



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

March 2, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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. 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

(9:00) Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Michael Bach
From God I Shall Not Turn

(11:00) Symphony No. 9, Movement II Charles-Marie Widor

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

(9:00) Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord Lawrence Curry
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1-2

(11:00) The Lord Himself Robert Fleming
 The Lord himself, The mighty Lord, vouchsafes to be my guide, The Shepherd
 by whose constant care My wants are all supplied. In tender grass he makes me
 feed, And gently there repose; Then leads me to cool shades, and where
 Refreshing water flows.

He does my wand’ring soul reclaim, and, To his endless praise, Instruct with
 humble zeal to walk In his most righteous ways. I pass the gloomy vale of death,
 From fear and danger free, For there his aiding rod and staff Defend and
 comfort me.

Since God does thus his wond’rous love Through all my life extend, That life to
 him I will devote, And in his temple spend.

from 70 Psalms of David, Dublin, 1850

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD is king, Mighty King, lover of justice; let the peoples tremble!
 Let them praise your great and awesome name.

People: Let us praise and worship the LORD, for the LORD our God is holy.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 138** (blue hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us our sins, failures and mistakes. Forgive us for
 leaving undone those things which we ought to have done; the unspoken
 word of grace, the helping hand not offered, deeds of love not carried out.
 And forgive us for doing those things which we ought not to have done;
 hoarding that which you would have us share, holding onto prejudices,
 judging others. Breathe your loving and forgiving Spirit into each and into all,
 that we might ever become your people. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

***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

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Carolyn Greenwood

*Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in
 Children’s Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-48

SERMON

“Holy Perfection”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 374** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

**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.*

*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) The Lord Himself

Robert Fleming

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Agnus Dei (from *Mass Dixit Maria*)

Hans Leo Hassler

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

attr. John the Baptist

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Jennifer Shilling, Alto

John Harrison, Tenor

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

***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**

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.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy
 glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues)...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
 upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
 the world, grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

*Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle,
 take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return
 to the pew by the side aisle.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 536** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Make Us More Holy
African-American spiritual

(Verse 1)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Threefold Amen (No. 38)

Vincent Persichetti

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Ludwig Krebs

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and Scott Porter
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Linda Rutherford

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): Owen Salsbery and Maggie Gordon

GREETERS (11:00): Robin and Joe Ben Turner

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs and Members of the Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and Brenda Seip

(11:00) Bill Rudd, Scott Rutherford, Jay Schmid, 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 to the glory of God by Marlene Browning.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today is in honor of the birth of Emery Lee Morris, daughter of Kate and Ryan Morris. Proud grandparents are Gordon and Robin Greeson.

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. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE at the 11:00 service (heard last week at the 9:00) is the lovely slow movement from Widor’s *Symphonie Gothique*. The melodic lines are gorgeous, even hauntingly beautiful, and his harmonic language so complex and expressive. Widor overlays many rhythmic layers to create a gentle motion that is hypnotic and soothing. He is also able to create a warm and lush texture by accruing many lines, including extensive use of double pedal (I often think that if we had more than ten fingers and two feet he’d have found a use for the extra digits and limbs!). His subtle registrations (indications of which stops to use) enable this warmth and vocality, and our organ, though inspired by North German instruments, is able to convey this most beautifully and convincingly. On a personal note, I wish I had known this piece while my father was still alive as he would have loved it and been moved immeasurably by it.

Peter Van Eenam

WAMS meets this evening at 5:00 for dinner and our Oscar Party, where we’ll premiere our John Knox video. Special prizes will be awarded to those who dress up for this red carpet premiere.

SHOW returns at noon today from their weekend at Youth Summit in Gatlinburg.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 5 - 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary as we begin our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent continues for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

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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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

Tim Crais will lead today’s class, covering the history of Westminster and its vision, mission, and personality.

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 our DVD series, featuring preachers, professors and theologians, will explore the theme of “Honoring Creation.” No preparation is necessary, and you are welcome to join the discussion at any point.

AN OPPORTUNITY STILL EXISTS TO SPONSOR A ROOM: We have already received pledges of \$34,500 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

Ellen Anderson

Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

Jack Woodall

Class of 2016

Mary Boyd

Jerry Faerber

Vicki Mayfield

Scott Porter

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