



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship December 29, 2019
11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Johann Bernhard Bach
Johann Pachelbel

(The chorale text is found in Hymn No. 111 in the purple hymnal.)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

Leader: Praise the Lord from earth, fire and hail, snow and frost, mountains and wild animals, fruit trees and flying birds;

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, men and women alike, old and young together...

People: Praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 110 (purple hymnal) Love Has Come Bring a Torch

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

*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 Isaiah 63:7-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Laura Stockdale

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:13-26

SERMON Barbara Adamcik

Only Human

“All I needed was a little faith,

So I could catch my breath and face the world again.” Billy Joel

*HYMN NO. 112 (purple hymnal) On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Sussex Carol

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe that in Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus is God with us. In him true humanity was realized for all. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. He is present in the church by the Holy Spirit to continue and complete the work of reconciliation. This work of God is the foundation of our faith concerning God and the world. The gift of God in Christ is for all people, therefore we affirm that we are called to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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.

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 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Marcel Dupré

*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.

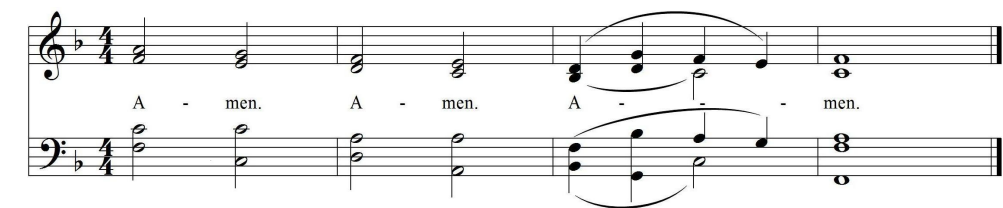
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 136 (purple hymnal) Go, Tell It on the Mountain Go Tell It

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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



*POSTLUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Colleen Manrod and Bob Albiston
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: 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

GREETERS: Rob and Susan McKeehan
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: William Milam
SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel
USHERS: Bill Holt, Brenda Seip, Mary Lou Crow, Bob Daverman, Reed Ellis

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

WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE next Sunday, January 5 with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for the New Year Holiday on January 1st.

Adult Sunday School

Classes will resume on January 5.

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.

Faith and Life - Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

2020 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2020 flower dedications. We ask for a \$65.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30.

FINAL 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS as well as any 2020 prepaid offerings need to be in the church office by December 30. All offerings received by December 30 will be included in your 2019 contribution statement. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Renee Wiesehuegel.

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High School Youth Retreat: Save-the-Date!

January 17-19 all High School youth (grades 9-12) will be traveling to Gatlinburg and having our own "Discovering Your Gifts Retreat"! In addition to bonding and recognizing each others' God-given gifts and talents, we'll be staying in the heart of Gatlinburg, enjoying both the winter and Gatlinburg's winter activities!!

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
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