

# Third Sunday in



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 4, 2018  
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.

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

### PRELUDE

(9:00) Pr  ambule (from *24 Pieces in Free Style*) Louis Vierne  
(11:00) Nursery Slopes (from *Alpine Suite*) Benjamin Britten  
Recorder Ensemble

### OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**People: Let us worship God!**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 459 (blue hymnal) Father, We Praise Thee *Christe Sanctorum*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

Our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned

In wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry

For all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,

And walk in your ways,

For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*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 ...

PROPHECY

Jeremiah 3:19-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

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

*Children’s Worship.*

NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 1:5-2:2

SERMON

“To Confess and Praise”

Rev. John Muntz

*“If we confess our sins, he ... will forgive us ... and cleanse us.” 1 John 1:9*

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

*Sursum corda*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)*

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) Autumn Carol

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise. With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. In God the rolling seasons in steadfast order move. Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

The clouds break forth with raining, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with abundance and nature’s gifts increase. The year is crowned with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts God’s goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down in off’ring as at his feet you fall. With holy lives adore him who gave his life for all.

John S. B. Monsell

Becky Connelly, Lisa Oros, Pam Potocik,  
and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

(11:00) Kyrie (from *Messe de Requiem*)

Jehan Alain

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Popes Gelasius I and Gregory I

\*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.

**SANCTUS NO. 553** (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

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

**AGNUS DEI NO. 555** (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*The people remain seated, partaking of elements as instructed.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

J. S. Bach

*When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

*(from the Orgelbüchlein)*

Chorale text: Whenever we are in deepest need, and do not know which way to turn, and find neither help nor counsel, whether we try early or late; then this alone is our comfort, that we together can call on You, O true God, for rescue from fear and want.

Paul Eber

**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 ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 81** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*St. Flavian*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) An Irish Blessing

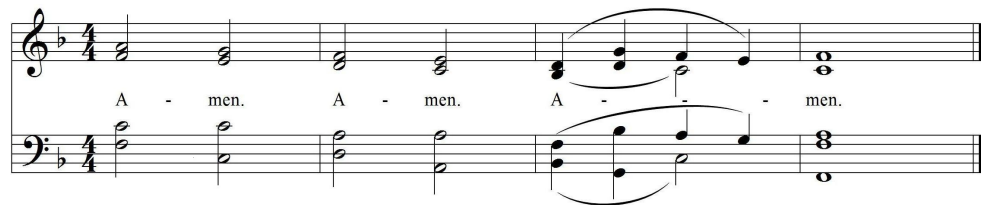
Paul Laubengayer

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Traditional

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal)(11:00) Amen

Danish melody



**\*POSTLUDE** Fantasia in g

Johann Pachelbel

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Linda Van Beke and Jay Schmid

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 1-15:** Brenda Seip and Susan

Baughman

**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**

**GREETERS** (11:00): Penny Tschantz and Linda Van Beke

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Don Byerly

**SENIOR USHER:** Cile Mathews

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Scott Rutherford, John Salsbery, Brenda Seip and Tim and Joyce Ryan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Carol Beilharz, her children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

**OUR THANKS** to Becky Connelly, Lisa Oros, Pam Potocik, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Westminster Choristers.

**THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM** sung by the Westminster Choristers was intended to be sung in worship several months ago as its title would suggest. Unfortunately, choir members' schedule conflicts and other factors conspired to delay its singing, but, it fortuitously gave our "altos in training" additional time to develop their skill singing harmony! Thankfully, too, the anthem's text could well be interpreted in many ways as a communion text.

**NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30** the congregation is invited to attend a concert of music by Parisian organist and composer Maurice Duruflé at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 S. Northshore Drive. Members of our Chancel Choir will join Ascension's Parish Choir and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra in performing the *Messe "Cum júbilo"* and the *Requiem*. You'll not want to miss this opportunity to hear and enjoy these stunningly beautiful choral masterpieces! Please do come join us!

Peter Van Eenam

**SHOW AND WAMS MASTERS TOURNEY TODAY:** Today the youth are going to celebrate two of their favorite things: PIZZA and MINI GOLF!!! First, we'll gather at Blaze Pizza in Turkey Creek (this is a different location from our "usual".) After we eat, we'll head to the Farragut Putt-Putt (164 West End Ave- close to Farragut Middle School) for a round of golf and some video games. Cost is \$8 for golf+20 tokens. (The church will pay for dinner.) Drop off/pick-up times are-- from the church: 5 p.m. departure and 7:45 return. If you want to meet there: we'll be at Blaze by 5:20 p.m. and finish up at golf by 7:15. We need parent drivers (parents get to play too!!) I wonder if anyone will defeat our returning champion, Barbara (Tigger) Adamcik???

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Bible Study** - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is studying Paul's letter to Titus.

**The Wired Word** - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

**Feasting on the Word** - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. THIS CLASS WILL SERVE AS OUR LENTEN STUDY THIS YEAR.



**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS:** March 7, March 14 and March 21 we will have Wednesday evening soup suppers followed by Lenten prayer services. The soup is plentiful, so no one will go hungry, but in keeping with Lenten practice, it is a simple meal of soup and bread. Please join us each Wednesday at 5:45 for a meal together, then move with us into the sanctuary for prayer.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2018**

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Paul Jorden

**Class of 2019**

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

**TRUSTEES**

Alice Mercer

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Reed Ellis

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**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has a deadline of **March 11<sup>th</sup>** for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2021, one Youth Elder for the class of 2019, and one Trustee for the class of 2021. 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 Chair, Leigh Dunlap (chair), Cindy Pearman (Vice Chair), Rob McKeehan, Marty Pryor or Cindy Spangler.

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

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

**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!

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

**ABBAY DEADLINE** is today. Send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have. During our cold weather it is very important to help as many as we can. You are needed! We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at church any time after 10 AM. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween at or . Thanks for your help!

**MEN’S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** will be March 8 at 7:30 AM.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Thursday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

**AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE** is scheduled for April 28, more info coming soon.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KIDS CORNER</b></p> <p><b>Nursery:</b> (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service<br/>(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School<br/>(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Children’s Worship:</b> Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.</p> |
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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your OGHs gifts are there to sew it back together. Your generosity fulfills a vision rooted in the biblical witness and beautifully stated in Isaiah 58:12. The prophet writes: “You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.