



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

February 24, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTH 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 Salvation Unto Us Has Come Anonymous, 18th century German
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Leader: Then 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. 464 (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) from Matthew 5:38-48

God of pure, unbounded love, we are a people who long to be loving, and a people who often fail. Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care, lest they hurt our family, friends, or neighbors. Help us to go the second mile in loving and giving of ourselves; make us strong and wise in our loving. Teach us what it means to love our enemies. Hear now as we pray to you for healing in our relationships: with you, with our loves ones, with friends and associates, with our world neighbors, and with ourselves. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 Genesis 45:3-11
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27-38
SERMON "Do What?!" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
*HYMN NO. 275 (blue hymnal) God of Our Life *Sandon*
*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

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) Prayer for Today Margaret R. Tucker, arr. Michael Kemp

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere, who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere, who live in comfort, love and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease; but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come close together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.
Mary M. Coulson

(11:00) "Go Not Far From Me" from Psalm 71
Go not far from me, O God; Cast me not away in the time of age. Forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may sing all the day long.

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) Nicola Zingarelli
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Old Hundredth*

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 420 (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*
*CHARGE AND BLESSING
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Amen
Danish melody
*POSTLUDE Dialogue on the Grands Jeux François Couperin

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz and John Brock who are serving in music leadership while Choirmaster, Peter Van Eenam is away. Thanks also to Mary Lou Holt, serving as rehearsal accompanist for Chancel Choir.

TODAY'S ANTHEM, by Nicola Zingarelli, is as much fun to sing as it is to say the composer's name! Zingarelli was born in Naples, Italy and, among many appointments in his lifetime, served as choirmaster at the Milan Cathedral and Sistine Chapel. Though he wrote numerous comic operas, he was deeply religious and focused significantly on sacred works, including a requiem mass for his own funeral. How is that for "advanced planning?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and James Everett
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) Bobby Manrod, Frank Manrod

GREETERS: (11:00) Bill and Lisa Oros

LITURGISTS:

(9:00) Barbara Adamcik

(11:00) Ryan Rotella

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Ibbie Muntz

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Scott Porter

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber, David Woodall

(11:00) Georgann Byerley, Bill Wiesehuegel, Judy Jorden, Andrew Gordon, Kristi Gordon

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in honor and gratitude for the entire church staff.

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS DRAMA PRACTICE will take place at 1:30 pm today in the Fellowship Hall. The performances of *Godspell* will take place April 5, 6, and 7.

SHOW AND WAMS: This Sunday evening, Westminster's own Dr. Hap McSween will be sharing his faith story with the youth. Hap is a professor and scientist well-known for leading the Mars Rover Project as well as the most recent, Asteroid Belt mapping project. He will be telling us about his work, and also sharing his amazing faith story of being both a person of faith and person of science. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m.! We will also have time for a game of glow-in-the-dark sardines!! Don't miss this special night with the youth!!

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 26 BLT we will discuss Genesis 39-47. Bring your lunch and your bible and join us.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Our final WWW will be on February 27. We will hear from Susan Fuhr of Common Ground, who will talk to us about Senior Co-housing. This kind of intentional neighborhood is one of the best choices for those concerned about loneliness, isolation, and the challenges of aging (with nod to Dr. Bill Thomas and appreciation of Dr. Atul Gawande's "Being Mortal" perspective). Using a successfully tested senior co-housing model, Common Ground permits individuals to have an ideal balance of private space and mutual support and connection in community. As always, dinner is served at 5:45 with the program following at 6:30. It is always helpful to RSVP for dinner. All are welcome, and childcare is provided.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, February 28th at 7:30 am. The lesson entitled 'Happy Go Money -- Our Obsession With Happiness' will be presented by Larry Ridley. It is based on material from the book entitled *Happy Go Money* by best-selling Canadian author Melissa Leong. She is the personal finance writer for The Financial Post in Canada. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tom Byerley. All men of the church are welcome. No reservation is required. Just be prepared to be happy. Join us and bring a friend.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES: Anne McKinney, estate planner and financial advisor, has once again agreed to speak to us about planning estates and the advantages of using the church endowment for your financial planning. We will have a box lunch right after the 11:00 service on Sunday, March 3, when Anne will make her presentation. She has years of experience and certification in financial planning and has been very well received by Westminster in the past. Please let the church office know (1) if you are coming and (2) if you would like lunch by Thursday, February 28. The Trustees want to plan for enough handouts and enough food for all interested people.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, March 6th at 7:00 as we begin our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent continues for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

JUSTICE KNOX: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10th at 12:15 pm. We'll meet in the McKinnon Room for snacks and an update on what Westminster is doing with Justice Knox to promote justice for all in Knoxville!

NEWS FROM GARY HARMON: After church today, Gary Harmon will be filming an episode of *Harmon Speaks* for his new YouTube Channel. To make this episode work, he needs an audience. Please come by the Fellowship Hall and stay as long as you can. He will make a few short introductory remarks, and then he will open up for questions from the audience. If you've ever had a question about living with a physical difference, please come and ask your question(s). Gary wants to help make being different more acceptable, and really needs you to help create a dialogue and show the world it's OK to discuss differences openly and without embarrassment. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

2022 ELDER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has a deadline of March 10 for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2022, one Youth Elder for the class of 2020, and one Trustee for the class of 2022. 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: Cindy Pearman (Chair), Scott Brunger (Vice Chair), Lisa Ellis, Bitsy Ingram, and Bill Wiesehuegel.

I would like to nominate _____ for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

KID’S CORNER

Children’s Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.

Kids 4 years old through 4th 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 4th 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.

STATED SESSION MEETING today at 12:15 pm in the McKinnon Room.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Alice Mercer

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

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