



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**April 14, 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, worshipping 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 J. S. Bach
O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins
(from the Orgelbüchlein)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT A Palm Sunday Antiphon David C. Morgan
Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Thou that sittest in the highest heav’ns. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Matthew 21:9

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Leader: Come and join the festal procession, branches in hand, to the altar of the LORD.

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 155** (red hymnal) All Glory, Laud, and Honor *St. Theodulph*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Often our faith is as fickle as the crowds of people around Jesus who shouted “Hosanna in the Highest” one moment and “Crucify him” the next. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

***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 19:28-40

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Deborah Phillips

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:13-49

SERMON

“Where Were You?”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 83** (blue hymnal) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deo Gracias

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Philippians 2:5-8

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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 Agnus Dei

W. A. Mozart

(from Litaniae de venerabili altaris sacramento, K. 125)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

attr. John the Baptist

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis’ Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 89** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE** Alla Marcia

John Ireland

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from 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): Will Manrod and Tanner Losch

GREETERS (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Anderson Collins

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Jeff Bendy, Scott Brunger

(11:00) Judy Jorden, Cile Mathews, Brenda Seip, Carol Beilharz, Bob and Lucinda Albiston

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Cindy and Brad Pearman in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE comes from Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of chorale preludes intended to cover the entire liturgical year. Though not completed, it contains a number of his most well-known and beloved works, among them *O Mensch, bewein*. This chorale prelude features the chorale melody in a highly ornamented and florid style (played this morning with a registration our organbuilders describe as “crying”) accompanied by extremely expressive supporting harmonies. In the closing measures one can almost sense the last footsteps of Christ and his intense suffering, and even a glimpse of our salvation to come.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 18

8:00 pm

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am & 11:00 am

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

EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter Breakfast will be at 10:00 AM in the Schilling Gallery, April 21. If you are willing to bring a dish, please email allie_wpc@comcast.net letting her know what item you’ll be providing.

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).



SAVE THE DATE! Monday, May 6th at 6:15 - 8:30 PM for the Justice Knox Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly at Central United Methodist Church. More information to come! Carpools will leave WPC at 6:00.



LAUNDRY LOVE: Our LaundryLove night is coming up! 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 the meal and more people to make cookies. Contact Gail Clark if you can help with food, nana-c@comcast.net. 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.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign ups have begun for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, May 5 at noon immediately after worship. We will be honoring our 2019 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2019. Menu will include chicken fingers, veggie and fruit trays, chips and cookies. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet April 16 at 10:30 in the library. Our book selection is *Clock Dance* by Ann Tyler. This novel tells the story of a thoughtful, caring woman whose life has been defined by her relationships with her self-centered mother, meek father, and alpha husbands. But while helping others, she finally learns to live life on her own terms – a bewitching novel of hope and transformation

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Checks 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 your support. **Today is the final day to make a donation.**

Donation of \$ _____

given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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

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.

SHOW AND WAMS: Join us tonight from 5 - 7 at Main Event on Cedar Bluff Road for two hours of bowling and arcade games! Cost for this event is \$15 per person, but, as always, Westminster is able to cover this for those who need it! Important note: we will not be eating dinner during this event, so please plan to eat before or after. Contact Daniel Lewis for questions.

Class of 2019

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Daniel Collins

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