

Fourth Sunday in



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 31, 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 Prelude and Fugue in G Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Three Preludes and Fugues for the Organ*, Op. 37)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Most Merciful Charles Wood
Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the Redeemer’s Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!
Bishop Reginald Heber and Psalm 104

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.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN** God is Here! *Hymn to Joy*
(See insert)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, as we continue to journey through the season of Lent, we ask forgiveness for the ways that we stray from your ways. Often our sins are not the actions we do wrong but our inaction; the people whose humanity we failed to see, the gesture of friendship we were too tired to extend, the move toward reconciliation we were too prideful to make. Like the Prodigal son we waste precious time and gifts and resources, and like his older brother we hold on to unhealthy feelings and attitudes that you call us to let go of in the honesty of confession. Hear our prayer.

*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 Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) JP Mackay

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

Children’s Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 5:16

SERMON “” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

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

***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

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) Ave Maria Jehan Alain
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Holy Mary, mother of God, intercede on our behalf for our sins, now and at the time of our death. Amen.

Luke 1:28,42 and Pope Pius V

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

(11:00) Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake Richard Farrant
Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

from Lidley’s Prayers, 1566

***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. 85** (blue hymnal) (11:00) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in a

William Boyce

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: James Everett

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

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) Anna Grace Gilbert

GREETERS: (11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Tom Byerley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Scott Rutherford, John Salsbery, Linda Van Beke, Brenda Seip and John Romeiser

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gloria Borum in memory of her mother, Etta Borum.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay for her enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

RICHARD FARRANT (c. 1530-1580) was a composer of church music, choirmaster, playwright, and theatrical producer noted for creating the Blackfriars Theatre, which hosted children’s companies. Becoming a gentleman of the Chapel Royal during the reign of Edward VI, he resigned the post in 1564 on being appointed master of the children at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor. He became Master of the Chapel Royal in 1569, holding this post concurrently with that at Windsor.

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

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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, April 4 at 10:00 AM in the SHOW room.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, April 11th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at the church, as well as non-food items for each family. Please note the time for teams to pick up your delivery address sheets is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley,, if you are able to make deliveries by Monday, April 8th. Thanks for your help!

YOUTH NEWS: We have some AWESOME Sunday evenings planned:

- ★ TONIGHT, 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!!!!



Our LaundryLove night is coming up! We had a fantastic turnout last year, and we’re looking forward to serving again. As a reminder, LaundryLove is an organization that is active in cities across the USA. They provide free laundry service (one Thursday each month) to low-income and homeless families in Knoxville. They also serve a light meal and provide activities for the kids who are there. Our day to provide laundry assistance and a meal will be Thursday, April 18 from 4:00-8:30 PM. We need 15-20 volunteers to assist with laundry (handing out quarters, helping carry, fold, etc.). We need 4-6 volunteers to serve and plan the meal. We also need people who could play with and entertain the children who are there. This will be a fantastic opportunity to make a connection with and be a help to our neighbors! The event will be held at the Blue Water Laundry, 3721 N. Broadway. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards by the offices and kitchen.

AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS: People who attend the AARP Smart Driver Class between April 23 and August 31 who are insured with AARP Medicare Supplement in Tennessee can attend for FREE! The AARP Smart Driver Course at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 27 qualifies for this special promotion. It's already a bargain at \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Contact Paul Johnson at 675-0694 to register.

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):

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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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, April 28 after the 11:00 AM worship service to elect 5 elders (class of 2022), 1 youth elder (class of 2020), 1 trustee (class of 2022), and 1 trustee (class of 2021).

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send articles to Debbie at unitedprinters@comcast.net.



GODSPELL

Presented by the Westminster Players

SAVE THE DATE!

April 5, 7:30 PM

April 6, 7:30 PM

April 7, 3:00 PM