



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 3, 2016

11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 Noel Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *excerpted from Psalm 147*

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders.

People: He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

People: Praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 22 (blue hymnal) Angels, from the Realms of Glory *Regent Square*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not take those risks that make for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*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

Refrain from Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PROPHECY

II Samuel 7:8-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Ellen Anderson

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

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON

“Partners In Paradise”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

“With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ...”

Ephesians 1:8-9

*HYMN NO. 62 (blue hymnal) Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

Epiphany Song

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis’ Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, the congregation will be ushered to the Table. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Service will be brought to any who are unable to come forward.

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And forget not all his benefits.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 63 (blue hymnal) As With Gladness Men of Old

Dix

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

In Quiet Joy

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERNS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly
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: Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Angela and Mark Grobe

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS: Scott Rutherford, Tim and Joyce Ryan, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

THE ORCHIDS IN THE SANCTUARY are shared by Jack and Laura Barron in gratitude to Peter Van Eenam and all the choirs for creating extraordinary musical experiences at Westminster Presbyterian Church throughout the year.

OUR THANKS to John Brock for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

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.

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

THE EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

THE MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets Thursday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE next Sunday, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

2016 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2016 flower dedications. We ask for a \$60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE: Our guest for our Sanctuary Speaker Series will be here February 6-7. Dr. Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church.

**Adult Education Opportunities
for Sunday, January 10**

Faith and Life McKinnon Room
Larry Ridley will lead our study of “The Gifts of Imperfection” based on Brene’ Brown’s bestselling book. Who do you think you are supposed to be, and how does that differ from who you are? We’ll also see some videos about vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame – spending some time in discussion about how all of those things have an impact on our lives.

Bible Study Library
This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.

Table Talk Prayer Room
Amanda Collins and William Milam start a new video series that will include “Hollywood Jesus,” “The Salvation of Dr. Who,” and “The Faith of a Mockingbird.” These studies will look at Christianity through the eyes of popular culture on the big screen.

Coffee House
Can’t make it to class on time? Do you really just want a chance to chat? Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There is always coffee and a few pastries ready for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays returns on January 12th, continuing our study of the wisdom literature of the Bible. Bring a lunch and join as in a discussion of the book of Job.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 12th. The Property ministry team will provide our refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER starts back up on January 13th. Our first evening speaker is Jim Cundall, who is very involved with Honor Air and will tell us stories from trips with veterans. Dinner is at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS: If you or someone you care for has heart disease, cancer, arthritis, asthma, diabetes, COPD, chronic pain, depression or any other chronic disease, the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop can help you take charge of your life. Learn practical ways of dealing with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, better understand treatment options, and talk more effectively with your health care provider and family about your health. This workshop will be offered in the McKinnon Room on six consecutive Mondays, starting on February 1, from 9:30-noon. There is no charge for the class, but you will need to buy a textbook that costs approximately \$20. Michael Betz will teach the class, sponsored by the Knox County Health Department, and will be assisted by medical personnel. For more information or to register, contact Mary Boyd at the church or at marybwpc@gmail.com. We need a headcount to determine if there is enough interest to hold the class, so please contact Mary as soon as possible.

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