

Fourth Sunday in



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 11, 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) Bransle Simple (No. 9) Michael Praetorius
(from *Terpsichore*)
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Préambule (from *24 Pieces in Free Style*) Louis Vierne

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 469 (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, no matter what our age, we are all trying to grow, to become wiser and more mature people of faith. We confess the times that we give in to greed or succumb to selfishness or hold on to grudges. We confess the times that we are not the stewards of creation that you call us to be. We confess the times when Christ’s way of peace and justice and unconditional love remains at the level of intention rather than daily practice. We confess the times when we so race through our lives that we do not take the time to see your grace in our lives. Forgive us, transform us, and renew us in our walk with the one in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. 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

Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21

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

John 2:13-22

SERMON “Why Jesus Threw a Temple Tantrum”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 92 (blue hymnal) Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

From “The Confession of 1967” Presbyterian Church USA

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on humankind’s inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of humanity’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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) Rigaudon Louis-Claude Daquin
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Arise, My Soul, Arise *Chodan*
Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the Throne, my Surety stands. My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: “Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, His pard’ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; With confidence I now draw nigh, And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Charles Wesley

Helen Bryenton, Violin

Mary Lou Holt, Piano

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 280 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Præambulum ex clave F

Anonymous

(from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Michael Yates

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) Kara and Macy Porter

GREETERS: (11:00) Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Don Byerly

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling, Penny Tschantz, and Linda Van Beke

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rob and Susan McKeehan in loving memory of Mary McKeehan and her special Westminster care givers.

OUR THANKS to Helen Bryenton and Mary Lou Holt for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

AMERICAN COMPOSER DAN FORREST is quickly becoming recognized as one of this country’s leading young composers of choral, instrumental, orchestral, and wind band works. Born in Elmira, New York, he received degrees in Piano Performance from Bob Jones University and, in composition, from the University of Kansas. He first came to my attention from conversations with Lisa Ellis and Ginger Elting, who had both sung several of his works with other choirs. During my annual visit to the music store at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference the next summer, this morning’s anthem appeared, soon to join Westminster’s choral library! *Chodan* is the name of this newly-composed hymn tune by Dan Forrest that he subsequently arranged for choir, violin, and piano. The melody’s broad, sweeping lines are memorable and are a most fitting accompaniment to the Charles Wesley text.

Peter Van Eenam

THIS 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, members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, and conductor James Fellenbaum in performing the *Messe “Cum jubilo”* and the *Requiem*. You’ll not want to miss this opportunity to hear and enjoy these stunningly beautiful choral masterpieces! The concert is free to the public and no ticket is required. Please do come join us!

Peter Van Eenam

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: This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

EASTER BREAKFAST: This year the Easter Breakfast will be a potluck. We need you! If you are willing to bring a dish, please sign up at Allie’s desk in the church office, or email allie_wpc@comcast.net letting her know what item you’ll be providing.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of **March 11th** 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 _____

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.

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

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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 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. *This growing class is moving to the Fellowship Hall stage area.*

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 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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is scheduled for March 20 at 7:00 PM, which is a change due to Knox County Spring Break.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBITS: Be sure to enjoy new works on display from Max Robinson, Coral Grace Turner and Melissa Everett.

SHOW AND WAMS will be on vacation the next two weeks and will resume March 29 after the Maundy Thursday services at 9:00 PM for a lock-in!

KIDS CLUB: We will meet March 25 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!

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

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

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