



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 5, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep Alec Wyton
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
 Leader: We have seen his glory and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 66** (blue hymnal) We Three Kings of Orient Are *Three Kings of Orient*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in living out the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

(Congregation singing — music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High” Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:10-18; Ephesians 1:3-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lisa Oros

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON “This Little Light of Mine, I’m Gonna Let it Shine”
Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 63** (blue hymnal) As With Gladness Men of Old Dix

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

THE OFFERING

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

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) A Christmas Carol Charles Ives
 Little Star of Bethlehem! Do we see Thee now? Do we see Thee shining o’er the tall trees? Little Child of Bethlehem! Do we hear Thee in our hearts? Hear the Angels singing: Peace on earth good will to men! Noel!

O’er the cradle of a King, Hear the Angels sing: *In Excelsis Gloria!* [glory in the highest] From His Father’s home on high, Lo! for us He came to die; Hear the Angels sing: *Venite adoramus Dominum.* [come, let us worship the Lord]

Charles Ives

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano

(11:00) When Christ Was Born of Mary Free John Gardner
 When Christ was born of Mary free, In Bethlem in that fair city, Angels sung e’er with mirth and glee, *In excelsis gloria, Christo paremus cantica.* [let us prepare a song to Christ, glory in the highest]

Herdmen beheld these angels bright— To them appeared with great light, And said, ‘God’s Son is born this night’: (Refrain)

This king is come to save his kind, In the scripture as we find; Therefore this song have we in mind: (Refrain)

Then, dear Lord, for thy great grace, Grant us the bliss to see thy face, Where we may sing to thy solace. (Refrain)

Anonymous, 15th century

Women of the Chancel Choir

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table Hugo Gehrke

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Hymn No. 62 (blue hymnal) Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

Epiphany Song

(Verse 1)

*POSTLUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Wilbur Held

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and Hap McSween
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: Sue Byerly and Joanne Bendy
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ben Hatmaker and Clara Oakes

GREETERS (11:00): Larry and Linda Crawford

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Brad and Cindy Pearman, Lauren Pearman and Kaitlyn Harmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Women of the Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Genet Weber

(11:00) Bill Wiesehuegel, Joe Ben Turner, Irene Seidner, John and Kathy Shilling

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Larry Ridley Family in honor of Norma Holloway and in memory of Neal Ridley, who each shared January birthdays, and in memory of James Holloway and Bonnie Ridley.

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 \$225. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

OUR THANKS to Bettie Mason for her enrichment of our worship this morning and to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is away.

ABBOTT BRAYTON’S recent historical novel, *Outpost Scotland* is available in the church office. Set in the Western Highlands during the early stages of World War II, the story tells of the struggles of the Highlanders during this extraordinary period. Abbott will speak to the Men’s Breakfast Fellowship group at 7:00 am on January 9th.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 14th. The Christian Formation team will provide our refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

January 8

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

Our menu is pork loin, apples 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 - 5th grade.
- In the Fellowship Hall, Dave Dupper, professor and director of the UT College of Social Work, will present a program on religious bullying.
- Companions in Christ - Prayer Room
- Youth - Dgroup

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: On Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 a.m., we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Bill Rogers and a lesson led by Abbott Brayton. Abbott will be speaking about his recent historical novel, *Outpost Scotland*, set in Scotland during the early stages of World War II. Copies of the book are available in the church office at a cost of \$15. Everyone is welcome. Come join us!

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, January 9th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the Schilling Gallery.

HABITAT BLITZ DAY is Saturday, February 1st for a home being built in memory of Harriet Smartt. Shingles and interior walls will be done February 8th, followed by vinyl siding on February 15th. To volunteer, call John Smartt or call the Knoxville Habitat office at 523-3539 and ask for Trinity, the volunteer coordinator.

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk (Library)

This new class will begin with a DVD series entitled, “Animate Faith.” This series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion. There is no preparation. Just come and enjoy this new faith journey with your friends.

Bible Study (McKinnon Room)

We are continuing our study of the Book of Genesis. We read from many Bible translations and interpretations, and we welcome you to join us!

Faith and Life (Fellowship Hall)

Living the Questions 2

LtQ2 is a popular video and internet-based small group exploration of progressive Christianity, consisting of 20-minute video segments that include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.

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PLEASE SIGN UP on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2014 flower dedications. We ask for a \$60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

CD RECORDINGS OF “THE ITALIAN PROJECT” are available in the church office. This program of arias, duets and songs was presented at Westminster on September 24th. A donation of \$12 for the CD will benefit Friends of Music at Westminster.

Class of 2014

Terry Crow

Angela Partelow

Tim Ryan

Cindy Spangler

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Will Bendy

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

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