

# First Sunday in *Lent*

Scripture, in the Christ, in worship, in those we love and in the stranger, and even in the challenges and changes we face. Forgive us for thinking that you are absent when we are absentminded about you. Forgive us for overstepping the limits of our humanity and living as if we have no need of you. Forgive us, heal our spirits, bring wholeness to our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

The Order of Worship

March 1, 2020  
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. 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** Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou                      Marcel Dupré  
(from *Fifteen Pieces for Organ*)

## **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**

Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.

**People: In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.**

Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and nourishes us.

**People: In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.**

Leader: Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.

**People: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 469 (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken

*Bunessan*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to recognize you as you come to us in

*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 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34

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

J. P. Mackay

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew selections; Matthew 4:1-11

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*"To love more dearly, to see more clearly, to follow more nearly"*

\*HYMN

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

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC(USA)

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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) Quid retribuam Domino Guy de Lioncourt  
Quid retribuam Domino, pro omnibus quae retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris accipiam, Et nomen Domini invocabo. Dirupisti vincula mea, tibi sacrificabo hostiam laudis, et nomen Domini invocabo.

*What should I give back to the Lord for all the good I have received from him? I will accept the Chalice of Salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. You broke my bonds, I will offer a sacrifice in praise to you and call upon the name of the Lord.*

trans. Judy Webster

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Ruth Ann Bendy, Soprano

(11:00) Agnus (from *Messe de Requiem*) Jehan Alain  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them everlasting rest.*

attr. John the Baptist

**\*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**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*This great thanksgiving prayer is part of a larger prayer prepared by an International Committee on Peace and Justice. Since the words of institution are included in this prayer, they are not said in the invitation to the Lord’s table, or in relation to the breaking of the bread.*

**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)...to the glory of your name.

**HYMN NO. 85** (blue hymnal) (11:00) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*  
(*Verse 2*)

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

**HYMN NO. 85** (blue hymnal) (11:00) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*  
(*Verse 1*)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

(9:00) Choral cistercien “Pour une élévation” Jehan Alain  
(11:00) O Savior of the World Charles Callahan  
O savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us, save us and help us, O Lord.

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

Quid retribuam Domino Guy de Lioncourt  
(The text is found at the Offertory Anthem.)

**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**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d’anches François Couperin  
(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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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.

**Faith and Life** - New Member classes will be held during the 10:00 education hour on March 1, and March 8. These classes are perfect for those of you who want to learn more about being part of Westminster and being Presbyterian. The classes will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Mary Boyd, and Dr. Phillips, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Join us if you are a new member or an inquirer!

**Syria: The Burden of Memory and the Hope of the Gospel** beginning March 15 during the Sunday School hour. Rev. Ann Brunger is the child of mission co-workers in the Middle East and is a member of the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA. The study will cover the history of Syria, political and religious forces in the region, and the ministry of peace and reconciliation of the Presbyterian Church in Syria and Lebanon.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Cindy Pearman in honor of Brad Pearman’s birthday, March 3.

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Rachel Powell and Charlie Mercer

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Cindy Spangler

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from ushers.

### **SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** Ella Chattin and Gracie Kringen

**GREETERS:** Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Peter Tortorelli

**SENIOR USHER:** Cile Mathews

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) Rob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Mary Lou Crow, Bill Holt, Judy Jorden, John and Kathy Shilling

### **WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES**

Join us in the sanctuary for a lenten prayer service each Wednesday of Lent at 6:30.

**DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT** are available on the credenza in the narthex.

**PILGRIMAGE PHOTO FUNDRAISER:** If you wanted a photograph from the youth's pilgrimage please find them in the office! Thank you for continuing to support our youth and their spiritual formation!! Note on your checks that the funds are for youth missions.

**A BIRTHDAY RECEPTION** will follow the 11:00 am worship for Nancy Dean and Marty Marsh, two of our founding members! Join us to enjoy cake and celebrate these lovely women.

**OUR THANKS** to Ruth Ann Bandy and Meredith Mackay for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM** sung this morning is from the *Messe de Requiem* by the 20th century, French composer and organist Jehan Alain (1911-1940). The work, composed in 1938, existed only in sketches and incomplete choir scores until 1978, when Alain's sister, Marie-Claire, and internationally-known organist and authority on her brother's works, created a composite (complete) score for public use. The *Agnus*, the third and final movement, is essentially a hypnotic canon between the soprano and bass with the alto and tenor creating a subtle choral "mist" in the middle from which mild dissonances occasionally briefly emerge.

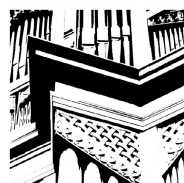


**JUSTICE KNOX:** TODAY we will meet after the 11am service in the McKinnon Room for a Westminster/Justice Knox Meeting. Snacks will be served and we will be finished in an hour. We'll report on affordable housing, transportation, education and mental health.

**SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT:** Be sure to take some time in the Schilling Gallery perusing the "Pond Series" photos by Frank Norris. Not only are they beautiful, but they will make you think and ask what exactly you are seeing. A former USMC pilot in the 1960s and construction worker for thirty years, Frank now spends long hours on his hobby of photography of nature, using different lenses and computer techniques to produce fascinating works of art. These photos were taken at two ponds in the Rocky Hill neighborhood. They will be on display until the end of April.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is today. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Send articles to Debbie at [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).



**Musica  
Organi**

**CONCERT ORGANIST JOBY BELL** will be heard in recital at Westminster Church **this Friday evening, March 6, at 8:00**, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. Cosponsoring this program is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Bell is University Organist and Professor of Music at the Hayes School of Music of Appalachian State University, and he is known for "the breadth of his repertoire, technical virtuosity, and for the personal warmth which shines through in his performances." As a recording artist, his catalog includes *American*

*Classic Widor*, a seven-volume series of the complete solo organ works of Charles-Marie Widor, recorded on Aeolian-Skinner and E. M. Skinner instruments around the country. His program will include works by J. S. Bach, Georg Böhm, Johann Niklaus Hanff, and Max Reger, among others. There is no charge for admission and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. For further information, please contact the church office at (865) 584-3957 or [westminsterpres@comcast.net](mailto:westminsterpres@comcast.net). Please save the date—I hope to see you there!

Peter Van Eenam

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** Our next PNO is set for March 27. This event is for church member's children age 10 and under from 5-8 pm!

**WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 5.

### **Living Waters for the World Domestic Volunteer Training**

(a mission resource of the PC(USA) which is for drinkable water in the USA)

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian of Knoxville Spitzer Building Room 320

Friday evening March 6 and Saturday morning March 7

Free training by LWW staff and former minister Carson Salyer

No prerequisites. Requirements necessary: a serving heart and a willingness to gain knowledge of construction, electrical or plumbing. If skilled already, even better.

No commitment to partner with LWW as much as simply get training then discern interest. If you have questions, please contact William Milam, [wtilam@ieee.org](mailto:wtilam@ieee.org).

**VMC** currently needs men's pants (especially sizes 30 -34), mens shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, jackets, hand soap, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!

**HARPIST, CAROLINE WILKINS** will be in concert in the sanctuary on March 13, at 7:30 pm. She is the grand prize winner of the American Harp Society National Competition and American Harp Society Concert Artist. \$15 suggested donation.



### **2023 ELDER NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee has a deadline of March 15 for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2023, one Youth Elder for the class of 2021, and one Trustee for the class of 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: Scott Brunger (Chair), Amy Gilbert (Vice Chair), Jean Bonnyman, Zach Gosselin and Ruth Yates.

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because \_\_\_\_\_