



The Order of Worship

January 19, 2025
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

SECOND 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 Spiritual: Round About the Mountain

Noel Da Costa

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Michael Yates

One: The hospitality of God knows no bounds. The love of God is immeasurable.

Many: God's generosity is beyond our wildest dreams.

One: We gather together today as invited ones, as beloved ones, as blessed ones.

Many: Friends, Neighbors, Family, Guests and Servants.

One: We come as individuals

Many: Yet God unites us as one.

All: So, welcome! May we experience God in new and surprising ways today.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 644 Give Thanks, O Christian People

(9:00) Stanzas 1-3

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) from "I Confess" by Howard Thurman

I confess my own inner confusion as I look out upon the world.

There is food for all - yet many are hungry.

There are clothes enough for all - yet many are in rags.

There is room enough for all - but many are crowded.

There are none who want war - and preparations for conflict abound.

I confess I have shirked my responsibility as a citizen.

I have been concerned about my own job, my own security, my own shelter, my own bread.

I have not really cared about jobs for others, security for others, shelter for others, bread for others.

I have not worked for peace; I want peace, but I have done little to facilitate it.

I have silenced my own voice when I should speak out.

Let your light burn in me, Lord, that from this moment on, I will use the resources I have to live into the light and courageously work to build the kind of world I so deeply desire.

Amen.

*RESPONSE



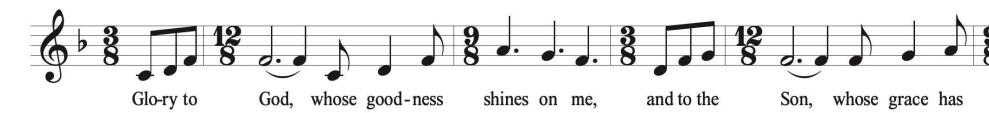
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

"Troubled Waters"

Barbara Adamcik, CLP

*HYMN Wade in the Water (see insert)

WADE

*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) Deep River

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, Lord,

I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all is peace?

Oh don't you want to go to that promised land, That promised land where all is peace?

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Dan Berry, Soloist

(11:00) Ain'a that Good News

Traditional Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

I got a crown up ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!

Refrain:

I'm agoin' to lay down this wor!', Goin'a shoulder upuh my cross, Goin'a take it homea to my Jesus, Ain'a that good news!

I got a harp up ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news! *Refrain*

I got a robe up ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news! *Refrain*

I got a Savior ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news! *Refrain*

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

from "Prayer" by Maya Angelou

Father, Mother, God,

Thank you for your presence

during the hard and mean days.

For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence

during the bright and sunny days,

for then we can share that which we have

with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.

For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope.

(Time of silent prayer)

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most- Peace. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 340 This Is My Song FINLANDIA
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel Carleton Innis

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
**Call to Worship inspired by Reverend Nelson Cowan, Resistharm.com
**Prayers of the People inspired by Maya Angelou poem, "Prayers", poetryfoundation.org

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) McKenzie Damron and Sirah Smith
GREETERS: (11:00) Penny Tschantz and Cindy Spangler
LITURGIST: Michael Yates
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Dan Berry, Soloist; (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: William Milam
SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula
USHERS: (9:00) Jack Carley and Reed Ellis
(11:00) Brenda Seip, Nancy Lowe, Betty McKeehan, Rob and Susan McKeehan

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY is unique in that it celebrates a "regular" citizen whose life and work bettered our country and world. It is also unique because he was a Christian pastor who was known worldwide. Today's liturgy is inspired by the words of Rev. Howard Thurman (one of Dr. King's mentors), Dr. King himself, and Maya Angelou (a friend and colleague of Dr. King.)

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by flowers are given by the Potocik family, in memory, honor, and gratitude for Peggy Davis (Pam's mother), who lived from May 11,1931 to January 12, 2025. She gave so much joy and love to her family and to the world.

MUSIC NOTE This morning's services feature several different traditional African-American Spirituals by a variety of arrangers. The composer of today's prelude, Noel Da Costa, was born in Nigeria, moved to Jamaica, and then immigrated to America when he was 11. He studied music at Queens College and Columbia University before he received a Fulbright to study in Florence. He was Professor of Music at Rutgers University for more than 30 years. Harry T. Burleigh is famous for the spirituals he arranged in an art song style, while William Dawson not only arranged spirituals for choirs, but also wrote instrumental chamber and orchestral compositions. The composer of today's postlude, Carleton Innis, served as organist and choir director for Siloam Presbyterian Church in New York City and taught in the New York public schools.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece), Janice Jennings, Salma Alami, Becky and Cathy Cagle (Gloria Borum's dear friends), Rhys "Bebes" Claiborne (Julia Whipple's mother), Rev. Dan Park, Kaye Davis, Barbara McNew, Ivan Beltz, Ava (Mike and Deb McCaugh's daughter), Pam Potocik and her family, Breeze Blankenship.

