



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 106 (purple hymnal) Prepare the Way, O Zion *Bereden vag for herran*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, make this Advent season a time of holy growth. Forgive us when we assume that our faith can survive without the nourishment of study and reflection and prayer. Forgive us when we stifle our capacity for wonder. Forgive us when we forget that the Christ comes as the bearer of peace and as one who challenges all powers that rule unjustly. Forgive us when we cannot find peace in our lives because of the pace of our lives. Strengthen and enlighten us this Advent season. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

(Congregation singing—music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 581 (purple hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Cameron Sears

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON “Preparations for Peace” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 96 (purple hymnal) On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry *Winchester New*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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) Ukranian Bell Carol Mykola Leontovych

(11:00) Joys Seven English carol
arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of one; To see the blessed Jesus Christ When he was first her son: *When he was first her son, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of two; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To make the lame to go: *To make the lame to go, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of three; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To make the blind to see: *To make the blind to see, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of four; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To read the bible o’er: *To read the bible o’er, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of five; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To bring the dead alive: *To bring the dead alive, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of six; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, Upon the crucifix: *Upon the crucifix, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of sev’n; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To wear the crown of heav’n: *To wear the crown of heav’n, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.*

Traditional

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (purple hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (purple hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 378 (purple hymnal) We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom *Merle’s Tune*

*CHARGE

If you choose,
you can be instruments of hope in the world.
**We so choose,
so we go to spread the hope and promise of a coming child.**
If you choose,
you can counter the voices of anxiety and despair in the world.
**We so choose,
so we sing songs of hope because the world can be changed.**
If you choose,
you can fight against the fear that freezes the heart of many.
**We so choose,
so we will tell of the love that conquers fear,
the love of a child in a manger.**
The choice is ours to make,
how we live in to the possibilities of Christmas,
**the beauty is that we do not live out the choice
by our own strength.**
Go with God,

The Order of Worship

December 8, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

PRELUDE What Child Is This

English carol
arr. Matthew Prins

The First Noel (9:00)

English carol
arr. Prins

Ukranian Bell Carol (11:00)

Mykola Leontovych
arr. Prins

Four-in-Hand Ringers

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) George and Wanda Barber

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the lonely places
The wilderness
Where we stand forlorn
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out

People: Prepare a way for the Lord

Leader: In the dark places
The shadows
Where we hide our fears
Embrace our tears
Your voice calls out

People: Prepare a way for the Lord

who feeds our hopes and quiets our fears

Always and everywhere. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther

Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and Buz Johnson

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 1-31: Susan McKeehan

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 want to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jacob Phillips and Frank Manrod

GREETERS (11:00): Carlene and Max Robinson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Four-in-Hand Ringers

SAFETY TEAM: Erik Kringen

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Scott Rutherford, Tim and Joyce Ryan, John Salsbery, Elizabeth Ridley

THIS THURSDAY EVENING, December 12, at 7:30, the congregation is invited to join the Chancel Choir for evensong, a lovely service drawn from those held at Coventry Cathedral and York Minster for four centuries. Accompanying a contemplative and reflective liturgy of litanies, prayers, and scripture, the choir will share music by Hassler, Holst, Perkins, and Victoria. The choir and I hope you'll be able to join us! A nursery will be provided.

Peter Van Eenam

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is a traditional English carol arranged by Sir Stephen Cleobury, the former choirmaster and organist at King's College, Cambridge, who passed away earlier this year. His generous and warm mentorship in the few years prior to the establishment of our Boys' Choir was the chief catalyst in its formation, for which I'm ever grateful. This carol's text is descended from a fourteenth-century song entitled *Joyis Fyve*. At various points in its history, the carol's number of joys increased to as many as twelve, but eventually seven became the standard.

Peter Van Eenam

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS are still being accepted and name plates will be placed in each hymnal soon.

BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES ANGEL TREE: We have partnered with Bridge Refugee Services of Knoxville to help 7 families from the Democratic Republic of the Congo now living in Knoxville. The gifts need to be returned by TODAY. *You can also make a monetary donation that will go towards KUB gift cards, KAT passes and WalMart gift cards. Please mark on your check that it is for Bridge Refugee Services.*

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Longest Night is a worship service offered during Advent. It acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, or sadness. This service offers a way for people to claim those feelings while still feeling surrounded by the compassionate love of God. Westminster will offer a Longest Night service on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the sanctuary for this quiet service of music and contemplation.

FISH DELIVERY needs big HELP for December delivery people!! With children being home the last 2 weeks of December the need for extra groceries, will be GREAT! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on December 12, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help Westminster reach those in need this holiday season. Contact Georgann Byerley if you can help,.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 160 pledges with a total of \$711,460. The asking budget is \$903,141. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue it's present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! You are needed and appreciated!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG: Following the 11:00 service on December 15, the entire church is invited to our Christmas carol sing-a-long and potluck! The Connect Team will supply Bar-B-Q, everyone else bring a side or dessert to share. Ibbie Muntz will lead the singing, the Westminster Brass ensemble will perform, and Mary Lou Holt is accompanying!! (There will even be some Christmas games!) We hope everyone will join us for Christmas fun.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHRISTMAS DRAMA PRESENTS

The children and youth of Westminster invite you to see their production of A Charlie Brown Christmas TODAY at 6:00 p.m. This production has it all... awesome acting and directing by our children and youth, commercial messages, a jazz trio, cameo appearances... "we even have a Christmas queen!" Start your holidays out in style, and come be inspired by our Westminster Players. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free!



CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND KNOX YOUTH JAZZ CONCERT: Join us Wednesday, 12/11 at 5:30 for a potluck dinner; main course will be provided if you'll bring a side! We will have several holiday crafts to choose from in the Schilling Gallery. After crafting, the Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra will preform for everyone at 7:00.

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KIDS CORNER

Nursery (8:45-12:15): available for children 0-4 years old.

Children's Fellowship Time (10:00-10:45): for kids of all ages through 4th grade, great to get to know each other better while participating in fun and meaningful activities, games, crafts and service projects.

Time with Children (11:10): Children age 4-4th grade are encouraged to stay with families for the beginning of 11:00 am worship, they are then invited up-front for a brief children's sermon and prayer, then ushered downstairs for Sunday School.

Sunday School (11:15-12:00): Children will be split by age, pre-school thru kindergarten and 1st-4th grade.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.

They are studying Luke.

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.

Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

TRUSTEES

Reed Ellis

Jeff Browning

Cile Mathews

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: *God is with us. - Matthew 1:23* God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need. We are collecting this Special Offering through December 22. 50% of your gifts assist current and retired church workers who are in financial need and the other 50% make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: HOPES AND FEARS

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight' are the words which conclude the first verse of the classic Christmas carol. Join Larry Ridley for Advent Study 2019 on December 1, 8, and 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will consider the history, story and meaning of the carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', including the missing verse written by the author of the carol, Phillips Brooks, travel with Rick Steves to Bethlehem, Palestine and the Church of the Nativity, and follow the tradition of a religious observance Las Posadas sin Fronteras.

AT UKIRK UTK we rely on financial support to make God's love known to all students at UT Knoxville. Each and every gift, no matter the size, is extremely important to the future of this ministry. Beginning on December 3rd we will run a week long Giving Campaign and we are asking that you would keep us in your prayers and consider financially supporting UKirk monthly or through a one-time gift. To do so, you can easily go to our website, www.ukirkutk.org/support, and set up a one-time or recurring gift. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support as we help college students grow and be sustained by their faith at the University of Tennessee.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting will be on Thursday December 12th at 7:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our guest will be Ms. Lisa New, President and CEO of the Knoxville Zoo. She will join us as the invited guest of Rev. Gradye Parsons. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Bill Farnham. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. For new members of Westminster, if you have any questions, please contact the church office. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

ADVENT FLOWER DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the Abbey. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

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I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:
