



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 8 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *Truro*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, the season of Advent reminds us that there is within us a hunger that only you can satisfy. Yet we are such an impatient people. Like the culture around us, we want spiritual fast food, not the nourishing food that comes through perseverance, quiet reflection, service and gratitude. We want immediate blessings rather than undergo the slow transformation of allowing you to reshape our lives. Come to us in our anxiety and fear, that we might come to you with repentant hearts and once again rediscover your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

(Congregation singing — music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

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

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"It's the end of the world as we know it...and I feel fine." -REM

*HYMN NO. 2 (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We have a message of hope for a fearful time. In our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion over suspicion and equality over domination, and finds security in joined hands rather than massed arms. We honor the dignity of every person and the intrinsic value of every creature, and pray and work for the day when none "labor in vain or bear children for calamity." We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action, trusting in the God who makes all things new.

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) Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme harm. J. S. Bach

Magnificat primi toni Johann Pachelbel

(11:00) Rorate caeli *Rorate caeli*

arr. David Hurd

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our Holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. (Antiphon)

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us because of our iniquities. (Antiphon)

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. (Antiphon)

Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy redeemer. (Antiphon)

Rorate caeli, Isaiah 45:8

Meredith Mackay, Cantor

Members of the Handbell Choir

*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

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. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 1)

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our

God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

(Prayer continues)...We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 2)

Picardy

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords,

in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the

faithful His own self for heavenly food.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Order of Worship

December 3, 2017

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 J. S. Bach

Come, Thou Savior of the Nations

(from the Orgelbüchlein)

(11:00) Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme harm. J. S. Bach

Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Magnificat primi toni Johann Pachelbel

trans. Robert King

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Richard and Kay Ward

(11:00) Stephen and Sarah Fortney and Penny Tschantz

CALL TO WORSHIP attr. St. Ambrose, 4th century

Leader: When we open our doors to all seekers and sojourners,

People: **When we open our hearts to truth and faith,**

Leader: When we put aside all judgmental thoughts and envy,

People: **When we put aside the selfishness that wounds and destroys,**

Leader: When we dare to envision all peoples as one and at peace,

People: **When we dare to trust the power of divine love,**

ALL: **The Lord our Messiah finds a welcome among us and our worship**

comes alive with joy!

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Variations I and II Anton Heiller
(from *Variations on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*)
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699 J. S. Bach

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**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and Scott Brunger
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 1-15: Bill and Bonnie Rogers
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ella Chattin and Gracie Kringen

GREETERS (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir
(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs and Members of the Handbell Choir

SAFETY TEAM: Jerry Carley

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Kathy Huck and Leslie Versen
(11:00) Betty and Leonard McKeehan, Alice and Charlie Mercer, and Lalla Phillips

THIS MORNING’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is a mystical setting of the Gregorian chant *Rorate caeli*, sung most commonly in the Catholic Church during Advent. Handbells, playing somewhat angular tonal clusters, introduce the piece. Over this type of accompaniment, the cantor sings the words of Isaiah 45:8 as the antiphon (or refrain), followed by a repetition by the full choir. The verses are then sung in alternation, first by the men and then the women, each being followed by the full choir singing the antiphon. With this structure, the verses, which could be interpreted as a series of prayers expressing penitence, longing, and comfort, are framed by the Isaiah passage.

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

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

ADVENT CALENDARS are available on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.

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

SHOW is leaving right after church for the Angel Tree Distribution Center. We will get lunch on the way there and be back by 4:00!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

ADULT SERVICE PROJECT: On Wednesday, December 6, from 5-8 PM all Westminster adults (18+) are invited to help at the Angel Tree Distribution Center, 11238 Kingston Pike, the old Kroger building, with checking, sorting and organizing thousands of gifts for the angel tree kids. You can arrive at any time to help. After our job is done we will go out to dinner together! See Barbara for more information.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: Join us December 13, for this annual event. We will meet in the Schilling Gallery for a potluck dinner at 5:45, then rotate through craft tables in the McKinnon Room. The Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00. A night of food, crafts, and holiday music- what fun!
FISH DELIVERY needs big HELP for December delivery people!! With children being home the last 2 weeks of December the need for extra groceries, will be GREAT! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on December 14, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help Westminster reach those in need this holiday season.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING is Saturday, December 16. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

Sunday School: Pre-K (3-5 YO), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades. Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.



Our youth and children want to invite everyone to attend JUNIE B. JUNES: JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN SMELLS, P.S. SO DOES MAY

Junie B, first grader, and her arch rival May teach us how to be givers in this Christmas Season.
Join us next Sunday, December 10, 6:00 PM
All are welcome for this free event and child care will be available.

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children’s Ministries

Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Bible Study	Library
Feasting on the Word (Lectionary-based Bible study)	McKinnon Room
Welcome to Westminster	Fellowship Hall

JUNIE B. JONES REHEARSALS: The last rehearsals are this Sunday, Thursday and Saturday at 5:00 PM, a light meal will be provided at each. On 12/10, the curtain goes up at 6:00 PM. A meal will be provided for the cast and crew that day, too.

THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS changes with the Liturgical Seasons. White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all High Holy Days and festival days of the church year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and the first Sunday of each month for Communion. Over the last several years, more and more liturgical churches have returned to using blue as the color associated with the season of Advent. Blue was used, in fact, until the Middle Ages, when blue dye became too expensive to produce and purple was substituted. Thus, the color purple was used for both advent as well as the season of Lent. This year Westminster joins many churches in returning to the color blue for reasons both historical and theological. Blue was the color associated with the Virgin Mary, and the season of Advent finds us waiting with her for the birth of God incarnate in the baby Jesus. Further, while Lenten purple marks a time of penitence and a focus on the suffering of our Lord, the color blue reminded early Christians that Advent was a season focused on hope, expectation and the anticipation of those awaiting the birth of the Savior.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We have received 152 pledges for our 2018 operating year with a total of \$617,136.00 This is a great stat but we need everyone’s participation to meet the Asking Budget of \$875,353. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda VanBeke, Wes Williams, Michael Yates, and Youth Elder Clara Oakes

Class of 2019: Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Vicki Mayfield, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid

Class of 2020: Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Susan McKeehan, Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Trustees: Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer, Reed Ellis

ADVENT GIFT OPPORTUNITY

When Knoxville area teens run afoul of the law, they are sent to the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center. These young people range in age from 14-17, and are both boys and girls. They may be there for several days, weeks, or months. This Advent season, as we did last year, we would like to show God’s love to them, to let them know that someone is thinking of them and praying for them. If you would like to participate, bring a Christmas gift bag with any of the following items in it:

- Hats, scarves, gloves (choose non-gender specific colors if possible)
- Throw blankets
- Socks, slippers
- Combs, brushes, small mirrors
- Nail polish, lipstick, lotions, shampoo, conditioner
- Hair ornaments, scrunchies
- Small games, game books, playing cards, books
- Pens, pencils, colored pencils, adult coloring books, writing papers
- Chocolate, candy, etc.
- Gifts cards to McDonald's or other fast food
- Other small things you think a teen would like

Put your bag on the gift table in the Schilling Gallery by Sunday, December 17. We will add a tag telling the teen that the gift comes to them from Westminster with our prayers, and we’ll deliver the gifts to the Center before Christmas. Thanks to the whole Westminster family for your giving spirit!

DECEMBER EVENTS

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6:00 PM Youth Christmas Play, *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, P.S. So Does May*

Wednesday, December 13

5:45 p.m. - Potluck Dinner, Advent Craft Night and Jazz Concert

Saturday, December 16

10:00 AM Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 17

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship

10:00 AM - Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 24

11:00 AM and 11:00 PM - Christmas Eve Worship

ADVENT FLOWER DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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