



**The Order of Worship**

**January 19, 2020  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**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** Les mages Olivier Messiaen

*The Magi  
(from La Nativité du Seigneur)*

“The Magi departed, and the star went before them.”

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) Joy Will Come At Christmas Vincent Persichetti

Joy will come at Christmas; Joy for us, O joy divine. He was born at Christmas time; Joy be yours and joy be mine.

Love will come at Christmas; Love for us, O love divine. He was born at Christmas time; Love be yours and love be mine.

Peace will come at Christmas; Peace for us, O peace divine. He was born at Christmas time; Peace be yours and peace be mine. Amen.

Anonymous

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We seek to follow Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith,  
**People: Where God’s transforming love for all Creation is celebrated through worship, discipleship and service.**  
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 14** (purple hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) *Book of Common Worship*

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
 You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts  
 are restless until they rest in you.  
 Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
 that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
 no weakness keep us from doing it;  
 that in your light we may see light clearly,  
 and in your service find perfect freedom;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 49:1-7

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

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:29-42

**SERMON** “Doin’ some soul searchin’, lookin’ for myself Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
 Soul searchin’, Lord, I need a little help.”

*Soul Searching, Little River Band*

**\*HYMN NO. 375** (purple hymnal) Shall We Gather at the River *Hanson Place*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *The Confession of 1967*

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God’s reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the**

**abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God. 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. 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) Si iniquitates observaveris Samuel Wesley  
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Trombone Choir

(11:00) Great Day! African-American spiritual

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. Oh, Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God’s going to build up Zion’s walls.

The chariot rode on the mountaintop, God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. My God spoke and the chariot did stop. God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. (Refrain)

This is the day of Jubilee, God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. God shall set the people free. God’s going to build up Zion’s walls. (Refrain)

African-American spiritual

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 334** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land *Go Down Moses*

*(Verse 1: Choir; verses 2 and 3: All)*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 J. S. Bach

*In Thee Is Joy  
(from the Orgelbüchlein)*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** James Everett and Katie Rogers  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY:** Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from ushers.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES:** Gracie Kringen and Ella Chattin

**GREETERS (11:00):** Brenda Seip and Kathy Shilling

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Trombone Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Scott Porter

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) David Woodall and Genet Weber

(11:00) Jerry Carley, Brenda Seip, LoAnn Price, Robert and Susan McKeegan

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rick and Janice Rawe to the Glory of God and in honor of the church staff.

**THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE** invites us to imagine the journey of the Magi, though not by means of traditional musical forms or harmonies. Instead, we enter a world of colors, imagery, feelings, and mysticism. This work will require a different, more objective way of listening, but as I live with this piece, it continually and quietly reveals more and more depth and profundity. I sincerely hope it will transport each of you to a deeper understanding of the Magi's faith in following the star as they traveled to Bethlehem to worship and adore the Child. Quoting from the overview of Olivier Latri's recording of the complete works of Messiaen: "Liturgical music celebrates God in his church," Messiaen said in a lecture given at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. "Religious music reveals him at all hours and all across our planet Earth, in our mountains and oceans, among the birds, flowers and trees, and even in the visible universe of stars that surrounds us." Aside from his highly cerebral compositional skill and all its complexity, including his own modes of limited transposition (essentially scales with non-conventional patterns of whole and half steps), his writing vividly evokes what the titles depict. In *Les mages*, it has been interpreted that the pedal line depicts the star and that the descending chords in the right hand represent the long, winding journey of the Magi (the chords are in three parts and grouped in threes, on several levels), accompanied by sustained, calm, and even hypnotic chords in the left hand, suggesting meditation as they traveled through the night. At the conclusion of the work, as they reach the manger, all three textures join (pedal and the two manuals) in a single chord.

Peter Van Eenam

**MOST HYMNAL DEDICATIONS** have been placed in the purple *Glory to God* hymnals. We have a couple to go but a big thank you to the Worship, Music and the Arts Ministry Team for their diligent work installing the bookplates!

**WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be on Thursday, January 23rd at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled,, "Climate Change- Part Two" will be presented by Hap McSween. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Buz Johnson. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. If you have any questions regarding this group, please contact the church office.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**ART IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY** is from the youth's pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. The photography is by the participants while they were exploring landscapes and flora of the area, as well as, their fellowship, spiritual growth and meditation time. We hope you will enjoy the photos from this faith shaping event.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB** will meet January 21 at 10:30 in the SHOW room to discuss *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, written by John Irving.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is scheduled for January 26 at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Is your family growing, new babies or growing babies? Do you have an up-to-date photo of yourself or family that you would like to include in our WPC Photo Directory? We are always accepting photos. Please email them to melissa\_wpc@comcast.net.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Friday, February 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will gather for appetizers at the Buckingham Clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. When signing up, either commit to bring an appetizer or make a donation to the "Social Hour Fund" to help offset the cost of the beverages. During the appetizer portion of the evening, you will be given your host's name and directions to their home. Be sure to indicate if you need a gluten free meal. The nursery staff will be at church for those who need childcare for their children. Please note when signing up if you need this service in order for Allie to arrange enough babysitters. The cost for each participant is \$12 (payable at the event). The hosts are our guests for the evening and do not pay. We appreciate all for hosting this event.

### **Join Our Awesome Crew!**

#### **Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King Parade!!!**

For all who are interested, We will be marching in Knoxville's MLK parade Monday, January 20 (representing our presbytery's Presbyterian Peace Committee.) We meet at the 1st Presbyterian parking lot (behind the Tennessee Theatre) at 9 a.m. Vans will take us to the parade start (at Chilhowie Park.) Vans pick us up at the end of the parade and return us to our cars. We will all be going to lunch on Market Square after the parade, and everyone is invited!! Don't miss this awesome opportunity to be the change the world that we all hope to see!!!

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** Our first PNO of 2020 will be Friday, January 31. The nursery will be open from 5:00-8:00 for kids 5th grade and under. Drop your kids off for any portion of that time window. We will provide pizza, apple sauce, water, and cookies. We will have a craft, games, and a movie projected on the wall. The cost is \$10 for one child, and \$5 for every child after that. (So \$10 for one kid, \$15 for two kids, \$20 for three, etc). If you are interested please let me know by Tuesday, January 28 so I can have enough supplies and food available. Email me at allie\_wpc@comcast.net and include how many kids to expect.

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### **KIDS CORNER**

#### **9:00 am**

Ages 0-5 years old: Nursery available

Ages 6 years old and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

#### **10:00 am**

Ages 0-2nd grade: Fellowship time in Nursery

Grades 3rd-4th grade: Sunday School in the downstairs Prayer Room

#### **11:00 am**

Ages 0-3 years old: Nursery available

4 years old-2nd grade: in Sanctuary until Time with the Children,

then downstairs for Sunday School

Children 3rd grade and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

### **Adult Sunday School**

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.

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeegan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

#### **Class of 2021**

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

#### **TRUSTEES**

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#### **Class of 2022**

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