



The Order of Worship

April 9, 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, 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) Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms
Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

(11:00) In paradisum (from the *Requiem*) Gabriel Fauré
 trans. Hal H. Hopson

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Leader: Come and join the festal procession, branches in hand, to the altar of the LORD.

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 155** (red hymnal) All Glory, Laud, and Honor *St. Theodulph*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Often our faith is as fickle as the crowds of people around Jesus

who shouted “Hosanna in the Highest” one moment and “Crucify him” the next. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

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 Matthew 21:1-11

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

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Matthew
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
 The best lack all conviction, while the
 worst are full of passionate intensity.”

“The Second Coming,” by W. B. Yeats

***HYMN NO. 101** (blue hymnal) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Philippians 2:5-11

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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) In paradisum (from the *Requiem*) Gabriel Fauré
 (11:00) All Glory, Laud, and Honor J.S. Bach
 (from *Cantata No. 95 “Christus, der ist mein Leben”*)

All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee, Redeemer King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.

From *The Passion According to St. John:*

To Thee, before Thy Passion, They sang their hymns of praise: To Thee,

now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

St. Theodulph of Orleans

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs
 Chancel Choir
 Westminster Choristers
 Helen Bryenton, Violin

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 89** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)
 Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You
 Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d’anches
 (from *Mass for the Parishes*) François Couperin

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and JP Mackay

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL 1-15: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Lane Palmer and Jake Palmer

GREETER (11:00): Mary Lou Crow

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Cara and Spencer Chattin, Ella and Josie Chattin

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Boys’, Chancel, Girls’, and Handbell Choirs; and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Gordon and Robin Greeson, Bill Holt, Judy and Paul Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Deborah and Norm Estep to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

OUR THANKS to Helen Bryenton for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the choirs.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is an artful transcription of the last movement of the Fauré *Requiem*. Its ethereal melody line is accompanied by an equally mysterious and deeply peaceful harmonic language. To further add to the aura, the handbells’ clappers are set to the softest setting. The Chancel Choir performed the entire original version of the *Requiem* in May 1987.

SHOW AND WAMS: All the youth (grades 5-12) will gather after the late service in the Gallery and go out for Blaze Pizza (Turkey Creek) and mini golf (Putt-Putt-Farragut!) It's our own Westminster Pro-Am!!! Once again we’ll have the High School, Middle School, and adults competing with each other to separate the “pro’s” from the “am’s.” Last time, the Senior Highs were victorious. Parents are welcome to come along (and a couple are needed to drive.) It’s a beautiful day, come join the fun!!! Bring \$12 for lunch, Barbara will pay for golf.

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING: Easter Sunday typically brings one of our largest attendances - and our largest number of vehicles trying to park. Although our recently completed additional parking provides many new spaces, it was not designed to handle Easter-type parking. Please try to limit yourselves to one vehicle per family and even consider carpooling with your friends. We will have parking lot ushers to help facilitate the process. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Katherine Paterson is coming to Westminster!

Katherine Paterson, one of the most awarded, best-loved American writers, is coming to speak at Westminster on Sunday, April 23 at 2:00. Some of Ms. Paterson’s most-celebrated works are *The Bridge To Terabithia* (Newbery winner), *Jacob Have I Loved* (Newbery Winner), and *The Great Gilly Hopkins* (Newbery Honor.) Being Presbyterian is very important to Ms. Paterson. Daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, she grew up in China. She attended King College in Bristol and upon graduation, was a missionary in Japan for 4 years. She married a Presbyterian minister, and began her writing career by writing confirmation curriculum for the PC(USA). We’re pleased to partner with Maryville College in having Ms. Paterson as our guest.

SCOTLAND TOUR: We have received a proposal for the tour to Scotland! Mary Boyd will lead an informational meeting today in the library, immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the McKinnon Room. Jack Draper will lead our lesson entitled, “My Connection to the Game of Golf.” Don Byerly will provide breakfast.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday. 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.

COME BY THE SCHILLING GALLERY to see all the beautiful art on display! Shirley Wittman’s masterpieces are hanging on the wall. Two local artists have work for sale in the display cases, and stained glass art done by our SHOW and WAMS youth hangs in the windows.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those affected by natural disasters, and resources for communities working to resolve oppression and injustice.

Holy Week Schedule		
Wednesday, April 12	5:45 p.m.	Soup Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Series
Thursday, April 13	8:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Easter Sunday, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayers for our Westminster Children

We’d like to give you an opportunity to keep our amazing Westminster children in your prayers, one child at a time. On Easter Sunday, there will be a basket of prayer eggs available during our Easter breakfast. If you would like to participate, please take an egg, which will contain the name of a child for you to lift up in prayer from Easter until school starts in the fall. We have lots of children, so this will be a mighty effort, with lots of prayers rising. You do not need to keep your name a secret – you can tell the children and their parents you are praying for them. Think of what a connection you will have with one of our precious children.

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EASTER FLOWERS
Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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**Westminster Players Present
“The Turn of the Screw”
April 28 and April 29, 7:00 p.m.**

The play is adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the story by Henry James. It is quite a mystery. We hope you’ll plan to attend one of the performances.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign up today for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 30th at noon at the home of Betty and Leonard McKeehan. We will be honoring our 2017 graduating high school seniors. We have hired the Knoxville Trolley to get us to and from the picnic that day. We’ll enjoy duck races along the creek, a picnic lunch and fellowship time with one another. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lenten Study McKinnon Room
Rev. John Muntz leads us in our study of Sabbath. Today we’ll talk about Sabbath and Sunday, “The Lord’s Day.”
Coffee House Schilling Gallery

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Are you new to Westminster? Are you interested in joining, but want to know more? We have a class for you! *Welcome to Westminster* will meet on three consecutive Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21. Led by Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the class will tell you everything you need to know about being part of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please join us at 10:00 to get the scoop!