



The Order of Worship January 13, 2013  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE**

- (9:00) Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came*
- (11:00) I Saw Three Ships English carol  
arr. Luther Henderson
- Ding Dong! Merrily on High French carol  
arr. Henderson

Brass Choir

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Micah 6/Psalm 95 Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Liturgist (9:00)  
William Milam, Liturgist (11:00)

Leader: With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People: What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

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 joyful songs of praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 478 (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

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 Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

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**

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"Take me to the river, drop me in the water"

– *Take Me To The River*, Talking Heads

(Original version by R&B gospel artist, Al Green)

\*HYMN NO. 361 (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can 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**

(9:00) I Saw Three Ships English carol

(11:00) He Is Born (Il est né) French carol

arr. Roger Wagner

Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Play the musette, play the tuneful oboes! Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Let all sing and rejoice this day! Ages long since are past and gone when the Wise Men foretold His coming. Ages long since are past and gone! Noël, Noël then let us sing! He was born in a stable bare, On bed of straw now He sleeps so soundly. Bow in homage to Him now.

Traditional

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

\*HYMN NO. 525 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am, Lord*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Ding Dong! Merrily on High French carol

(11:00) A Short Verse Thomas Tomkins

\*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:** Kristi Gordon and John Salsbery  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY:** Sue Byerly and Judy Jordan  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Emma Adamcik and Spencer Williams

**GREETERS** (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Ed and Debbie Babelay, Anna and Leah Milam

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Janice and Rick Rawe, Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, Scott Rutherford

**THE ORCHIDS** are given by Jack and Laura Barron in honor and appreciation of our incredible Flower Guild and all they do throughout the year.

**THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR BRASS** is a pair of Christmas carol arrangements done for the Canadian Brass. Our thanks to Barbara Adamcik for sharing these delightful works with the Brass Choir. They are imaginative, interesting, and a lot of fun to play. This morning we bid farewell and Godspeed to Jonathan Brooks, who will soon be moving back to his native Michigan. In his relatively short time in Knoxville and at Westminster he has graciously shared his vast musical talent as well as his willingness to teach in the Christian Education program. It has been a delight and privilege for the members of the Brass Choir to make music with him this past year and we wish him all the best.

**Westminster Players News**

The next Westminster Players drama production will be *Almost Maine*, a romantic comedy by John Cariani. The production could use up to nine males and ten females. Auditions will be held in the Fellowship Hall **today** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and **Monday, January 14** at 7:00 p.m. The production will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, April 5 and 6, with an afternoon matinee on April 7.

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB:** The Women’s Book Club meets Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the library. All are welcome as we begin our second year with a discussion of *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith and *Wherever I Wind Up* by R.A. Dickey.

**THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP** will meet Wednesday, January 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.

**LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH:** Calling all Westminster ladies to gather for lunch on Thursday, January 17 at Sullivan’s in Rocky Hill at 11:30 a.m. Please call Georgann Byerley by January 14<sup>th</sup> and join in the fun!

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays**

**January 22 - noon**

The BLT class for the Spring will be a combination of a couple things. We only have six sessions for the spring, beginning on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and meeting each Tuesday at noon, with the last class being February 26<sup>th</sup>. The first four classes will look at the Book of Revelation. Along with this book in the bible, we will be using the small guidebook, *Revelation*, in the Interpretation Bible Series by William Pender. As Dr. Pender is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, he has agreed to meet with us during the first class to talk about the book and to guide our future study. After 4 sessions on Revelation, Dr. Phillips will use the last two classes to solicit feedback and discussion on three passages in the Gospel of John that he has been asked to write essays on for publication in the national *Feasting on the Gospels* series by Westminster John Knox Press.

**Westminster Women’s Retreat**

Relax, Restore, Rejuvenate

Friday, January 25 - Saturday, January 26

The Women of Westminster are going to gather for a Relax, Restore, and Rejuvenate retreat at Grace Point Retreat House on Watts Bar Lake.

There are two options for participating:

Over-night - \$35.00

or

Saturday Only - \$20.00

(Meet at church @ 5:30)

(9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

All women over the age of 18 are welcome. We hope you can come Relax, Restore, and Rejuvenate with our wonderful Westminster women! **Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex.** Make sure you reserve your spot and register by Sunday, January 20. Questions? Call Barbara Adamcik @ 584-3957.

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Tim Crais, Interim Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Our annual, beat the Winter Blues / Valentines /

Progressive Dinner is scheduled for February 9 at 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to get to know all kinds of Westminster folks better and have a great meal too! We start at Charles Towne Landing club house for appetizers and then divide up and go to host families' homes in small groups. We'll have homemade lasagna with all the fixins! Put it on your calendar, and on sign-up sheet in the Schilling Gallery. The cost is only \$12 per person, which covers the cost of the wine, appetizer, homemade dinner and dessert. Wow! A free nursery is available at the church with pizza for the kids. If you would like to host one of the groups, please note that on the sign-up sheet in the Schilling Gallery. See you there!

**Adult Sunday School**

**Parenting** (Library)

**January 6 - February 10**

*Sabbath in the Suburbs* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Books are available in the office at a cost of \$12.00.

**Faith and Life** (McKinnon Room)

**January 6 - April 21**

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong

**Current Topics** (Fellowship Hall)

**January 6 - February 10**

DVD Series, *Living the Questions 2*

Study guides will be available in the office or via email. You can join the class at any point without preparation.

**Bible Study** (Prayer Room)

**January 6 - February 10**

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2013**

Ruthie Carey

Kristi Gordon

Buz Johnson

Tim Ryan

John Salsbery

Youth Elder: Nathan Seidner

**Class of 2014**

Terry Crow

Dave Dupper

Angela Partelow

Cindy Spangler

Bill Wiesehuegel

**Class of 2015**

Ellen Anderson

Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

Jack Woodall

**TRUSTEES**

Roy Hawk

Norman McRae

Joe Ben Turner

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER**

**January 16**

**5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner**

This week’s meal is lasagna (meat and spinach options), salad, bread and dessert.

Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the meal.

**6:30-7:30 p.m. - Programs**

- There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- In the Fellowship Hall, our program will be presented by Grant Standefer, Executive Director for Compassion Coalition. Starting in 1998 with about 20 churches, Compassion Coalition is now working with over 200 church partners (Westminster included) in the Knoxville area to serve as not only a clearinghouse for people with needs but also to connect church members to those who have needs. Compassion Coalition tries to address a variety of issues from disabilities and homelessness to poverty and prostitution..
- *The Mighty Acts of God* - Library  
Fritz Schilling will lead the discussion of Chapter 11.