



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

The Order of Worship

February 17, 2019  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Sometimes a Light Surprises the Christian *The Christian Lyre*, 1830  
arr. Robert J. Powell

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of the wayward...

People: **Instead, blessed are those who delight in the ways of the LORD...they are like trees planted by streams of water...they grow and yield good fruit.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 150 (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing *Madrid*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear and anger and selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded and bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling and uncaring and thoughtless, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, we have sinned. When our lives have become so self-centered that we are no longer centered selves, we have sinned. When for whatever reason we have passed by those in need, we have sinned. We ask for forgiveness and renewal in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:17-26

SERMON The “Plain” Truth Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 374 (blue hymnal) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace *Dickinson College*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

**Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

THE OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) O Worship the King *Lyons*  
arr. Peggy A. Thompson

Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) The Eastern Star So Bright and Clear Joachim à Burgk

The eastern star so bright and clear, Proclaimed Messiah’s day was near!

Far as the stars their rays bestow, This message o’er the earth shall go: That

God of Mary gave us His only Son to save us!

Author unknown

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 288 (blue hymnal) (11:00) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Amen Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE And Faith Points Upward to the Sky

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

*The Sacred Harp*, 1833

arr. Robert J. Powell

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Cindy Pearman and Andrew Gordon

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY:** 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) Chloe Smith and Bobby Powell

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Ibbie Muntz and Bonny Naugher

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) John Styron and Leslie Versen

(11:00) Bill Holt, Sue Caradine, Mary Lou Crow, Robert Daverman and Reed Ellis

**OUR THANKS** to Theresa Pepin for leading the choirs this morning and serving as organist.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Don and Connie Graham in honor of their grand-family's winter birthdays.

**BLT** with Dr. Phillips (Bible Lunch Tuesdays) is scheduled for every Tuesday in February through March 5. The group meets at noon in the McKinnon Room. The study is continuing through Genesis but don't worry about missing or catching up, you can join at any point. At the February 19 BLT we will discuss Genesis 25-28. Bring your lunch and your bible and join us.

**DAVID DUNGAN MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES:** The department of Religious Studies presents, "History and Race: The Letters of Paul in Antiquity and Modernity." Free and open to the public, you may join this lecture on the University of Tennessee campus, Strong Hall, Room 101, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM. There is parking available in the building behind Strong Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER:** On February 20, husband and wife team Jim Harb and Laurel Goodrich, Ph.D. will join us. They took a 17 day trip to Palestine this past July, 2018. The journey began with 10 days in the West Bank town of Ramallah, Jim's father's historical hometown, where they were able to have conversations with Palestinians involved over the years in the Palestinian struggle for freedom, human rights, and independence. They also spent time with Laurel's brother. Born and raised in the U.S., he moved to Israel 20 years ago, eventually marrying an Israeli Jewish woman and obtaining Israeli citizenship. Jim and Laurel made side trips to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, visiting Christian holy sites, and stayed with friends in Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank. A trip highlight was a day-long tour with people who supply the Palestinian olive oil that Jim sells each year at Westminster's Alternative Christmas Market. They will show slides and offer reflections on their journey.

**THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on February 21, 2019, at 11:30, at Sullivan's in Rocky Hill Shopping Center (7545 S. Northshore). Please call Susan Baughman, to make your reservation by Tuesday, February 19, 2019. It will be fun to get together after not meeting for a couple of months. Hope to see you all there!

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will be meeting February 21 at 1:30 PM in the SHOW room.

**JUSTICE KNOX:** Please be with us at the Westminster/Justice Knox meeting on Sunday, March 10th immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. Snacks will be served and we will be finished in an hour!! We'll talk about our part in Justice Knox and how we can help in the areas of: affordable housing, education and mental health. For further information, please contact: Jackie Vanden Dorpel at .

**AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE:** Safer driving can save you money. Take the AARP Smart Driver Course and you could reduce your overall maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your driving skills and know new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. Plus, there are no tests to pass. This course will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 9am-5pm. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Contact Paul Johnson at to register or for more information.

**SHOW AND WAMS:** We are meeting earlier (in the Westminster parking lot by 2:30) to go to a Knoxville Ice Bears hockey game in the Civic Colosseum. Parents, we'll need some drivers, please! I have been given 20 free tickets (one of their owners goes to Westminster!) Parents are welcome to come!!

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### **KID'S CORNER**

Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children. Kids 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate). Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

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. We will begin the Book of Esther in the Old Testament. It continues the story of Jewish life under the Persian Empire after Ezra and Nehemiah.

**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 McKinnon Room.

**ABBAY DEADLINE** is today! Send articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2019**

Debbie Babelay

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Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

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#### **Class of 2020**

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