



The Order of Worship

December 2, 2018  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune—without the words,  
And never stops at all ... Emily Dickinson

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

PRELUDE

(9:00) Sinfonia No. 9 Salomon Rossi  
Recorder Ensemble  
(11:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Vicki Mayfield and Mark Rennich  
(11:00) Jaclyn and Katherine Beeler

CALL TO WORSHIP attr. St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> century

Leader: When we open our doors to all seekers and sojourners,  
**People: When we open our hearts to truth and faith,**  
Leader: When we put aside all judgmental thoughts and envy,  
**People: When we put aside the selfishness that wounds and destroys,**  
Leader: When we dare to envision all peoples as one and at peace,  
**People: When we dare to trust the power of divine love,**  
**ALL: The Lord our Messiah finds a welcome among us and our worship comes alive with joy!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 8 (blue hymnal) Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Truro  
\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, the season of Advent reminds us that there is within us a hunger that only you can satisfy. Yet we are such an impatient people. Like the culture around us, we want spiritual fast food, not the nourishing food that comes through perseverance, quiet reflection, service and gratitude. We want immediate blessings rather than undergo the slow transformation of allowing you to reshape our lives. Come to us in our anxiety and fear, that we might come to you with repentant hearts and once again rediscover your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

\*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 Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16, I Thessalonians 3:9-13  
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) J.P. Mackay  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*  
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36  
SERMON "What is the world coming to?" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 1 (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Stuttgart

\*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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Sinfonia No. 10 Salomon Rossi  
Recorder Ensemble  
(11:00) O Come, Emmanuel Peter Paul Olejar  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

Latin antiphons, c. 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, and Henry Sloane Coffin  
Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Katherine Harmon,  
and Rachel Taylor, Handbells

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

\*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.  
Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 1)

*Picardy*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

(Prayer continues)...We proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Verse 2)

*Picardy*

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

*Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Verse 1  
Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

\*POSTLUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Gottfried Walther

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Anne Crais and Scott Brunger  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 1-15:** Bill and Bonnie Rogers  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Will Manrod and Tanner Losch

**GREETERS** (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SAFETY TEAM:** Bill Oros

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) John Romeiser, Joyce and Tim Ryan, Gary Rowcliffe and Bill Rudd

**OUR THANKS** to Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Katherine Harmon, and Rachel Taylor for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

**PETER PAUL OLEJAR** is Director of Music at St. Paul’s Christian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. He has composed choral works and hymns, as well as music for organ and for carillon. His setting of *Veni Emmanuel* is powerful in its haunting austerity, which allows the listener to become fully immersed in the beauty and timelessness of the ancient chant.

**SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9,** there will be only *one worship service*, at 11:00, during which time the Chancel Choirs and Westminster Choristers will offer music for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Music by Cleobury, Near, Perkins, and Stevens will be included, along with congregational hymns and responses. The choirs and I look forward to sharing music of the seasons with you that morning!

Peter Van Eenam

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

**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!

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is today, send your announcements and articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**ADVENT CALENDARS** are available on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is today at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

Bible Study, Revelation Chapter 3

Feasting on the Word (Lectionary-based Bible study)

Wired Word

Library

McKinnon Room

Prayer Room

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** TODAY is our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. Several groups are expected to be there with their items to sell. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

**JUSTICE KNOX:** Tonight from 6 to 8 pm Justice Knox is hosting a potluck supper at First Presbyterian Church. Keith Hickman, an education expert from the Institute of Restorative Practices will speak about a program which helps keep our students from being suspended from school. School suspensions have been as high as 20,000 a year in the Knoxville school system of 60,000 students. Let's learn about this relationship-building program and how we can help improve public education in Knoxville. Carpools will leave the WPC parking lot at 5:30 pm. For more information or if you want to carpool, please contact: Jackie Vanden Dorpel, We don't want to leave without you!

**FISH DELIVERY** needs big HELP for December delivery people!! With children being home the last 2 weeks of December the need for extra groceries, will be GREAT! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on December 13, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help Westminster reach those in need this holiday season. Contact Sue McSween if you would like to help.

**KIDS CORNER**

**Nursery-** Our nursery is available for children 0-5 years old during the 9:00 service, and children 0-3 years old during the 11:00 service.

