

The Order of Worship

**March 17, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Cantilène (from *Twelve Short Pieces for Organ*, Op. 43) Rachel Laurin
CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalms 51* 9:00 Eric Adamcik; 11:00 Lucy Gilbert

- One: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
- All: Renew a right spirit within me.**
- One: Fill our hearts with love for you and each other, O God.
- All: Keep our hearts open, so your word can shape us!**
- One: Give us courage, O God.
- All: Hearts to courageously serve you, and all your people.**
- All: Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 12** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
St. Denio

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word.

Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

John L. Bell

Choir: ALL:
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***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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 51:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Linda Judge-McRae
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33

SERMON Barbara Adamcik
"The only certain thing for sure, is what I do not know." - Lyle Lovett

***HYMN NO. 250** (*Glory to God* hymnal) In the Bulb There Is a Flower *Promise*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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) Capriccio di durezza Girolamo Frescobaldi
(from *The First Book of Capricci, Ricercari and Canzoni* 1626)
Harpichord

(11:00) O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin. O God, bestow Thy tender love. Hear me, restore me, forgive me, uphold me; From all my sins, O hide Thy face from my sin. Restore the joy; forgive me. O God, hear me. I cry to Thee. Hear my prayer. Cast me not away. Hear me, Lord! Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Open Thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

based on Psalm 51

***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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer Eric Adamcik
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.

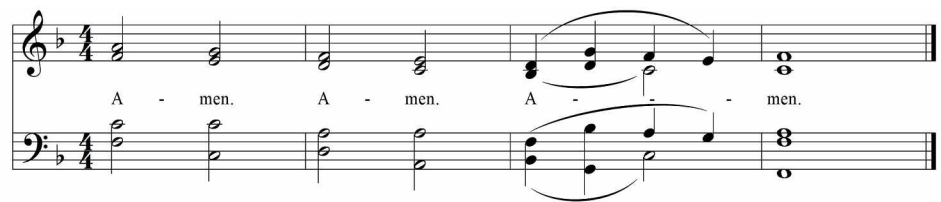
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 247** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Now the Green Blade Rises *Noël nouvelet*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

François Couperin

(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Kathryn Oakes and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Cooper Kringen

GREETERS: (11:00) Jan Gross and Linda Van Beke

LITURGISTS: Eric Adamcik and Lucy Gilbert

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Peter Tortorelli

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Connie Graham and Linda Van Beke

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Joyce and Tim Ryan, Jay Schmid

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Virginia in honor of Jordan Knight's birthday.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM is taken from Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's extended work *Stabat Mater*. Though the original was scored for two treble voice parts, Hal Hopson has skillfully arranged this movement for men's and women's voices.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Dagmar Krall, Leonard McKeehan, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon

THE MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY GROUP will be meeting TODAY at 6:00 at Alliance Brewing Company (1130 Sevier Ave). We will be discussing a recent Presbyterian Outlook article, "The Theology of Barbenheimer: What a Plastic Doll and an Atomic Bomb can Teach us about our Call as Christians." Contact Richard Coble, Jeff Gilbert, or Daniel Lewis for more information or a copy of the article. All men of the church are invited!

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP will not meet on Tuesday, March 19th as some of us will be going to the Lunch for Literacy in Oak Ridge. Those going meet at the church with Cindy Spangler.at 10:30 to carpool

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (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 24

(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 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.

YOUTH CONNECTION TONIGHT! The Youth (5th-12th grade) will meet at Farragut Mini Golf and Games (164 West End Ave, Knoxville, TN 37934) for a Spring Break "last hurrah". We will play a round of golf, then play some video games. Bring \$10 for games and a snack. (The church will buy group tickets for golf.) Parents drop-off at the golf course at 4 and pick up at 6. Let Barbara know if you need a ride from church. This evening promises to be well above par!!

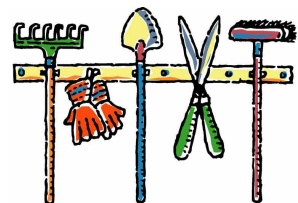
LENTEN SERIES March 20 - Speaker Dr. William Yoo

6:00-6:30pm we will share appetizers (please bring finger food to share);

6:30 - Dr. William Yoo

His latest book covers the history and legacy of slavery and anti-Black racism in American Presbyterianism. His current research interests include tracing the histories of racial injustice, settler colonialism, and slavery in the United States and examining Indigenous, Black, and Asian American theologies of freedom and resistance. He is a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church.

WPC SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER Saturday, March 23, anytime from



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

8:00am-Noon. 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!

