

# Second Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 8, 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.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

**PRELUDE** Alma Redemptoris Mater Marcel Dupré  
*Loving Mother of the Redeemer*  
(from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)

## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, on a winding road.  
**People: We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes and fears, and our faith.**  
Leader: We gather here to celebrate life’s beauty and find healing for its pain...  
**People: to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth, and to listen for the wisdom that guides us.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 611 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
*Hymn to Joy*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, who dwells in the heart that longs for Your presence and the life that reflects your will, hear our confession. We have not loved you with all of our heart and soul, with all of our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Throughout this season of Lent, deepen within us a sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. May our individual lives and our communal life together continually reflect the life of our Lord, who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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

(9:00) Allegretto (from *Tricinia: Four Pieces*) Walter S. Hartley  
Trombone Choir

(11:00) Sicut cervus G. P. da Palestrina  
Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

Psalm 42:1

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* 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. 19 (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) God of Great and God of Small  
*God of Great and Small*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Grand Plein Jeu Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(from *Suite on the First Tone*)

\*Indicates standing.

## NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Luke Alexander Huning

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17

SERMON “It’ll be just like starting over” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

John Lennon, “Starting Over”

\*HYMN NO. 286 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Breathe on Me, Breath of God *Trentham*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Katie Rogers and Buz Johnson  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Cindy Spangler  
**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**  
**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Elena Bell and Lucy Gilbert  
**GREETERS** (11:00): Tom Byerley and Brenda Seip  
**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**  
(9:00) Trombone Choir  
(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Larry Tragresser  
**SENIOR USHER:** Cile Mathews  
**USHERS:**

(9:00) Rebecca Parker and Leslie Versen  
(11:00) Mark Potocik, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman, Robert and Susan McKeehan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE**

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

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your OGHs gifts are there to sew it back together. Your generosity fulfills a vision rooted in the biblical witness and beautifully stated in Isaiah 58:12. The prophet writes: “You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

- 32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.
- 36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program) Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root cases of poverty so all may be fed.
- 32% Partnering in Progress (Self Development of People) Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

**GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA (c. 1525-1594)** was one of the finest composers of polyphony (contrapuntal music) in the *stile antico*. Seen as perhaps the last major composer of his era, Palestrina’s form and style would soon give way to the forward-looking *stile moderno* of the early Baroque. This morning’s motet, one of his better-known, is masterful in its sophisticated, yet subtle counterpoint, crystalline texture, and feeling of timelessness and serenity.

**NASHVILLE TORNADOS AND PDA:** As always, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be a part of the recovery process. Best known by its acronym, PDA, the organization is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. In addition to key responders like the Red Cross and FEMA, PDA works with other faith-based partners. Some church groups will go into disaster areas to provide immediate needs; PDA’s focus, however, is the long-term recovery of communities. While churches within the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee sustained little to no damage, many of their neighborhoods have been devastated. PDA has reached out to the presbytery staff to offer any assistance that might be needed down the road. We anticipate that there will be ongoing needs, perhaps even opportunities for mission teams. If you would like to make a special contribution toward the Nashville recovery efforts, you may designate your check by noting PDA account DR000015 in the memo line, or by donating online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/>

**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.

**WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:**  
The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday March 12th at 8:00 am in the McKinnon Room. Buz Johnson will present, *Jefferson and the Jesus Seminar* and breakfast will be provided courtesy of Ron Campbell. All men of the church community are welcome and no reservation is required. Join us and bring a friend.

**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

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like them.

**2023 ELDER NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee has a deadline of TODAY 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children’s Ministries  
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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant  
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**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, March 8 and March 15. 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.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger  
James Everett  
Andrew Gordon  
Susan McKeehan  
Shawn Owens  
Youth Elder: Katie Rogers  
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2021**

Brian Bonnyman  
Anne Crais  
Amy Gilbert  
Buz Johnson  
Rachel Powell

**Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston  
Janet Drumm  
Colleen Manrod  
Charlie Mercer  
Leslie Versen

**TRUSTEES**

Reed Ellis

Jeff Browning

Cile Mathews

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will meet March 19 at 1:30 in the McKinnon room.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** We are happy to announce a grief support group led by Brenda Fletcher, the bereavement coordinator for UT Hospice. The class will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 pm in the McKinnon Room. All are welcome and you aren't required to bring anything with you!

**SHOW AND WAMS** will meet this Sunday at 5:00 to bake cookies for local firefighters and their school police officers. Salsarita's will be served and we should wrap up around 7:00!

**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! The cost is \$10 for one, and \$5 for each additional child. RSVP to allie\_wpc@comcast.net by March 23.

**BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES / COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TEAM:** Amanda Parker with Bridge Refugee will be training our Community Assistance Team March 10 at 6:30 at WPC. You are welcome to attend this informational meeting. As we embark on a journey for a three month commitment of cultural and spiritual growth. Our family of five (young mother with a 8 year old, 5 year old, and twins who are 1 ½ years old) arrives March 9th. We will have keys to the apartment and can arrange a time to have the furnishings brought to the apartment (by March 9th) and volunteers can help get those set up. These are some items that we especially need for this family: living room furniture: couch and loveseat/stuffed chairs, kitchen table with chairs, toddler-appropriate silverware/dishes/"sippy cups" for twins, aged 1.5 years old. If you have any of the above items, please email Amanda at vista@bridgerefugees.org



**ALZHEIMER AND DEMENTIA WORKSHOPS**

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:15 pm  
HERE! At WPC

Two Workshop Options:

- 1. Medical Issues with Dr. O.H. Oliveira
- 2. Practical Helps for Caregivers with Cheryl Blanchard MLSW

Registration needed by March 23: register at renee\_wpc@comcast.net  
Please indicate which workshop you will be attending.

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations 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 supporting this annual tradition.

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**In memory of/honor of (circle one):**

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**Given by:**

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