

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** Chorale and Variation XI J. S. Bach  
(from the chorale partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*, BWV 768)  
*Hail, Kind Jesus*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Come, let us sing to the LORD, and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.  
**People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing songs of praise.**  
Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.  
**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 155** (red hymnal) All Glory, Laud, and Honor *St. Theodulph*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Often our faith is as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem who shout “Hosanna in the Highest” one moment and “Crucify him” the next. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

**\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell  
*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*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 11:1-11

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

**SERMON** “The Thing About Parades” Rev. Dr. Cameron Murchison

**\*HYMN NO. 89** (blue hymnal) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to 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.)

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Lord of the Dance Sydney Carter  
arr. David Willcocks

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth. “Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he, “and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the Dance,” said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John—they came with me and the Dance went on. (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone—but I am the Dance, and I still go on. (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt on high; "I am the Life that'll never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. (Refrain)

Sydney Carter

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

*Tallis' Canon*

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue 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. 155** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Darwall's 148th*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Final (from *Symphony No. 1*)

Louis Vierne

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Terry Crow and Wes Williams

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL :** Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Jake Tidwell and James Hutzenbiler

**GREETERS** (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) John and Elizabeth Salsbery, Owen and Ian Salsbery

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Cile Mathews and Bill Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Anna Wade, Patrick Wade, Don Byerly, Kathy Huck, Mary Lou Crow

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Fritz Schilling and Rick and Kathryn Oakes in memory of Barbara Schilling on her April 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and in celebration of Clara Oakes on her April 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**REV. DR. CAMERON MURCHISON** is a native of Louisiana, which helps explain his fondness for Cajun food and humor. He is married to Joan, who currently serves as project coordinator for WJK's newest lectionary commentary series, "Feasting on the Gospels." They live in Black Mountain, NC. Cam and Joan are the parents of Brian, who lives and works in Buffalo, NY, and of Anna Louise, who lives in Miami, FL. They are also the proud grandparents of Kaia, Anna Louise's daughter born December 6, 2011.

Cam has served as pastor in three different congregations – including Westminster in Knoxville – as well as teacher in two different theological seminaries (Union and Columbia). He was called to the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary as Professor of Ministry in June 1996 and served also as Dean of the Faculty and Executive Vice-President of Columbia Theological Seminary from July 2001 to July 2010. He entered emeritus status at the end of June 2011 when he retired from Columbia. He is currently participating in a pilot program with Montreat Presbyterian Church serving as Earth Stewardship Theologian – a volunteer, part-time and unpaid role. His research and writing is focused on the ways our financial lives can be an expression of our Christian discipleship, especially in an age of ecological vulnerability.

He received his B.A. degree from Rhodes College, the B.D. from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and the M.Phil and Ph.D. from Yale University.

**DAVID WILLCOCKS' CHORAL MUSIC** is certainly well known to Westminster's congregation and to many others around the world. Director of the famed Choir of King's College, Cambridge for many years, he has elevated sacred music through his descants and arrangements of carols, choral collections he has edited, recordings of the great choral literature, and with his interaction with choral directors at many conferences and workshops. This morning's arrangement is a delightful, fresh, and creative setting of Sydney Carter's beloved melody and text.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Bible Class

### Prayer Room

We will look at how Jesus' ministry changed in the weeks before his death and resurrection. The period we celebrate as Lent is packed with parables, predictions, and prayers! Join us for the joy of the journey in the Bible.

### *The Prodigal God*

### McKinnon Room

*The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller is a teaching film and group study based on Jesus' parable of The Prodigal Son. This study continues each Sunday throughout Lent.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is today. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

**SHOW AND WAMS** meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 for dinner and movie night. Bring your favorite movie, and we'll vote for our choice. See you there!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, April 6 for Good Friday. We will reopen the office at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9.

### THE LUNCH BUNCH

A group of women are gathering for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's Café in Turkey Creek. It will be much the same format as the evening dinner gatherings with each person taking a turn deciding on a date, the place and time. Please call Georgann Byerley by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> if you can come so we can get a reservation at Mimi's.



**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** will be collected through Easter Sunday, April 8. Your gifts lend a hand after devastating natural disasters wipe out entire cities. They help by educating and equipping individuals and congregations to eliminate hunger by addressing the issues that perpetuate hunger. And these gifts help people help themselves with long-term solutions to poverty and pressing community problems. The ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) are ever present, responding with love and compassion.

## Schedule for Holy Week

- April 4  
Conclusion of Wednesday Lenten Series  
We will share a simple meal of soup and bread at 5:45 p.m. followed by a Service of Wholeness in the Sanctuary.
- April 5  
Maundy Thursday  
Worship and Celebration of Communion – 8:00 p.m.
- April 8  
Easter Sunday  
Worship – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast – 10:00 a.m.  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light Easter Breakfast.  
Easter Egg Hunt - 10:25 a.m.  
Toddlers - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Courtyard

Join us for a Westminster Spring Hike

**Where:** Porters Creek Trail

**When:** Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** We will leave from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

We picked this trail because it has so much to offer: a lush forest, a beautiful creek, lots and lots of trillium, a farmstead, a cemetery, footbridges, farm sites, cabins, all kinds of wildflowers such as bloodroot, hepaticas, white fringed phacelia, violets, white trilliums, yellow trillium, toothwort, wild geranium, May-apple, dwarf ginseng, blue phlox, baneberry, foam flower, halberd-leaved violets, woodland bluets and Jack-in-the-pulpits along the trail as well. We can have a picnic lunch at Fern Branch Falls and then turn around and hike back. It is a 4 mile round trip hike. Trail difficulty rating is moderate. We take our time to take in all the beauty! Join us!!

**THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE** collection is scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to attend worship, or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition. **Today** is the deadline for dedications.

Donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ given in  
(please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

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Given by:

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