



The Order of Worship **January 7, 2024**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Lord's Supper
EPIPHANY

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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 J. S. Bach
The Old Year Has Passed Away
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

Chorale text: The old year has passed. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have protected us this year in such danger.
Anonymous, 1568
Help, that we leave the ways of sin and begin to become good. Do not think on the sins of the past year, but grant a new year rich in mercy.

Johann Steurlein, 1588
literal trans., both verses, Mark Bighley

INTROIT (11:00) On This Day Earth Shall Ring *Personent hodie*
arr. Gustav Holst

On this day earth shall ring With the song children sing To the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to save us; Him the Father gave us. *Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!* [Therefore, glory to God in the Highest!]

His the doom, ours the mirth; When he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth; Ox and ass beside him From the cold would hide him. (Refrain)

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three to him led, Kneeling low by his bed, Lay their gifts before him, Praise him and adore him. (Refrain)

On this day angels sing; With their song earth shall ring, Praising Christ, heaven's King, Born on earth to save us. Peace and love he gave us. (Refrain)
trans. Jane Marion Joseph

Boys' and Girls' Choirs
Westminster Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Isaiah 60) Rev. Ann Owens Brunger

One: Arise, shine; for the light has come,
All: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon us.
One: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
All: but the LORD will arise, and God's glory will appear.
One: Nations shall come to your light,
All: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
One: Let us worship the Lord!

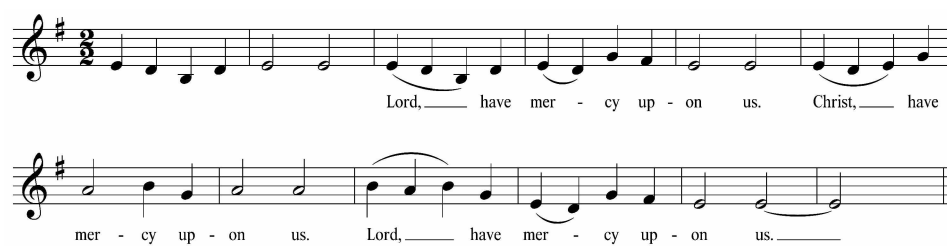
TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 107** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
Rejoice, Rejoice

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**
Loving God,
From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good.
However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough."
Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson



ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Leader: Let us share these words of grace together:
People: Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE** Hymn No. 132 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
In dulci jubilo

**Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow;
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6
Cameron Sears
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Epiphany Calling" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 135** (*Glory to God* hymnal) There's a Star in the East *Follow*

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) Canzona prima á 5 Giovanni Gabrieli
(from *Canzoni e Sonate con ogni Sorte de Instrumenti*, Venice, 1615)
Brass Choir

(11:00) Therefore Be Merry Mark Sedio

A virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, Hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell, To be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, Which Adam's transgression hath wrapped us in: And therefore be merry, set sorrows aside; Christ Jesus our Savior was born on this tide!

The King of all kings to this world being brought, Small store of fine linen to wrap him she sought, And when she had swaddled her young son so sweet, Within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep. (Refrain)

Then presently after some shepherds did spy A number of angels that stood in the sky; They joyfully shouted and sweetly did sing, "To God be all glory, our heavenly King." (Refrain)

Traditional

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: Creator God... forever sing to the glory of your name.

Many: Sanctus No. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

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

One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Agnus Dei no. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD’S 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (11:00) Lully, Lulla, Lullay Philip W. J. Stopford

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child, By, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling for whom we sing By, by, lully, lullay? (Refrain)

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. (Refrain)

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day. For Thy parting neither say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay! (Refrain)

Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15th century

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

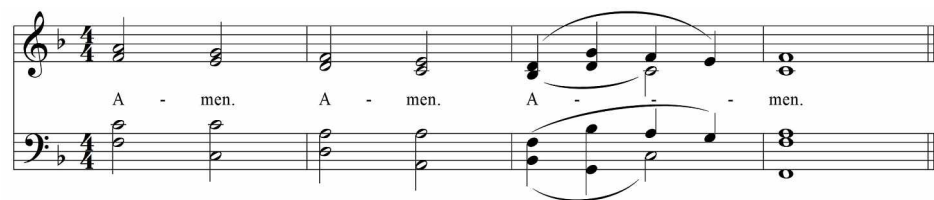
***HYMN NO. 136** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude

Marcel Dupré

In Thee Is Joy

(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28)

Chorale text: In you, there is joy amidst all suffering, O you sweet Jesus Christ! Through you we have heavenly gifts, you, who are the true Savior. You save from disgrace, rescue from bonds. Whoever trusts in you has built well and will remain forever. Alleluia! Our hearts rest in your goodness. We cling to you in life and death; nothing can separate us. Alleluia!

