



Palm Sunday

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 25, 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 O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618 J. S. Bach
O Guiltless Lamb of God
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

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 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, some

of which shouted “Hosanna in the Highest,” while others yelled “Crucify him.” 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.

*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 ...

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Matthew and John

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham

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

Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-8

SERMON “Let Them Sing!” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Puer Nobis Nascitur*
(See insert)

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 Lord of the Dance Sydney Carter
arr. David Willcocks

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth. “Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he, “and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the Dance,” said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John—they came with me and the Dance went on. (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They buried my body and they thought I’d gone—but I am the Dance, and I still go on. (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt on high; “I am the Life that’ll never, never die. I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he. (Refrain)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 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 Variation XI (from *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*) J. S. Bach
(from the chorale partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*, BWV 768)
Hail, Kind Jesus

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Wes Williams
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 16-31: Cindy Spangler
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

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Nathan Harmon and Nina Theiss

GREETERS: (11:00) Wes and Sandra Williams

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Lucinda and Bob Albiston

(11:00) Bob Daverman, Jerry and Scott Carley, Sue Caradine, and Mary Lou Crow

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mary Jo Mann in loving memory of Mary Ellen and Joseph Edmund Mann.

DAVID WILLCOCKS' CHORAL MUSIC is certainly well known to Westminster's congregation and to many others around the world. Director of the famed Choir of King's College, Cambridge for many years, he elevated sacred music through his descants and arrangements of carols, choral collections he edited, recordings of the great choral literature, and with his interaction with choral directors at many conferences and workshops. This morning's arrangement is a delightful, fresh, and creative setting of Sydney Carter's beloved melody and text.

SHOW AND WAMS will resume March 29 at 9:00 PM after the Maundy Thursday service for a lock-in!

KIDS CLUB: We will meet today in the McKinnon Room to dye Easter eggs! Lunch and dessert will be provided. Kids of all ages are welcome. Let's hop to it!

HELP STOCK THE COMMUNITY CHEST: The monthly collection drive at Episcopal Church of the Ascension is April 7, 10:00-11:30 AM. They are looking for men, women and children's clothing as well as household items.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is being collected through Easter Sunday. When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, this is church. When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, this is church. When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, this is church. The church is the Holy Spirit's transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love and peace of Christ.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND POT-LUCK BREAKFAST next Sunday at 10:00 AM.

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING: Easter Sunday typically brings one of our largest attendances - and our largest number of vehicles trying to park. 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.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign ups have begun for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 29th at noon at the home of Betty and Leonard McKeehan. We will be honoring our 2018 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2018. 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.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. The next meeting will be March 26. The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. The next meeting will be April 5. This lesson could be a bit different - we may drift away from our study guide for the month. Stay tuned!

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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. March 27 is the deadline.

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is studying Ezra and Nehemiah .

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.

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.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you a new member at Westminster? Have you been visiting and want to learn more? Are you a member and want to refresh your memory? We will offer a class for you on April 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m. so you can find out all you want to know about us! Led by Rev. Phillips, Barbara

Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, how we govern ourselves, and a bit about our history. If time permits, we'll take the 50 cent tour of the building and grounds. There is no pressure to join the church, although we are always happy when that happens!

MEDICAL MISSION ADVENTURES: We are so glad to have Jean and Brian Bonnyman back in our midst after two years of work with "the least of these" in other parts of the United States. You will get a chance to hear about this ministry to those who live on the margins, particularly indigenous people. They will tell their stories during Sunday school on April 29 and May 6. Watch the Abbey for details.

| THE SESSION | | |
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| Class of 2018 | Class of 2019 | Class of 2020 |
| Leigh Dunlap | Debbie Babelay | Scott Brunger |
| JP Mackay | Daniel Collins | James Everett |
| Linda Van Beke | Vicki Mayfield | Andrew Gordon |
| Wes Williams | Cindy Pearman | Susan McKeehan |
| Michael Yates | Jay Schmid | Shawn Owens |
| Youth Elder: Clara Oakes | | |
| Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley | | |

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| Paul Jorden | Alice Mercer | Reed Ellis |