

PALM SUNDAY

The Order of Worship

April 13, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

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 Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms
Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Mighty King J. S. Bach
(from The Passion According to St. John)

O mighty King, almighty through all ages, How shall I fitly strive to sing Thy praises? No mortal heart can ever hope to show Thee What it doth owe Thee.

My feeble tongue no counterpart can fashion With which it might compare Thy great compassion. How can I thanks for Thy good deeds, so tender, In works e'er render?

Johann Heermann

Sean K. Claire, Violin I
Helen Bryenton, Violin II
Kathryn Gawne, Viola
Andy Bryenton, Cello
Dan Thompson, Bass
Eileen Rudd, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Leader: Come and join the festal procession, branches in hand, to the altar of the LORD.

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

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, 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 of people around Jesus who shouted "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.

***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*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:11-54

SERMON "We Were There" – Redux, Digitally Remastered
Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 101** (blue hymnal) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Philippians 2:5-11

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

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) O Savior of the World John Yarrington

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed

us, save us and help us.

Anonymous

(11:00) Lord, Thou Our Master J. S. Bach

(from The Passion According to St. John)

Lord, Thou our Master, Thou whose name in ev'ry land is honored, is ever honored ev'rywhere! Show us in this, Thy Passion's hour, how Thou, the very Son of God, for endless time, art now become, though brought so low, forever glorified!

Author unknown

Sean K. Claire, Helen Bryenton, Kathryn Gawne,
Andy Bryenton, Dan Thompson, and Eileen Rudd

***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. 89** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE** Præambulum ex clave F (from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*)

Anonymous

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Will Bendy

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: 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): Kaitlyn Harmon and Spencer Williams

GREETERS (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Lisa Trofatter, Maggie Gordon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Reed Ellis

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Judy and Paul Jordan, Hap McSween, Don Byerly

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 Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon in memory of Benjamin Harmon and Barbara Goan.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of the birth of Wester Barrett Dunham. He was born April 7th to Ethan and Jill Dunham and big sister, Amelia. His proud grandparents are Bill and Kathleen Farnham.

SHOW AND WAMS meet this evening at 5:00 for dinner, followed by our Decades Dance led by Bill and Bonnie Rogers.

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

THIS MORNING’S INTROIT AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service are taken from Johann Sebastian Bach’s first passion, *The Passion According to St. John*, composed in 1724 for the Good Friday Vespers service. Though he had intended for the work to first be sung at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, it was first heard across town at St. Nicholas Church (another one of the four city churches for which Bach directed musical activities) due to a last-minute change by the music council. Commentary on the work suggests that Bach intended to retain the congregational spirit of a worship service. While the main text is taken from John, Chapters 18 and 19, which he sets in dramatic fashion with soloists singing recitative, portraying each person in the narrative, answered by the chorus, representing the antagonistic and frenzied Jewish crowd, Bach interpolates free poetry and chorales (hymns). He also uses Martin Luther’s translation of the Bible with only slight modifications. Today’s offertory is the opening chorus and its instrumental parts, in particular, foreshadow the intense pain, suffering, sorrow, and tension of the events to unfold in Jesus’ betrayal, trial, and crucifixion. The introit is one of the chorales near the beginning of the second half offering commentary. I hope these two excerpts will help each of us prepare for this year’s Holy Week. Many thanks to the musicians of the choir and orchestra for their efforts in sharing this compelling and magnificent music in worship.

Peter Van Eenam

ON EASTER MORNING, the Flower Guild requests that children bring freshly cut flowers from your yards and gardens to decorate the cross that will be placed outside the sanctuary.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 in the library. Our book for discussion this month is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tart.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected through Easter Sunday, April 20th. Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

THE LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, April 17th at 11:30 a.m. at Calhoun’s (6515 Kingston Pike). Please let Georgann Byerley know if you will be joining the group by Tuesday, April 15th at t_gbyerley@yahoo.com or 675-5040. Come join the fun and fellowship.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made payable 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. **Today is the deadline for dedications.** Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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

Given by: _____

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Holy Week Schedule		
Wednesday, April 16	5:45 p.m.	Lenten Series
Thursday, April 17	8:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Easter Sunday, April 20	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk - “Animate Faith” Library
 This DVD series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion.
Bible Study McKinnon 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 will explore the theme of “Creative Transformation.” No preparation is necessary, and all are welcome.

THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC to honor the Confirmation Class of 2014 will be held on the lawn of Leonard and Betty McKeehan on Sunday, May 4th. We will all park at Westminster and ride a trolley to the picnic. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery as soon as possible.

WILDFLOWER HIKE: Tim Ryan will be co-leading a wildflower hike at Frozen Head State Park for the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club on Saturday, April 19. The hike is up the Panther Branch Trail, past DeBord Falls and then on to the North Old Mac Trail. The trail is loaded in spring wildflowers. Joyce will be there to help identify wildflowers. Total distance is 5.3 miles with some elevation gain on one part of the North Old Mac. Because it’s a wildflower hike the pace will be relatively slow. The group will have lunch on some large boulders at the top of the Old Mac Trail. If anyone is interested, meet at the Books-a-Million store in Oak Ridge at 9:00 a.m. or call Tim if you have questions. This is one of the best (and closest) wildflower hikes available to us each spring. If you haven’t done it you are encouraged to try it!

THE SESSION		
Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Terry Crow	Ellen Anderson	Mary Boyd
Angela Partelow	Jean Bonnyman	Jerry Faerber
Tim Ryan	Hap McSween	Vicki Mayfield
Cindy Spangler	Rick Oakes	Scott Porter
Bill Wiesehuegel	Jack Woodall	Elizabeth Ridley
Youth Elder: Will Bendy		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

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