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. (McKinnon Room)
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 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old
Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade
During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
Children's Church for children preschool through 5rd 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 Grades in the WAMS room.
Confirmation Class - 7th & 8th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.
SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 9th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

TODAY CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSION: The Intergenerational Programming Task Force has been asked to gather our congregation's thoughts on how we can continue to grow and enrich our children, youth and family programming to meet the needs of this growing segment of our church family. We will be holding our final listening session immediately following the 11:00 service today in the LKH. These creatively designed sessions typically last an hour, and we'll be serving lunch and offering childcare. If you have thoughts to share and haven't already attended a listening session (or you just have more to share) please join us!

MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY GROUP will meet TODAY 6:00pm at Alliance Brewing Company (1130 Sevier Ave). The starting point for our conversation will be David J. Morris's recent op-ed in the New York Times, "The Disappearance of Literary Men Should Worry Everyone." All men of the church are invited to join. Contact Jeff Gilbert, Daniel Lewis, or Richard Coble for a copy of the article or any questions.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB Our new year begins on January 21, 2025 when we will discuss *Lark Ascending*, a new novel by Silas House, New York Times best-selling author of several novels including this most recent book, which was a winner of the 2023 Southern Book Prize and the 2023 Nautilus Book Award. The author will also be the featured speaker at the Lunch for Literacy in March in Oak Ridge. Janice Rawe will lead our discussion.

INTRODUCING KID SONG for children ages 3 - Second Grade! This six-week musical opportunity begins Wednesday, January 22 and meets weekly through February 26 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs Choir Room. Children will experience music through songs, games, and movement. They will learn hymns used in our worship and basics of music theory through interactive games. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Edie Johnson, edie@wpcknox.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP on Thursday, January 23 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room we will have Dr. Bill Lyons of The Baker School of Public Policy & Public Affairs. Our breakfast will be provided by Rick Rawe. The program should be very stimulating and the breakfast should be delicious, so come join us and bring a friend or family member. See you then.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There is a called congregational meeting on February 2 after the 11:00am service for the purpose of electing the nominating committee and voting on the Pastor Terms of Call.



KNOXVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT for Flute, Violin and Cello Trio on Sat, Feb 15 at 7:00pm. Enjoy a wonderful evening in the sanctuary with music for flute, violin, and cello featuring artists Devan Jaquez, Rachel Loseke, and Adam Ayers. Light reception and artist meet and greet to follow in the Schilling Gallery. Doors open at 6:30pm. All ages welcome.

JUSTICE KNOX "Me+3" Congregational Meeting on February 16 - Unlike other events that only have an RSVP +1 option, Justice Knox has a "Me+3" RSVP option for this year's 2025 Nehemiah Action Assembly. Learn about using the Me+3 RSVP option and hear this year's progress on the issues of housing instability, homelessness, and transportation at the WPC Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 16, right after the 11:00 service in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and children are welcome to attend.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Where Faith and Life Connect"

6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville TN 37919

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Dr. Edie Johnson, Music Director/Organist

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 19

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00pm - Cast Party (McK)

12:00pm - Task Force Listening Session (LKH)

3:45pm - Youth Advisors Meeting (McK)

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Treble Choir dinner (McK)

5:00 pm - Abbey deadline

6:00pm - Crafting Theology

Monday, January 20

MLK Day - Office closed

Tuesday, January 21

9:00am-2:00pm - Staff Red Cross Training

10:30am - Women's Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, January 22

2:00pm - Major Project Task Force

4:30pm - Companions

6:30pm - Sectionals (LKH)

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 23

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship (McK)

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Handbell Choir



This summer Westminster will offer a combined Vacation Bible School/Choir Camp the week of July 14. More details will follow!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE It is now time to start thinking about our next class of officers and the first step is to form a Nominating Committee. In addition to Janet Drumm, Chair, and Lucy Johnson, Vice Chair, we need three at-large members from the congregation. These folks will help discern our next class of leadership of five Session members. (and Youth Elder) and a Trustee. Please contact Janet (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com) or Lucy (lucywj49@gmail.com) for suggestions by Monday, January 27. This committee will be elected during the 11am worship service on February 2. If you prefer, please write in your suggestion(s) below and put in the offering plates or return to the church office by Monday, January 27.

Suggestions for 2025 Nominating Committee _____

BAPTISM

WADE IN THE WATER 676

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Refrain Acts 2:41



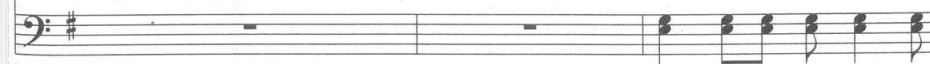
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Wade in the wa - ter, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.



- 1. See that host all dressed in white,
- 2. See that band all dressed in red, God's gon-na trou-ble the
- 3. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - el - ite,
Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,



God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.



Text: Negro spiritual
Tune: WADE, 7 8 8 8 with refrain; Negro spiritual; arr. by Jimmie Abbington, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.