

Fifth Sunday in *Lent*

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship
April 3, 2022
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

(9:00) Prelude in a, BWV 543, 1 J. S. Bach

(11:00) Carillons Jean Langlais

arr. Glenn Shields Daun

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:16-21

Leader: Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing. I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

People: For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself, so that they might declare my praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 402 (*Glory to God* hymnal) How Lovely, Lord Merle's Tune

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, as we continue to journey through the season of Lent, hear our prayer. For overlooking the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst in the poor and the vulnerable, forgive us. For hoarding what you would have us share, forgive us. For our judgment of others, forgive us. Shape and bend our individual lives and our communal life together toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and houses of worship, and the whole world, with your abundant, extravagant love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

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

John L. Bell

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

SERMON

“Reckless Love”

Mary Boyd

*HYMN NO. 802 (*Glory to God* hymnal) The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

A Declaration of Faith PC(USA)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time.

It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us

who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude,

boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others.

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) Carillons Jean Langlais

(11:00) Kyrie (from *Missa Secunda*) Hans Leo Hassler

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Popes Gelasius I and Gregory I

*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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

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

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Please remain seated as elders pass the elements of the sacrament.

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** (9:00) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer
Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Fugue in a, BWV 543, 2 J. S. Bach
(11:00) Capriccio Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck?

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Chris Van Beke

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Kathy Shilling

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

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in gratitude of our Westminster family from Berta Bergia and Alice Magee.

LATE RENAISSANCE-EARLY BAROQUE ORGANIST AND COMPOSER, Hans Leo Hassler, was one of a number of German musicians who studied in Italy and, upon their return, ultimately helped the inviting styles of composition found there spread through Europe. Hassler studied with Andrea Gabrieli in Venice, mastering counterpoint and the polychoral (antiphonal) style.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Katie Manrod and Cooper Kringen

GREETERS (11:00): Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

LITURGIST: Rev. Ann Owens Brunger

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jack Carley

(11:00) Janet Drumm, Melissa Everett, Barbara Froula, Rob and Susan McKeehan

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Send articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is April 12 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Staff will provide refreshments and meetings will begin at 7:00.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is April 7 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

BOB MURRIAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE will be Saturday April 9, at 12:00. If anyone is interested in helping in the kitchen, or ushering during the service, please email melissa_wpc@comcast.net for more details. We need people to bring finger foods, as well as, a kitchen coordinator and clean-up crew. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church office!



GODSPELL IS BACK! We are excited to announce that our awesome 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 so uplifting, and the audience will have a chance to join in the fun too! 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!!

A CHAMBER RECITAL will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Cindy Emory, harp; Hillary Herndon, viola; Maria Castillo Rodriguez, flute; and Andy Bryenton, cello; will be performing works by Bax, Ravel, and Debussy. There is no entrance fee. Please come enjoy the music!

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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 to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

YOUTH NEWS: Thanks to the many youth who gave Westminster the VIP treatment at our food truck event this past Sunday! They did such a great job. It's always a blessing to spend time together!!

TODAY-- youth will be meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to have our crazy-fun Photo Scavenger Hunt! This awesome evening is one of our favorites-- small groups are given a list of fun and sometimes wacky photo options. They will traverse Knoxville, getting the photos. In the end, we will share each groups photos (always hilarious!) We end the evening with a meal, as we have our "show & tell". We will need a couple of parent drivers for this fun event!! Stay tuned for some funny photos in next week's E-news!

ARTWORK IN SCHILLING GALLERY: Please be sure and take a look at the beautiful exhibits in the Schilling Gallery before the end of April. Charlottes Rollman's brightly colored plain-air (outside and on-site) paintings are on the walls. It is difficult to envision a more positive and cheerful rendering of all the seasons that we experience here in East Tennessee. Debbie Whelan's pottery is in the case nearest to the Narthex. She is a "dancer who makes pots" and believes pottery is an extension of dance. Both the human body and the clay body have form and shape, movement and meaning, and the glaze on the pot is like music to the dance. Mother's Day is not far off so perhaps something from either exhibit would make a delightful gift.

LENTEN EVENT REMINDERS!

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: Rev. Gradye Parsons leads the study using his book, *Open to Me the Gates* and we end the evening with a time of prayer. The final study/prayer service will be this Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. Around the world, OGHs ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 14

8:00 pm

WPC Sanctuary

EVERYONE IS INVITED to an ecumenical *GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE* at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 12:00 on April 15. Rev. Gradye Parsons along with other clergy from the community are providing meditations.

EASTER BREAKFAST: This year the Easter Breakfast will be a potluck. We need you! If you are willing to bring a dish, please email allie_wpc@comcast.net letting her know what item you'll be providing. The breakfast will be held April 17 at 10:00 AM in the Schilling Gallery! We want everything from cinnamon rolls, donut holes, to bacon and fruit salad surprise.

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 both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 20. The deadline to make the donation is April 12, 2022. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.



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In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:
