



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**February 23, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SEVENTH 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Symphony No. 9, Movement II Charles-Marie Widor
(11:00) Reflection on “O Waly Waly” Sandra Eithun
Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes
Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 119:33-41

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law.
Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments;
People: Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.
Leader: I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.
People: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 461** (blue hymnal) God Is Here! *Abbot’s Leigh*
***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 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 ...

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 3:20-24
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Cameron Sears
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.

EPISTLE Galatians 3:27-29
SERMON “God and Your Closet” Dr. Lauren Winner

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” – James 2:14-17

***HYMN NO. 434** (blue hymnal) Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We have a message of hope for a fearful time. In our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion over suspicion and equality over domination, and finds security in joined hands rather than massed arms. We honor the dignity of every person and the intrinsic value of every creature, and pray and work for the day when none “labor in vain or bear children for calamity.” We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action, trusting in the God who makes all things new.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

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) Reflection on “O Waly Waly” Sandra Eithun
(11:00) The Risen Sun Craig Phillips
Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord In quiet certainty. For He has come to rescue you from doubt. And now you stand In blazing glory of a risen sun That cannot set. It will forever be Exactly as it is. You stand with Him Within a radiance prepared for you Before time was and far beyond its reach. Be still and know. And knowing, be you sure Your Lord has come to you. There is no doubt That stands before His countenance, nor can Conceal from you what He would have you see. The sun has risen. He has come at last. Where stands His Presence there can be no past. Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord Who comes to keep the promise of His Word.

Helen Schucman

***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. 535** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis’ Canon*
(Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter
God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren Johann Gottfried Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

The Affirmation of Faith is condensed from an ecumenical statement of 35 Protestant and Orthodox church communions at the National Council of Churches in Christ (U.S.A.) In 2007. It was adopted by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at its General Assembly in 2008.

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jean Bonnyman and Will Bendy
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR FEBRUARY: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the 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): Mac Whipple and Lauren Miller

GREETERS (11:00): Helen Rinker and Mary Lou Crow

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mike and Leslie Rotella, Ellie Yates and Leah Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) Kathy Huck and Cile Mathews

(11:00) LoAnn Price, Rick and Janice Rawe, Larry Ridley, Elizabeth Ridley

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 Carlene and Max Robinson in celebration of the seventh birthday of their granddaughter, Lily Joann Reafsnyder.

Dr. Lauren Winner

Our guest in the pulpit this morning is Dr. Lauren Winner, Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School. In addition to being a professor, Dr. Winner is also the author of a number of books including *Mudhouse Sabbath* and *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*. She is also a frequent lecturer and has appeared on PBS’s Religion & Ethics Newsweekly and has served as a commentator on NPR’s “All Things Considered.” Please welcome Dr. Winner to our community of faith.

ART AUCTION WINNERS are asked to please pick up your art today following the worship service.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

SHOW, WAMS AND FIFTH GRADERS meet at WPC for dinner this evening at 5:00. At 5:30, we’ll travel to Pump It Up (Deane Hill Drive) for an evening of fun! Everyone bring \$10 to pay for jumping. You’ll also need a signed release form. Pick up will be at 7:30 at Pump It Up.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

February 25 – Noon

This week, we conclude our study of the Gospel of John with Chapters 20-21 and pages 116-128 in the study guide.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is a lovely and imaginative setting of the familiar English folk melody and hymn tune with which we most often associate the text “Though I May Speak.” The arranger makes clever use of several interesting elements, including an aleatoric device at the beginning of the piece that evokes wind chimes. She also includes suspended bells played by mallets and a ringing technique where the bells are rhythmically and lightly pressed into the tables’ padding to create a pulsing effect. Most striking of all, though, is the inclusion of handchimes in the texture. In the past we’ve simply had to ring those parts with handbells, foregoing the amazing difference in timbre. This past fall we were most fortunate to be gifted with a five-octave set of handchimes, generously given by Ed and Debbie Babelay in memory of his sister, Cleo Margaret Babelay. We are hugely indebted to them for providing the Handbell Choir and the church with these fine instruments and all the opportunities they will provide our choir and congregation.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

February 26

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

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, Ina Hughs, columnist for the *News Sentinel* will present a program entitled, “Royalty, Religion, Sex & Mystery.”
- Companions in Christ - Prayer Room
- Youth - Dgroup

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: On Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 a.m., we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Buz Johnson and a lesson led by Jim Utt. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a copy in the church office or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Come join us and bring a friend.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving suggestions for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2017, one Youth Elder for the class of 2015, and one Trustee for the class of 2017. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office.

I would like to nominate _____
for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk - “Animate Faith” Library

This DVD series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion. There is no preparation. Just come and enjoy this journey with your friends.

Faith and Life - “Welcome to Westminster” McKinnon Room

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips will lead today’s class, covering the reformed tradition, Presbyterian theology and the beautiful tapestry we call Westminster.

Bible Study Prayer Room

We are studying the book of Genesis, led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger.

Current Topics - “Living the Questions” Fellowship Hall

Today we resume the our DVD series, featuring writers and theologians of our day.

AN OPPORTUNITY STILL EXISTS TO SPONSOR A ROOM: We have already received pledges of \$29,000 to sponsor several rooms that will be part of the HVAC makeover this spring. We are trying to minimize the amount of money that will have to be borrowed to pay for the new system. Current estimates for the cost of the new system are in the \$350-450K range. Take a look at the diagram in the narthex and see the suggested cost of sponsorship for each room. Some are already “sold” and are marked as such. We will also take partial payments on a room! Let Renee or Sandra know if you are interested.

Class of 2014

Terry Crow

Angela Partelow

Tim Ryan

Cindy Spangler

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Will Bendy

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

THE SESSION

Class of 2015

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Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

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