

Third Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship February 28, 2016
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.

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 O Gott, du frommer Gott Johannes Brahms
O God, Thou Faithful God

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

**People: Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.**

Leader: The LORD will guard you in all your ways...

People: We will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress."

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 276** (blue hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, as we journey through the wilderness in this season of Lent, we ask your forgiveness when we wander from you; by neglecting those things that nurture our spiritual selves; by failing to see you in the face of those in need; for not trusting that you are with us in the wilderness. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your love and the purposes you intend. 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 Exodus 17:1-7; Deuteronomy 6:16-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?...Prove it!"

***HYMN NO. 282** (blue hymnal) If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
Wer nur den lieben Gott

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) Jesu dulcis memoria Tomás Luis de Victoria
Jesu dulcis memoria Dans vera cordis gaudia; Sed super mel et omnia Ejus
dulcis praesentia.

Jesus, how sweet the very thought, Giving true joy to the heart, But sweeter than honey and all else Is His presence.

trans. Ron Jeffers
(11:00) Thee We Adore Adoro te devote
arr. Jean Pasquet

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee, Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord, Who living bread to men doth here afford! Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

St. Thomas Aquinas
Eric Partelow, Treble
Mary Lou Holt, Piano

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) (11:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Ein' feste Burg

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Phil Barnette
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS MARCH 1-15: Judy Jordan and Sue Byerley
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): Lane and Jake Palmer
GREETERS (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:
(9:00) Childcare through age 5
(11:00) Brian and Catherine Anglin, Sophie Manrod

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Chancel Choir
(11:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:
(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy
(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Bill Rudd, Scott and Ashley Porter

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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Suzanne and Ross Graham in honor of their grandson, Thomas Graham Daniels on his first birthday.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today to celebrate the birth of Carly Walker Collins. She was born Wednesday, February 24th to Anderson and Wendy Collins and big brother, Price.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall.

OUR THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Boys' and Girls' Choirs.

THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE comes from the second of two suites of organ music by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault. The late Jayme McMurry and her late husband, Searle, gave me the volume containing these as a gift not long after joining the Chancel Choir in the early 1980s. During their time in this church they were wonderfully generous, devoted, and steadfast supporters of the choirs and the music program, and their gift towards our sanctuary organ enabled Westminster's organ committee and the organbuilders to design an instrument that could bring to life centuries of organ repertoire, beautifully accompany the choirs, and inspire our hymn singing. Thanks be to God always for this wonderful couple and our dear friends!

Peter Van Eenam

THE CHANCEL CHOIR, accompanied by a chamber ensemble, will sing John Rutter's *Requiem* on Sunday morning, March 6. The choir and I have enjoyed preparing this lovely work over a number of months and look forward to sharing it with you in worship that morning!

Peter Van Eenam

WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE next Sunday, March 6th at 11:00 a.m.

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

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS:

- The Bluegrass group will meet at Bryan and Rachel Powell's home today at 5:30 p.m.
- The Sequoyah/Westmoreland group will gather for appetizers and dessert on Friday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Debbie Schmid.

LEAP OF FAITH FUNDRAISING EVENT: Today the youth are hosting a stew, bread, and dessert** cook-off. (**The desserts are the only competitive division.) **Everyone is invited to join us** following the 11:00 service for stew, bread and dessert. While we're lunching together, you'll have the opportunity to take a leap of faith and try something new. Have you ever wanted to play in a drum circle? Or learn the latest dance? Or try your hand at stand-up? Try something new (or support your friends as they try). All proceeds will help fund youth summer service projects. The summer experiences for which the youth are raising funds are the Appalachian Service Project in West Virginia for SHOW and the Win Our World Urban Ministry for WAMS. Thanks for your support!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 5th – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Progressive Dinner. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. When you sign up, please commit to bring an appetizer or to make a donation to the "Social Hour Fund" to offset the cost of the beverages. Please also note if you can host a group for the dinner portion of the evening, and if you need a gluten free meal. The cost for the evening is \$12 per person, payable March 5th. There is no cost for our dinner hosts. Free childcare is available in our nursery from 5:45-9:15 p.m. Note any childcare needs on the sign-up sheet so Angela can schedule enough babysitters.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of March 6th for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2019, one Youth Elder for the class of 2017, and one Trustee for the class of 2019. 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, Vicki Mayfield at vmayfiel@utk.edu.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

_____.

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THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Adult Education Opportunities

Faith and Life

McKinnon Room

Larry Ridley leads a study based on Brené Brown's bestselling book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, as we seek to let go of who we think we're supposed to be and embrace who we are.

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

"Hollywood Jesus" is pastor and author Matt Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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.

THE SESSION

Class of 2016

Jerry Faerber

Vicki Mayfield

Scott Porter

Elizabeth Ridley

Angela Shilling

Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

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Steve Hoadley

J.P. Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Michael Yates

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