invitation to the Lord's table, or in relation to the breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

HYMN NO. 85 (blue hymnal) (11:00) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*
(Verse 2)

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

HYMN NO. 85 (blue hymnal) (11:00) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*
(Verse 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig Otto Abel
O Guiltless Lamb of God

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

Natalie Sleeth

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (11:00)**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren

Johann Gottfried Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Susan Baughman in honor of and with gratitude for Peter Van Eenam's music ministry as well as those who contribute to the music program.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in honor of Hannah Grace Lee. She was born February 25th to Christy and Jonathan Lee. Her grandparents are Tim and Anne Crais.

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PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and Michael Yates
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR 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.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ian Salsbery and Jake Phillips

GREETERS (11:00): Gordon and Robin Greeson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Sophia Manrod and Caroline McRae

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling, John Salsbery, Gary Rowcliffe

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

Larry Ridley

Paul Jorden

Alice Mercer

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

HAROLD FRIEDEL (1905-1958) was one of this country's finest church musicians, having studied organ and improvisation with David McK. Williams and composition with Roger Sessions. Friedell went on to serve on the faculties of Juilliard and the Guilmont Organ School, and he taught composition at the Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music. In 1946, he succeeded David McK. Williams at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study

Library

This group takes a deep look at Scripture, mixed with lots of laughter.

Lenten Study

McKinnon Room

Rev. John Muntz leads us in our study of Sabbath.

Coffee House

Schilling Gallery

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, March 9 at

7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our meeting and lesson. The lesson, entitled "Rewriting the Code of Life" will be led by Don Byerly. Breakfast will be provided by Bud Cunningham. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 9. 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 (405-3828).

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: All ladies of Westminster are invited to gather for lunch on Thursday, March 16 at 11:30 at Parkside Grill (338 N Peters Road). 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, please call Georgann Byerley at 865-675-5040 or send an email to t_gbyerley@yahoo.com by Tuesday, March 14.

THE DISPLAY OF ARTWORK in the Schilling Gallery is by our very own Shirley Wittman. The showcases have glasswork by Johnny Glass as well as paintings by Lauren Lazerus.

**YOUTH CHILI/SOUP AND DESSERT COOK-OFF
5:30 P.M.**



Everyone is invited to join us for our Chili/Soup and Dessert cook-off this evening. Come and enjoy the meal, and vote for your favorite entries. Cook-off proceeds will benefit our *Stop Hunger Now* project (which will be held on May 21). After dinner, we have the opportunity to hear Maryville College Choir's opening concert to kick off their annual spring choir tour.

**MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT
Tonight at 7:00 PM**



The Maryville College Concert Choir and their Jazz and Pop ensembles will be presenting a concert in the sanctuary after you finish our yummy chili, soup, bread, and dessert(s). The choir will be eating with us, so we will have a unique opportunity to meet everyone before the concert.

WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm



Sign-ups are underway for our March 24th Progressive Dinner. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery. Our meal will be catered by Naples Italian Restaurant. A nursery will be provided by our Nursery staff.