**Children’s Fellowship** (10:00)- All children 4th grade and younger meet downstairs for an opportunity to spend time together completing crafts, service projects, and seasonal activities.

**Sunday School** (11:15:)- Kids 4 years old - 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School after the children’s sermon. We’ll divide into two age groups and work our way through the “Holy Moly” curriculum.



**Westminster Youth Christmas Drama Presents  
“Angels and Other Strangers”**

**December 9, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

Save the date for a veeery special WPC Christmas Drama!! Sunday, December 9 @ 6 p.m. the children and youth of Westminster will be presenting a world premiere play that was inspired by the Christmas short stories by Katherine Paterson. Our play, *Angels and Other Strangers*, has been adapted by WPC's own Daniel Lewis. And for the first time, some of our "grandparents" will be joining the children (and making their stage debuts!) This will be a beautiful way to start the Christmas season!

We hope you all can attend!!!



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**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We have received 132 pledges with a total of \$587,572. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. For the 2018 Budget year, we have 187 pledges for a total of \$807,226. As you can see - we have a ways to go to meet next year's budget. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue it's present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! You are needed and appreciated!

**AT UKIRK UTK** we rely on financial support to make God's love known to students at UT Knoxville. Each and every gift, no matter the size, is extremely important to the future of this ministry. We are asking that during our week-long Giving Tuesday Campaign (November 27 - December 4) you would keep us in prayer and consider financially supporting UKirk monthly or through a one-time gift. To do so, you can easily go to our website, [www.ukirkutk.org/support](http://www.ukirkutk.org/support), and set up a one-time or recurring gift. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support as we help college students grow and be sustained by their faith at the University of Tennessee.

**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE SUPPORT** is being collected. At the request of the Red Cross, PDA has deployed four disaster spiritual care providers from our national response team to work directly with survivors in shelters and the affected communities. We are deploying additional PDA teams to support the presbyteries in their assessment and response as they help their neighbors begin recovery. Additional grants for ongoing emergency support for survivors and long-term recovery will be forthcoming. You can give financial support by sending WPC a check with the code DR000165 on the memo line. We will forward the monies to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Your donation will be included in your annual Contribution statement from Westminster.

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE** is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet December 6 at 10:00 AM.

**SHOW AND WAMS** will begin December with a make-and-take Christmas Cookie Baking Extravaganza tonight! It will include some of the fanciest stain-glass cookies you’ve ever seen and animated Christmas classics to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

**COLLEGE MONTREAT:** Montreat is presenting a College Montreat Conference once again this year. The College Montreat will be from January 2-5, 2019. This year, the theme of the conference is Compassionate Community. One of the keynote speakers is the well-known interfaith teacher and activist, Eboo Patel! The conference preacher is Aisha Brooks-Lytle (who inspired us at Montreat last summer.) The cost for college-aged participants is \$100. There are scholarships for anyone who needs them. If you are interested in attending, contact Barbara Adamcik. Thanks to Sandra and Gary Rowcliffe for chaperoning this great event!!

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT:** Join us December 12, for this annual event. We will meet in the Schilling Gallery for a potluck dinner at 5:30, (bring a side) then rotate through craft tables in the McKinnon Room. The Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00. A night of food, crafts, and holiday music-what fun!

**ADVENT GIFT OPPORTUNITY**

The Angel Tree organization has given Westminster our own Angel Tree! We started with about 200 wishes on our tree. If you are interested in taking one (or more) wishes for a child, then buying the item on the wish and returning the gifts to the church by December 9. *The final day to pick a wish is today!* Thank you for being angels!!

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 9**  
11:00 AM - \*\*\*ONE SERVICE\*\*\*  
6:00 PM - Youth Christmas Play “Angels and other Strangers”

**Monday, December 10**  
5:00 PM - Adult Angel Tree Distribution Project

**Wednesday, December 12**  
5:30 PM - Advent Craft Night and Dinner  
7:00 PM - Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

**Sunday, December 16**  
9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Christmas Breakfast

**Sunday, December 23**  
9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship  
12:15 PM - Christmas Caroling Pot-Luck and Sing-a-Long

**ADVENT FLOWER DONATIONS** are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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Given by:

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