

# Fifth Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship

April 7, 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** De profundis Jean Langlais  
*Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me Southwell  
Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions  
set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when this life is past, I may the eternal  
brightness see, And share Thy joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Leader:** Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path  
in the mighty waters. Do not remember the former  
things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a  
new thing. I will make a way in the wilderness and  
rivers in the desert.

**People:** **For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I  
formed for myself, so that they might declare my  
praise.**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 291** (blue hymnal) O God of Earth and Altar Llangloffan

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, as we continue to journey through the season of Lent, hear our  
prayer. For overlooking the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst in the poor  
and the vulnerable, forgive us. For hoarding what you would have us share,  
forgive us. For our judgment of others, forgive us. Shape and bend our  
individual lives and our communal life together toward your own life of self-  
giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and houses of worship, and the whole  
world, with your abundant, extravagant love. In Christ's name, we pray.  
Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

## TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Phillipians 3:4-14

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Bryan Powell

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 12:1-8, Deuteronomy 15:11

**SERMON** "John's Believe It or Not"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 101** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

*A Declaration of Faith* PC(USA)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are  
centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self,  
family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time.  
It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting  
aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and  
brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting  
detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us  
who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of  
God's grace and comfort.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude,  
boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our  
prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for  
others.**

## **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) Intradas No. 2 and 4 Johann Pezel  
Carol Beilharz and Andrew Layne, Trumpets

(11:00) The Holy Eucharist William H. Harris  
Him holy In him abide Eternal soul In him you hide All your sin On God  
laid bare Receiving life He longs to share.

Him holy In him abide O Christian souls His body live Who in him To  
Father make The sacrifice Of Incarnate.

Him holy In him abide Heaven home In him alive Holy love One body  
make Joying souls New blessing wake.

Douglas J. L. Bean

**\*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**

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 (11:00))...to the glory of your name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues (11:00))...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

*Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Élévation (from *Messe Basse*) Louis Vierne

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 NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in celebration of Clara Oakes birthday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and in memory of Barbara Schilling’s birthday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; given by Kathryn and Rick Oakes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Maggie Gordon and Jay Schmid

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS 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): Nina Theiss and Lucy Gilbert

GREETERS (11:00): Elizabeth Ridley and Amy Rawe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Tim Crais

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Dan Berry and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Penny Tschantz, John and Kathy Shilling, Jay Schmid and Bill Wiesehuegel

OUR THANKS to Carol Beilharz and Andrew Layne for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE comes from the first of two suites of organ music by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault. Whenever I share this music, I am happily reminded of the late Jayme McMurry and her late husband, Searle, who gave me the volume containing these as a gift not long after joining the Chancel Choir in the early 1980s. In their honor and memory, I want to again lift up this dear couple and share that during their time with us they were wonderfully generous, devoted, and steadfast supporters of the choirs, the music program, and Westminster, and that their gift towards our sanctuary organ enabled our organ committee and the organbuilders to design an instrument that would bring to life centuries of organ repertoire, beautifully accompany the choirs, and inspire our hymn singing. Thanks be to God always for bringing Jayme and Searle into our midst!

Peter Van Eenam

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit in celebration of Elizabeth Joy Lee born, April 2, 2019 in Atlanta. She was 7 lbs and 8 oz and will be called Ellie. Her parents are Christy and Jonathan Lee, grandparents, Tim and Anne Crais, and big sister, Hannah Grace.

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 they are studying the Gospel of John.

**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

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

*Thursday, April 18*

*8:00 pm*

*We hope you’ll join us for this very meaningful service.*

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers that showed up March 30th and helped make our WPC Spring Workday a great success. They cleaned the solar cell panels; washed the courtyard benches; transplanted wildflowers and plants from our woodland pathway areas; pulled weeds and vines; hauled branches to the road for pick-up; cleaned up and mulched garden beds and areas around the Labyrinth, Prayer Path and courtyard; raked leaves; trimmed limbs and trees; weed whacked several areas, rebuilt several areas of pathway; installed safety latches on several interior doors; and generally gave our grounds a new, improved look. At the risk of omitting someone, I want to acknowledge the following folks who participated: Bob Albiston, Ed Babelay, Debbie Babelay, Jane Beintema, Jean Bonnyman, Jeff Browning, Scott Brunger, Tom Byerley, Tim Crais, Bob Daverman, Lana Daverman, Eric Drumm, Lisa Ellis, Reed Ellis, Robin Greeson, Paula Hogan, Melanie Lewis, Rob McKeenan, Rick Oakes, Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Cindy Spangler, Brooke Sudlow, Caroline Sudlow, Peter Tortorelli, Linda Van Beke, Jackie Vanden Dorpel, Bill Wiesehuegel. Please give them a very large "THANK YOU" when you see them. Meanwhile, please enjoy the beauty of our campus.

SHOW AND WAMS are going to the (Westminster) Theater TONIGHT! Come show your support for our very own Westminster Players as they perform their final show of *Godspell* this Sunday from 3 PM - 5:30 PM. Barbara has a solo, so you don't want to miss this!

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).

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** This year the Easter Breakfast will be a potluck. We need you! If you are willing to bring a dish, please email allie\_wpc@comcast.net letting her know what item you'll be providing. The breakfast will be held April 21 at 10:00 AM in the Schilling Gallery!

**JUSTICE KNOX RALLY:** Monday, April 8th from 7 to 8:30 pm will be the Justice Knox Rally at Central United Methodist Church -201 3rd Avenue (37917). Carpools will leave WPC at 6:30 pm. The Rally is when we decide what actions we will ask our elected officials to commit to for improving: education, affordable housing and mental health care in Knoxville. Please contact: Judy Barnette or Jackie Vanden Dorpel for more details.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled 'The Insect Apocalypse' will be presented by Jerry Carley. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Bud Cunningham. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. Bring a friend and join us.

**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!

**LAUNDRY LOVE:** Our LaundryLove night is coming up! 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.

**GODSPELL'S** last performance is at 3:00 PM today! Child care will be available.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM. Environmental Team is in charge of refreshments.

**CHURCH WIDE PICNIC** sign-ups available in the Schilling Gallery!

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**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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**Given by:**

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