WPC PICKLEBALL TUTORING AND TOURNEY MARCH 23 1-4 P.M. @ WEST HILLS

WPC's Connect Team is throwing a Pickleball extravaganza where anyone age 11 or older can get some instruction (from "I've never played" to "I love this game!") We'll have 6 courts available and teachers for Intermediate, Beginning, and Newby players. After a bit of tutoring, we'll play games (both Round-Robin fun games and a Pickleball Ladder-style tourney for those that want to compete.) We'll even provide paddles for those who need them! Call the office or sign up by the office and kitchen today!!

SERVICE AND ORDINATION With great appreciation and love, we would like to invite our Westminster friends and family, as well as the entire East Tennessee Presbytery to a Celebration and Service of Ordination for Eric Robert Adamcik on Sunday, March 24, at 7:00 pm in the Westminster sanctuary. Eric has accepted a call in Syracuse, New York! He would very much like to celebrate his ordination with his home church, which has supported and nurtured him through this process. "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!"

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be collected during the season of 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds are divided among its three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Self-Development of People (32%), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%).

WPC HIKE! Our next WPC hike will occur on the gorgeous River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Thursday, April 4. Rain date will be Friday, April 5. Our very own Joyce Ryan will help us identify the many wildflowers on this famous trail! We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 9:30 AM to organize carpools-- or meet at the trailhead (Dabney Lane, Rocky Top, TN 37769) at 10:10 AM. Pack a lunch, water, poncho, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. The trail can be slippery, slopey, and muddy. Hike distance is ~3 miles with some short steep-ish climbs. Let Cindy Spangler know if you're able to join us! Visit this link for a good trail description: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/river-bluff-trail>

AWAKENING THE SAGE WITHIN Are you in the second half of life and wondering what to do next? Have you just retired or thinking about retirement? Have you recently become an empty-nester? Sage-ing (also known as Conscious Aging) is a model for engaging our older adult years more deliberately, joyfully, and compassionately. During this highly interactive workshop series, we will introduce Sage-ing concepts including life review, forgiveness work and issues surrounding mortality. We will explore images of aging and the role of spiritual development in the capstone chapter of life. Together we will create a safe space to share experiences and thoughts on several topics and exercises from the ground-breaking book: *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older* by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

This workshop series will consist of four 90-minute sessions that will meet from 1:00-2:30 PM over the following four consecutive Wednesdays: April 10, April 17, April 24, and May 1. Enrollment will be limited to 12 persons. Those who enroll in this workshop series should plan to attend all four sessions. All sessions will be held in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Please contact Renee Wiesehuegel, at renee@wpcknox.org or call 865-584-3957 to enroll. Dave Dupper is a certified Sage-ing Leader and will be the facilitator for this workshop series.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 17

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:30pm - Youth Advisory

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

6:00pm - Crafting Theology - Alliance Brewing Company

Monday, March 18

7:00pm - Justice Knox Rally

Tuesday, March 19

10:00am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

3:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

5:00pm - Young Musicians

6:00pm - Lenten Series LKH

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 21

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

Friday, March 22

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

Saturday, March 23

8:00am - WPC Workday

1:00pm - Pickleball at West Hills Park

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday (LKH)

A communal meal and program for all ages immersing us into the dramatic events of Jesus's last night with his disciples.

March 29 8:00pm - Good Friday Tenebrae and Communion Service (Sanctuary)

This program has traditionally been held at Westminster on Maundy Thursday. We are moving it to Good Friday this year to expand our offerings and give another opportunity for the church to gather on this Holy Day.

March 31 9:00 and 11:00 Easter Worship Services

10:00am - Breakfast for everyone! Sign up in the Schilling Gallery

10:20am - Egg hunt

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 3. The deadline to make the donation is March 24. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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

Given by: _____

If you prefer, please fill out the form below and put in the offering plate or return to church office.

THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

It is time to submit nominations for our next class of officers for the Class of 2027. We will be electing five (5) Elders for Session, one Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to Gloria Borum (gborum@comcast.net), Chair, Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com), Vice Chair, or any one of our at-large members: Melissa Everett (melissajane0112@gmail.com), John Salsbery (John.Salsbery@southernrebar.com), or Carl Whipple (cwhipped@live.com).

A couple notes about making nominations...

-We suggest that you check with the person you would like to nominate before you do so, to make sure they are willing/available to serve.

-If YOU have the desire to serve on Session, please feel free to nominate yourself!

Please submit your nominations by April 14.

I would like to nominate

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because

