



The Order of Worship

March 19, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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 Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 220 Dieterich Buxtehude
From God I Shall Not Turn

Chorale text: I will never forsake God, for he does not forsake me. He leads me on the right path, for otherwise I would badly stray. He stretches out his hand to me. He takes good care of me in the evening as well as in the morning, wherever I am in the land.

Ludwig Helmbold, 1563
 literal trans. Mark Bighley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Boyd, Liturgist

- One: Creator God, your glory surrounds us.
- All: Help us to see with eyes of gratitude and wonder.**
- One: Loving Christ, you come to us in the humble and needy.
- All: Help us to see with eyes of compassion and mercy.**
- One: Holy Spirit, you work among us with power and grace.
- All: Help us to see with eyes of faith. Amen.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 30** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O God, in a Mysterious Way *Dundee*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
 God of love, create in us clean hearts,
 and put within us a new and holy spirit.
 Where there is falseness, grant us your truth.
 Where there is denial, give us vision.
 Where there is fear, kindle your love.
 Where there is guilt or shame,
 let us see ourselves with your eyes of love.
 We release all the ill we have suffered,
 and repent of the harm we have done.
 Forgive me, and create us anew.

KYRIE ELEISON John L. Bell

Choir: ALL:
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Choir: ALL:
 Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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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*

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,
 Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wea-ried prais - es be:
 Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min - ion, And e - ter-nal vic-to - ry,
 Ev - er-more and ev - er - more!___

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:8-14
***CANTICLE** (11:00) To My Humble Supplication *Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille*

To my hum-ble sup-pli - ca - tion, Lord, give ear and ac-cep - ta - tion;
 Save thy serv-ant that hath none Help nor hope but thee a - lone.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41
MEDITATION "The Sight Beyond Sight" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 314** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
Christ, Be Our Light

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (from *The Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. Amen.

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.

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.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. 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) Beauty Surrounds Us Crusaders' Hymn, Silesian Folk Melody
 Text based on Danish "Dejlig Er Jorden," B.S. Ingemann, 1789-1862
 Mark Hulsether, translation and paraphrase

Beauty surrounds us
 Beauty fills the earth and skies
 Oceans and forests and clouds and stars
 Each generation
 Walking along our earthly path

Can join the song and add our part

Empires may rise and fall
Waves of time roll over us
Like our elders, we too must pass
Always the song remains
Ringing true through all our strife
To train our ears and guide our path

Angels once taught this song
Shepherds learned it the night
Still it sounds from soul to soul
Peace to a broken world
Comfort to the beaten down
The grace of God proclaimed for all

Mark Hulsether, Tenor and Piano

(11:00) O Most Merciful Charles Wood
Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the
Redeemer's Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Bishop Reginald Heber and Psalm 104

***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.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

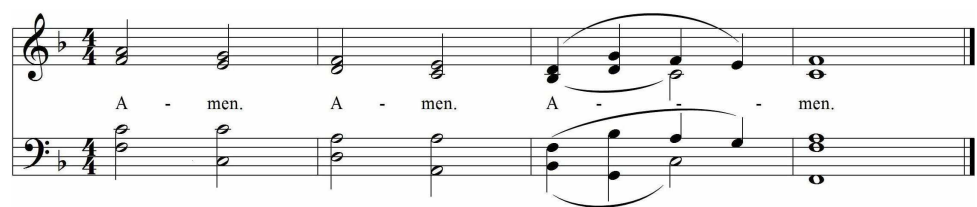
***HYMN NO. 215** (*Glory to God* hymnal) What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Fugue in d

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

CHARLES WOOD (1866-1926), an Irish composer and teacher, was educated at the Royal College of Music and Cambridge University, becoming a professor at the latter in 1924, teaching harmony and counterpoint. His pupils include such prominent English composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. This morning's offertory anthem is beautifully crafted, exhibiting subtle details of nuance and expression.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz, Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: (11:00) Ehren and Colleen Manrod

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: David Owens

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel, Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Michael Yates, Jan Gross, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Mike Kaufman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by John and Ibbie Muntz in gratitude and in memory of their daughter, Laura Joy Muntz.

OUR THANKS to Mark Hulsether for his enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: will be collected during Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

A VERY SPECIAL CHORAL CONCERT will be given Sunday afternoon, March 26, at 5:00, in our sanctuary. The Parish Choir of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension will join our Chancel Choir in the singing of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G Minor*, along with two other glorious English works. It is a most rewarding and fulfilling undertaking by the choirs and we hope you will join us!

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet March 21 at 10:30 to discuss *Traces*, by local author Patricia Hudson. Contact Linda Rutherford at scottlindatn@gmail.com, with questions. All women are welcome!

BIG, SCARY QUESTIONS will look at a paper about how the church can counter polarization in society, and on questions of truth, falsehood, and trust. All are welcome. Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room.

OUR LENTEN SERIES continues Wednesday March 22, with a soup supper at 5:45 followed by a special dramatic reading of a play and meditation on our spiritual connection to Mother Earth, offered by the Environmental Ministry Team.

WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT for 2022 is up on our website. Check it out at wpcknox.org.

YOUTH ART, GIFTS AND SERVICE AUCTION to fund the 2023 Ghost Ranch pilgrimage will take place on April 23. The Schilling Gallery is filled with art from our WPC community's artists. You can bid on the art and other items (like UTK tickets, etc.). If you have an item you would like to donate (for example: a night in a cabin, cooking a meal, or a donated service - like technology expertise), please contact Barbara Adamick. Let's help our youth get to Ghost Ranch!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall).

Feasting on the Word: Studies the scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall).

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (library).

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

9:00 to Noon - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

10:00 - Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

During 11:00 Hour: Sunday school following Time with the Children

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS: will be presenting Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* this spring – March 31 (7pm), April 1 (7pm), and April 2 (3pm).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, March 23rd, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be David Owens who will present a program entitled "TVA - Outages and Planning". David worked for TVA for 10 years as Vice President of Coal and Gas Services responsible for TVA fuel purchases and logistics. This should be a very interesting program that we hope you will be able to attend. Everyone is welcome.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 19

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

2:00pm - Play practice

Monday, March 20

4:30 pm - Rainbow Choir (McKinnon Room)

5:00 pm - Family dinner (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

5:30 pm - Young Musicians (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

Tuesday, March 21

10:30am - Ladies Bookclub- Library

12:00pm - Big Scary Questions (McKinnon Room)

6:00 pm - Choristers

Wednesday, March 22

4:30 pm - Companions- Prayer Room

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

5:45pm - Lenten Soup and Service (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 23

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Play Practice (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

7:00pm - Handbell Choir



2026 ELDER NOMINATIONS: It is now time to take the next step and make suggestions for our next class of officers for the Class of 2026. We will be nominating (5) Elders for Session, One Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit names to William Milam (Chair), Gloria Borum (Vice Chair), or our at-large members: Debbie Schmid, William Gibbons, and Amy Reddick. Please submit your suggestions by March 20th.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____



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 5. The deadline to make the donation is March 30. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$_____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____



SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER
 Saturday, April 1, anytime from 8 AM to 12 N
 Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church grounds.
 Numerous and diverse outside jobs for all!

This time we need a special group willing to deep clean our Pavilion
 - picnic tables, benches, storage room, and posts -
 Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks.
 You bring the energy and spirit; we'll provide the jobs and leadership.
 Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning before Easter !!