Johann Lindemann(?), 1598

literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

** Prayer of Confession and Assurance adapted from Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Stephen Fortney

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Nolan Oros and Eli Everett

GREETERS: (11:00) Linda Rutherford and Carol Beilharz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Boys’, Chancel, and Girls’ Choirs, and Westminster Choristers

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Andrew Gordon

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Shirley Wittman, Jaclyn Beeler, Tom and Georgann Byerley,

Mike Kaufman

THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE is taken from Marcel Dupré’s *Seventy-nine Chorales*, a collection of teaching pieces written on chorales J. S. Bach set in various collections, including the *Orgelbüchlein*. Organist at St. Sulpice in Paris from 1934 to 1971, he succeeded his friend and mentor Charles-Marie Widor. In this short piece Dupré ingeniously combines imitation between the soprano and bass lines and this same melodic material in diminution in the inner voice, all while expressing great joy. Look for the Zymbelstern to spin today, as it reminds us of our continual journey toward the star and Bethlehem.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paul and Judy Jorden in honor of their daughters Pam and Mary and spouses John and Hale for their love and support.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Karen Armsey, the Program Administrator for the UT College of Veterinary Medicine’s H.A.B.I.T. Program. Human Animal Bond in Tennessee is a non-profit, outreach organization which uses medically and behaviorally screened dogs, cats, and rabbits in animal assisted therapy and animal assisted activities. Karen will be bringing a dog to the breakfast meeting. Our breakfast will be prepared by Peter Tortorelli. We hope you will join us this Thursday morning for a very interesting program and a delicious breakfast.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

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

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children’s Church for children preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children’s Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

NEW 4TH AND 5TH CLASS Hey families! We are starting a new 4th and 5th class during the 11:00 hour starting TODAY. This will be preparing the kids to understand what is going on in the church service regarding holidays, communion, baptisms, why we do things in a certain order, etc. The lessons go along with the readings that are being done in the church service that day. We want you all to know that this is just another option for your children. If your child would like to stay in church or just come down every once in a while, we would love to have them when they decide to come down.

SAVE THE DATE Westminster, Emmanuel Prebyterian and Presbytery’s Social Justice Task Force are taking a Civil Rights trip to Atlanta, **February 23-25**. This trip is for ages 1-110. We will be visiting the MLK National Historic Park and birthplace, the Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Apex Museum, and worship at Ebenezer Baptist with Rev. (Senator) Raphael Warnock. Sign-up for this event through the East Tennessee are available! Questions? Ask Barbara@wpcknox.org.

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ABBEY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm.

Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 7

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, January 8

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:15pm - Young Musicians’ Class

Tuesday, January 9

5:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, January 10

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 11

8:30am - Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

1:00pm - FISH deliveries

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

Friday, January 12

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

7:00pm - Confirmation Class Lock-in

ADULT EDUCATION *The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence*

(January 28 - March 17) - Prayer Room. The Enneagram is a dynamic system which identifies nine personality types: ennea is Greek for nine and grammos is Greek for written symbol. Although the symbol has been around for centuries, the Enneagram of Personality was "discovered" in the 20th century and is studied throughout the world. The enneagram map is spiritually rich because of its commitment to transformative growth and its ability to name personality habits and patterns which keep us from living more authentically. Knowing and working with our ennea-type enhances how we show up in relationships, in work and in the world. We will learn about the 9 personality types and 27 subtypes using the Narrative approach. This means we will explore together the type and subtype of each class participant in a spirit of compassion and curiosity. Facilitated by the Rev. Carol Hovis, Presbyterian minister and spiritual director. Rev. Hovis has studied the enneagram for 30 years and is certified by the Enneagram Studies in the Narrative Tradition (TNE).