



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**January 7, 2018  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**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** Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180 Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) In the Chill of Bleak Midwinter McNeil Robinson  
In the chill of bleak midwinter, when the frost was bitter and deep, In a stable in a manger lay the Christ-child sound asleep.

Ox and ass did not awake Him, standing guard beside his bed; shepherds whispered to each other, “See the light around His head.”

O clemens: O pie: O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariae. [Have mercy, O holy Sweet Redeemer, Son of Mary.]

Imogen Howe

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Micah 6/Psalm 95

**Leader:** With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People:** **What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

**Leader:** O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 473** (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in living out the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson  
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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Bryan Powell  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 10:34-43

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
“When the rain washes you clean, you’ll know, you’ll know”  
“Dreams” -Fleetwood Mac

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

**\*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) In the Chill of Bleak Midwinter McNeil Robinson  
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Before the Paling of the Stars John Boda  
Before the paling of the stars, Before the winter morn, Before the earliest cockcrow Jesus Christ was born.

Jesus on His mother’s breast, In the stable cold, Spotless Lamb of God was He, Shepherd of the fold.

Let us kneel with Mary maid, with Joseph, bent and hoary, With saint and angel, ox, and ass, To hail the King of glory.

Christina Rossetti

Westminster Choristers

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) Old Hundredth

**\*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 congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, Verse 2

Johann Pachelbel

*In Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ*

**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 NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johannes Petzold

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Vicki Mayfield and Michael Yates

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY 1-15:** Bill and Bonnie Rogers

**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):

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs and Westminster Choristers

**SAFETY TEAM:** Tim Crais

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Bill Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Ann Allison-Cote, Susan Baughman, Reed Ellis, LoAnn Price, and Penny Tschantz

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Melissa Everett in honor of the dedicated and passionate women in our congregation.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, January 9th. The Property ministry team will provide our refreshments.

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

**THIS MORNING’S ANTHEM** sung by the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs was composed by New York organist and master improviser McNeil Robinson (1943-2015) in the style of a troubère, a poetic and accompanying musical form that flourished in northern France between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries (this same form practiced in the south of France was termed troubadour). In his *A History of Western Music*, Donald Jay Grout writes that troubères, in general, show an affinity to French folk song with its piquant, or peasant-like, irregularity of phrasing, adding that “the repetition,

variation, and contrast of short, distinctive musical phrases naturally produce a more or less distinct formal pattern.” Robinson’s performance indications are that the piece is to be sung “Delicately, like a Trouvère, very fast and light.”

**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!

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** will resume on January 10 and will run through February 7. Dr. Phillips will continue his lectures on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Nazi Germany. Barbara Adamcik and Angela Shilling will teach another "bucket list" class - an awesome assortment of hour long projects - more details coming soon! These Wednesday evening gatherings begin with dinner at 5:45 with classes following at 6:30. All are welcome, and you don't need to RSVP. Childcare is available.

**WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Our next meeting will be Thursday January 11th at 7:30 am. The lesson will be presented by Larry Ridley on the subject of Charity and Advocacy. We will consider the question, 'What is Good News to the Poor?' Source material for the lesson is from Joerg Rieger, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Theology, Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair of Wesleyan Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School. Dr. Rieger holds a PhD from Duke University and held an endowed chair at SMU Perkins School of Theology for 18 years. Breakfast will be provided and all men are welcome.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, January 11th. 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 Thanks for your help!

**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.

**KIDS CLUB:** Let’s kick off 2018! Join us in the McKinnon Room right after church to eat lunch and make time capsules. Kids 0-11 and their families are all welcome.

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

Classes will resume TODAY...

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

**Bible Study** - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class will be studying in the New Testament.

**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 Fellowship Hall.

**Faith and Life** - Larry Ridley will begin a series entitled "The Gifts of Empathy" using video and discussion. He'll meet you in the McKinnon Room.

**MLK Parade - January 15**

The WPC youth would like to invite you to our next event. Come march with us in the Knoxville Martin Luther King Parade. This amazing experience allows us to literally march down MLK boulevard, marching for peace and unity with a rainbow of friends. We will meet at the parking lot of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church (downtown- 620 State St.) at 9 a.m. There will be a shuttle to drop off at Tabernacle Baptist (parade start) and pick up at the Greater Warner Tabernacle (parade end.) All are invited to go to lunch afterwards! Come be the change you wish to see...

**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

**Class of 2019**

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