



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 1, 2023
11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 Tintinnabulation Carillon George Schafer
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Let your praises sound to the heavens!

People: Let the sun, and the moon, and all the shining stars sing praises to God!

Leader: Praise the Lord all the earth!

People: Praise God from the hills and mountains, from the ocean depths to the wind and clouds.

Leader: Praise the Lord, young and old, children and kings.

People: Let every thing that has breath Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 113 (Glory to God hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Incarnate God,
by the light of your goodness and mercy,
our failing to see your true light is clear:
we have not loved you,

we have not loved our neighbors,
we have not loved ourselves.
Our feet have not brought good news to the poor
nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants.
Forgive us,
blind us with your holy honesty,
so that we may more clearly see your will,
and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace.
Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan

Women

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Men

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on _____ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

All

on _____ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 581 (Glory to God hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Barbara Adamcik

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

SERMON “Now the Christmas Begins”

Eric and Barbara Adamcik

*HYMN NO. 136 (Glory to God hymnal) Go Tell It on the Mountain Go Tell It

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe in God, who creates us,
who sustains us each moment,
who is our life and our breath.
We follow Christ, who showed us God.
He received and shared God's grace.
He trusted God in everything.
He let go of things so that he might cling to Life.
He let go of life, so that he might hold onto Love.
He gave of himself, even his very life,
for the sake of the healing of the world.
And though he was crucified,
God have him life again;
and he rose and is still among us in a new way.
We live by the Holy Spirit, which alone gives us life.
We rejoice in the church, the Body of Christ,
and in the oneness of all life,
the gift of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.
By the power of that Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ,
we devote ourselves to give generously of all that we receive,
for the sake of the healing of the world,
and the eternal glory of God. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany

Maurice Duruflé

*AT THE PRESENTATION

Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old Dix
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we
with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures
bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION LITURGY (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 our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right with all the faithful of every time and place who
forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God...with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services, 217-226)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN New Year's Hymn

Hymn to Joy

(Sung to the melody: HYMN TO JOY #611)

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever-- Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

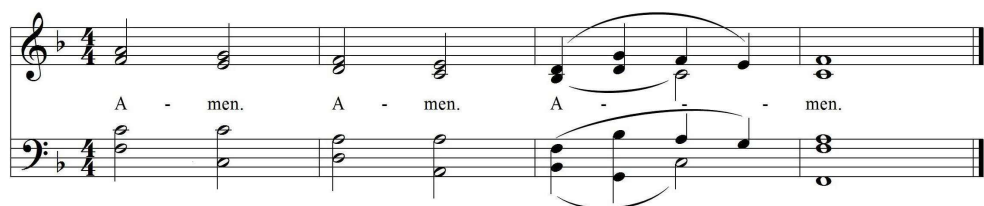
On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE God Rest You Merry

Myron J. Roberts

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: 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

GREETERS: Tom and Georgann Byerley

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: Charlie Mercer, Alice Mercer, David Owens, Shawn Owens, Darlen Milam

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for serving as the organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

WE WELCOME ERIC ADAMCIK who is assisting in worship today. Eric is a candidate for ministry, under care of Westminster and the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet January 5 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is January 8. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy. Her email address is unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 10 beginning at 6:30 pm. The Pastor Nominating Committee will provide our refreshments.

THE FLOWERGUILD SCHEDULE is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please sign up for a Sunday that you would like to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$65 and is payable at the time of your donation. The guild appreciates your support!

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK ANYONE? Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 8, 2023. Come to the Schilling Gallery anytime from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. (excluding worship times), and have your blood pressure checked. You'll be given a wallet card to keep record of your reading. Blood pressure checks will be offered several times during 2023. Thank you Linda Judge-McRae for overseeing this.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, all ages, will resume on January 8.

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Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

STAFF POSITION OPENING: Westminster is looking for someone with office skills and a compassionate presence to work 20 hours a week as our Administrative Assistant, beginning when Melissa Everett steps down from her staff position in January. If you know someone who might be interested, please check the most recent Abbey for a full announcement, or contact Renee or Anne with inquiries.

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

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Gloria Borum

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Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

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