



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 13, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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 Melody Myroslav Skoryk

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Boyd

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Leader: Day after day, we seek God’s face and the assurance of God’s holy love:

People: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

Leader: One thing we ask of God:

People: That we may live in God’s dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God’s home.

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

People: Thanks be to God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 12 (Glory to God hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON John L. Bell

*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

Luke 13:31-35

*CANTICLE (11:00) To My Humble Supplication

Mon Dieu, prête-moi l’oreille

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Allie Brewington

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 27

SERMON

“All God’s Chickens”

Barbara Adamcik

*HYMN NO. 329 (Glory to God hymnal) God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Winchester Old

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, 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 everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 online 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) Wondrous Love, Sacred Harp Tune 1844

David N. Johnson

(11:00) Blessed Are They That Always Keep Judgment

Samuel Wesley

Blessed are they that always keep judgment, and do righteousness.

Psalms 106:3

*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. 66** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pentecost

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Improvisations on the Ukraine State Anthem

Mykhailo Verbytsky

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jaelyn Beeler and Bob Albiston

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: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Tom Byerley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Casey Page and Ken Hughes

(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, John Salsbery, Penny Tschantz, Linda VanBeke

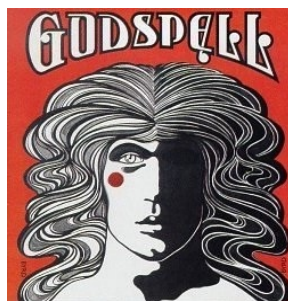
FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Charlie and Alice Mercer in honor of all members helping with our church's current transition with prayers for wisdom and grace.

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for leading the Chancel Choir this morning and serving as organist.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE this morning are Ukrainian

compositions: The prelude is an organ transcription by Jonathan Dimmock of the string quartet entitled "Melody" by Myroslav Skoryk (1938-2020). The postlude is an improvisation on the Ukrainian State Anthem, music by Mykhailo Verbytsky (1815-1870) and text primarily by the poet Pavlo Chubynsky (1839-1884); in English translation, its first line is "Ukraine has not yet died, nor her glory, nor her freedom."

Theresa Pepin



WESTMINSTER PLAYERS are going to be presenting a concert version of Godspell on Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the Westminster sanctuary. Our friend and music director, Jake Cannon, is coming from NYC to conduct and accompany the performance!! The afternoon will be extra special and uplifting, and the audience will have a chance to join in the fun! Westminster's Connect Team will be hosting a Mediterranean feast after the concert. Bless the Lord My Soul, rest assured that Day By Day we will Learn

Our Lessons Well and Prepare Ye the best concert possible using All Good Gifts we have to offer!!

BULLETIN ARTWORK: The mosaic on the bulletin cover is a beautiful piece which decorates the altar of the Dominus Fleuit chapel outside of Jerusalem on the west slope of the Mount of Olives. At the foot of the altar, a mosaic of a hen gathering her chickens under her wings recalls Christ's words "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Luke 13:34)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

LENT AT WESTMINSTER: We are offering a weekly Lenten study and prayer service. Rev. Gradye Parsons will lead the study using his book, *Open to Me the Gates* and we will end each week with a time of evening prayer. The study/prayer service will be each Wednesday during Lent (March 9 - April 6) at 5:30 p.m.



ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send all articles to Debbie, unitedprinters@comcast.net.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed March 18 due to Knox County Spring Break.

BRAVER ANGELS: Skills for bridging the divide; are you concerned about the future of our democratic republic? See the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery for more information about an upcoming workshop in Powell.

LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet on March 15 at 10:30a.m. in the McKinnon room. We chose a book by one of the African-American women featured in the movie Hidden Figures, Katherine Johnson. Her book, *My Remarkable Journey*, describes her life as a mathematician, scientist, and engineer who worked on the early NASA moon launches. Her work was quiet, and hidden as she stepped through barriers, paving the way for others. Cindy Serbin will lead the discussion.

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Feasting on the Word

Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based study, meets in person in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class looks at scriptures that are from the lectionary readings for each week.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study class chooses books of the Bible for in-depth study each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class meets in person in the McKinnon Room AND on Zoom.

The Wired Word

The Wired Word meets at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. You'll get an email with the week's current events topic that is discussed with an eye and ear toward scripture. The discussion is always lively. Jump in! The class is meeting in the library this fall to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

Westminster's Coffee Spot

Give it a try on Sunday mornings from 10:00- 11:00 a.m. Our coffee bar is under the TV near the kitchen. It offers an assortment of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and flavorings for you to enjoy. You can grab a cup to take to a Sunday school class or stay and chat. We're purchasing our coffee through UPerk at UTK, so we'll be helping their ministry.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is a special offering and the single largest way that presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs; PDA, Presbyterian Hunger Program and self-development of people.

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PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely. To support our response, designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444



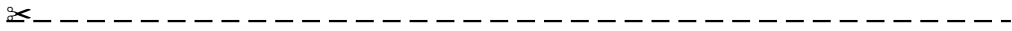
SAVE THE DATE: Spring has sprung! Let's celebrate together with some fellowship and food! Please make plans to join us Sunday, March 27th for a *WPC Spring Fling!* We will have several food trucks available in the parking lot immediately after worship. Seating will be available in the Pavilion, but bring a chair if you'd like to sit out in the sunshine. Food trucks and a rain plan will be announced in the coming week! In the meantime, RSVP at <https://forms.gle/RReApXi1qg6Z6Q6x9>

THE SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Albiston	Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Janet Drumm	Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
Colleen Manrod	William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Leslie Versen	Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews	Robert McKeehan	Ron Alexander
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2025 ELDER NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee is looking for four nominees. Usually we are looking for five nominees, but Janet Drumm has graciously accepted the calling of staying on for another term as an elder. The committee has a deadline of TODAY for receiving nominees for four Elders for the class of 2025, one Youth Elder for the class of 2023, and one Trustee for the class of 2025. If you would like to nominate someone, please drop your submission in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: Colleen Manrod (Chair), William Milam (Vice Chair), Daniel Berry, George Barber, and Elizabeth Salsbery

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____