

Third Sunday in *Lent*

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

Order of Worship March 24, 2019
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 Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth George Böhm

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Prepare Ye the Way from *Godspell* Stephen Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

People: Come to the waters seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who need the help of God:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

ALL: Let us praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascent to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus 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 Isaiah 55:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lisa Kaufman

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:1-9

SERMON Turn and Return Barbara Adamcik

*HYMN NO. 298 (blue hymnal) There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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 Day By Day from *Godspell* Stephen Schwartz

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 277 (blue hymnal) (11:00) O God, Our Faithful God
O Gott, du frommer Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen
Danish melody

*POSTLUDE O God, Our Faithful God J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Dan Collins

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 16-31: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

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): Ella Chattin and Fiona Collins

GREETERS (11:00): Mark and Pam Potocik

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Members of Westminster Players

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Dan Berry, Kathy Huck

(11:00) LoAnn Price, Susan Baughman, Bill Rudd, Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paula Hogan in loving memory of John Hogan. Best dad ever.

BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Avery Ann Ingram who was born on March 20. She weighs 7 pounds even. Proud parents are Robert and Megan. Avery Ann is the baby sister to Hudson and Bennett.

OUR THANKS to John Brock for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

MEET THE CONDUCTOR TODAY!!: THE GODSPELL "INSIDE SCOOP": After today’s 11:00 service, you are invited to come meet Jake Cannon, our *Godspell* conductor and Music Director! After our awesome postlude, we invite you to make your way to the front few pews where Jake will entertain you by sharing the awesome story of how and why Jewish composer, Stephen Schwartz, composed *Godspell*. He will also play many examples of the great award-winning songs we will be performing. What a beautiful way to "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" this Lenten season!!

A STATED SESSION MEETING will be held today at 12:15 pm in the McKinnon Room.

THE WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held this Monday at 7:00 pm in the Library.

LENTEN SERVICE OF PEACE AND HOPE: Please join us this Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. for a service of peace and hope in our sanctuary. This contemplative service will explore the Lenten discipline and finding peace and hope through the arts. Thanks to our Westminster musicians, artists, and writers for contributing their gifts for this service!

YOUTH NEWS: Youth will not be meeting for Sunday School or evening program tonight. Starting next Sunday, we have some AWESOME Sunday evenings planned:

- ★ Sunday, March 31, 5-7 pm.-- Full Disclosure Improv Troupe is coming to perform for us, then lead some improv games!!!!
- ★ Sunday, April 7, 3-5:15 p.m.-- Youth is attending Westminster's production of *Godspell!*
- ★ And don't forget--- Our Youth Lock Out is April 18!!! More news to come, but it includes an Escape Room!!!!

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday March 28th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson to be presented by Phil Barnette will be on Brexit. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Jeff Browning. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. Bring a friend and join us.

SPRING WORKDAY: Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, March 30, from 8 AM to 12, numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership. Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning before EASTER!!


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your OGHS gifts are there to sew it back together.

- 32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.
- 36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program) Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root cases of poverty so all may be fed.
- 32% Partnering in Progress (Self Development of People) Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.
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NEWS FROM MARYVILLE COLLEGE: Dr. Todne Thomas is a child of this Presbytery, raised in Emmanuel Presbyterian and a graduate of West High School. Please join us tonight at 7:00 pm, Lambert Recital Hall, Clayton Center for the Arts, Maryville College for "The Ties that Bind - On Faithful Families and Families of Faith: The Collective Spirituality of Black Evangelicals". FREE and open to the public.

"FIFTH SUNDAY" MISSIONS PROJECT - We will be collecting toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and laundry detergent (20-25 loads) from March 24 -31. These donations will go to the FISH pantry. Look for the "pack and play" in the Schilling gallery.

JUSTICE KNOX has copies of reports for you in the Schilling Gallery. Be part of the solution for Affordable Housing, Equal Education and Stopping Incarceration for the Mentally Challenged. Westminster is part of Justice Knox which is a coalition of 16 faith groups in Knoxville working on these problems. Contact Jackie Vanden Dorpel for information about getting involved in this ministry.



Brass Choir	Monday at 4:30 pm
Young Musicians	Monday at 5:40 pm
Rainbow Choir	Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Boys' and Girls' Choirs	Wednesday at 4:45 pm
Chancel Choir	Wednesday at 8:00 pm
Recorder Ensemble	Thursday at 6:00 pm
Handbell Choir	Thursday at 7:00 pm
4-In-Hand Choir	Thursday at 8:00 pm

We appreciate everyone who helped with the music ministry during these past two months during Peter's absence. *Welcome back Peter Van Eenam !!!*

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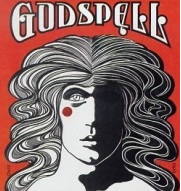
GODSPELL

Presented by the Westminster Players

April 5, 7:30 PM

April 6, 7:30 PM

April 7, 3:00 PM



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.

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

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.

THE SESSION		
Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Debbie Babelay	Scott Brunger	Brian Bonnyman
Daniel Collins	James Everett	Anne Crais
Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon	Amy Gilbert
Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeegan	Buz Johnson
Jay Schmid	Shawn Owens	Rachel Powell
Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon		
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap		
TRUSTEES		
Alice Mercer	Reed Ellis	Jeff Browning