



The Order of Worship January 28, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 “...No darkness at all...” Ned Rorem

‘God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all...’  
—Walt Whitman, recalling fifty years later how Elias Hicks thus quoted Christ.  
(from A Quaker Reader)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111) Sophia Manrod

One: Praise the LORD!  
All: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
One: Praise the LORD!  
All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.  
One: Praise the LORD!  
All: God sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God's name.  
One: Praise the LORD! Let us worship the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 407 (Glory to God hymnal) Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers  
Nun danket all’ und bringet Ehr’

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)\*\*  
Holy God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, 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 Celtic Alleluia (sing twice) Fintan O’Carroll

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Emily Gustafson  
Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON “Teaching with Authority” Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

\*HYMN NO. 181 (Glory to God hymnal) Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit Ebenezer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)\*\*

God is an invitation.  
A lure.  
A chance to do things differently.  
Always before us,  
God is the possibility of collective change.  
Though everyday ordinary patterns of living

Disguise evil and cover over sins of power,  
God makes known what is hidden,  
calls us to courage, makes us capable of radical solidarity.  
We are not left powerless.  
Every day there are openings.  
Every day a chance to choose what is right.  
Every day an opportunity to re-pattern the world.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Movement I (from Three Equali) Ludwig van Beethoven  
Members of the Brass Choir  
(11:00) The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland  
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of all. He came to his own, and his own received him not.

adapted from John 1

\*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. 65 (Glory to God hymnal) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen Danish melody

A - men. A - men. A - men.

\*POSTLUDE Praeambulum in F, WV 39 Heinrich Scheidemann

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit  
\*\*Prayer of Confession from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long. Affirmation of Faith by M Jade Kaiser, enfleshed.com. With thanks to Linda Yates for sharing this affirmation with the WPC staff.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli  
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY  
ACOLYTES: (11:00) Charlotte and Anna Van Beke  
GREETERS: (11:00) Linda Van Beke and Anne Crais  
LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis  
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Members of the Brass Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir  
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Erik Kringen  
SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula  
USHERS: (9:00) Scott Brunger and Jack Carley  
(11:00) Kathy Shilling, Alice and Charlie Mercer, Mark Potocik and LoAnn Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Van Beke Family in memory of our beloved Mary Van Beke, our mom, Grandma, and Grandma Mary.

EGIL HOVLAND (1924-2013) is one of Norway’s most prolific composers, and, perhaps, best known. He has written symphonic works, concerti, chamber music, choral works, and a great number of sacred works, including a church opera, church ballets, and music to modern biblical plays. A graduate of the Oslo Conservatoire, he held the position of organist and choirmaster at the church of Glemmen in Fredrikstad from 1949 until his death. Among his teachers were Aaron Copland at Tanglewood and Luigi Dallapiccola in Florence.

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. (LKH Foyer)

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

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

The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence: January 28 - March 17 (McKinnon Room)

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Children’s Church for children preschool through 5<sup>rd</sup> 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) - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY Thursday, February 1, 10:30am in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. All are welcome, please join us!

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP TO ATLANTA Westminster, Emmanuel Presbyterian and the Presbytery's Racial 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 Presbytery of East Tennessee website using this link:  
https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/racial-justice-task-force/  
Cost for this trip is \$175 per person, but scholarships are available for anyone who requests them. The trip fee includes transportation, hotel, and all entrance fees. Travelers will be paying for 2 lunches and 2 dinners (breakfast is provided.) Contact: Barbara@wpcknox.org.

BETTER TOGETHER WORSHIP TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY Westminster, Emmanuel, and the Presbytery's Social Justice Task Force would like to invite everyone to celebrate the start of Black History Month with a Better Together Worship to Celebrate Black History. Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church (3023 Selma Ave.). This event will be filled with good singing, meaningful prayers, and lots of Good News! Emmanuel's new minister, Rev. Paul Taylor, will be preaching and many other presbytery ministers and friends will be leading our service. We are also recruiting a choir!! Contact Barbara Adamcik Barbara@wpcknox.org or 865-207-2574) if you can sing one or two songs with our Emmanuel and presbytery friends. After the celebration service, we will be sharing a community meal. We’re asking everyone who is interested to bring their favorite southern dish or dessert. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!!

YOUTH THIS WEEK: FAITH AND PANCAKES! This Sunday our youth (5th-12th grades) will be gathering from 4-6 p.m. for more faith and fun! Melanie Lewis will be joining us to share her faith journey with us and teach us a super wild and crazy game called Fishbowl! For dinner, we're gonna make our own Mardi Gras meal, complete with multi-colored pancakes! Everyone will get a chance to create a culinary work of art. (We'll have artistic pancakes, and eating pancakes!!) We'll even have a King Cake... who will win the prize?? It might be YOU! We hope you can join us for this great "Big Easy" evening!!



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Alcee Chriss III in recital Friday evening, March 1, at 8:00 (rescheduled from February 3, 2023). First prize and Bach prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition and the Firmin Swinnen silver medal at the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, Dr. Chriss is a composer, conductor, and jazz pianist. We hope you’ll join us for an enjoyable evening of fine organ music. For more information, please visit the Musica Organi website at www.musicaorgani.org.

MEN’S BOOK CLUB will meet in LKH on February 8, to discuss the book, *The Wager* by David Grann. We anticipate some lively discussion on how we might have responded under those conditions and who was in the right in the way they did respond.

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Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse  
Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor  
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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 28  
9:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
12:00pm - Trustees Meeting  
12:10pm - Choristers  
12:15pm - Session Meeting  
4:00pm - Youth Group  
Tuesday, January 30  
10:00am to noon - Epiphany party at Coble home  
Wednesday, January 31  
4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room  
4:30pm - Rainbow Choir  
5:00pm - Young Musicians  
7:45pm - Chancel Choir  
Thursday, February 1  
10:30am - Women’s Bible Study  
4:30pm - Brass Choir  
6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble  
7:00pm - Handbells Choir  
Friday, February 2  
4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

NEW AFTERNOON CLASS DURING LENT: on Tuesdays (February 20-March 12) from 12:00-1:00 in the McKinnon Room. Led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We will be reading *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo, Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. This is a thorough, well-researched, and thought-provoking account of this difficult chapter in our denomination’s history. Together, we will understand how this history shapes our present as a church, and we will wrestle with how God is calling us to respond to it as a community. Professor Yoo will be joining us through zoom on Wednesday evening, March 20 at the conclusion of our study of his book. Please read the first chapter of the book prior to our first meeting on February 20.