



The Order of Worship

November 30, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 J. S. Bach
Come, Thou Savior of the Nations
Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 600
God's Son Has Come

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) Ellen Anderson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) The Wiesehuegel Family
(11:00) The Adamcik Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
People: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
People: For there the thrones for judgment were set up.
Leader: Peace be within your walls.
People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 551** (blue hymnal) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
St. George's Windsor

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

***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 Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High
Gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PROPHECY

Isaiah 64:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Martha Reynolds

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 13:24-37; I Corinthians 1:3-9

SERMON

"Details To Follow" Rev. John Linton Muntz

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down..." — Isaiah 64:1

***HYMN NO. 11** (blue hymnal) O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?
Valet will ich dir geben

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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) Evening Song Christoph Hoffmann

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Kenneth Jennings
(from *Spiritual Songs*)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

***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. 2** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel
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 Jack Woodall
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR: 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): Abby Hatmaker and Sammy McCartha

GREETERS (11:00): John and Kathy Shilling

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Martha Reynolds, Clara Oakes and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Jerry Carley

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, Jay Schmid, Irene Seidner, Joanne White

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

THE BIRTH CANDLES are lit today in celebration of the births of Jack and Kati Carley’s daughter and son. Maddox and McClendon were born Friday, November 21st. They are welcomed by big sisters, Mason and Monroe. Proud grandparents are Scott and Jerry Carley.

THIS MORNING’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is a lovely setting of George Herbert’s *The Call*, taken from the collection of his English poems *The Temple* (1633). Kenneth Jennings is Professor Emeritus of Music and Director Emeritus of the St. Olaf Choir, which he led from 1968 until his retirement in 1990. His *Spiritual Songs* is comprised of eight settings of poems taken from *The Temple*, this morning’s anthem being the last of the set.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 14, AT 5:00, the Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers will present *A Service of Lessons and Carols* for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Music by Batastini, Brahms, Hovland, Howells, Jennings, Laubengayer, and Walton will be featured. We hope you’ll come join us that afternoon!

2015 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2015 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.

LECONTE 2015: LeConte spaces for the July 25, 2015 hike are now available. To reserve your spot, send in \$50 for each space you want to buy. The remainder (\$86) will be due next summer, prior to the hike.

Adult Sunday School

Beginning today, all adult classes will merge for our Advent study entitled, *The Light Will Shine*. Mary Boyd will lead our study as we take a look at Advent lectionary texts using the lens of Handel’s masterpiece, *Messiah*. Each week we will listen to music, read the scriptures and get a fresh perspective on the journey through Advent to find the “good news of great joy.”

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

December 7 Youth Angel Tree Shopping

December 10 Christmas Craft Night/Potluck Dinner with Knox Youth Jazz Concert

December 11 Men’s Covenant Breakfast Fellowship
FISH delivery

December 14 Lessons and Carols (Chancel Choir Concert)

December 14 Christmas Youth Drama

December 20 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at West Town Mall

December 21 Christmas Breakfast between worship services

December 24 Christmas Eve Services

Westminster’s 3rd Annual Jewelry Day

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Center For Creative Minds

23 Emory Place (next door to St. John's Lutheran Church)

This year, Angela Shilling is teaching us Stamping and embossing metal jewelry elements. We’ll also be embossing our own tin/aluminum ornaments! Angela will supply metal disks, metal stamps, embossing material, and one 18 inch length of chain to be used for either a necklace or two bracelets, as well as materials for the ornaments. We are also inviting all to bring beads for swapping. We’ll have finding and jewelry-making supplies on-hand, so we will have lots of time to assemble our beautiful creations.

You know the best part of this day will be the time we have together! This event is for EVERYONE, and you’re welcome to bring a friend.

The cost is \$15 per person. This will cover supplies to make the charms and lunch from Salsarita’s. You can register by calling the church office (584-3957), or by emailing Mary Boyd.

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

2014 ADVENT GIFT OPPORTUNITY

When Knoxville area teens run afoul of the law, they are sent to the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center. These young people range in age from 14-17, and are both boys and girls. They may be there for several days, weeks, or months. This Advent season, as we did last year, we would like to show God’s love to them, to let them know that someone is thinking of them and praying for them. Last year, we received thank-you notes from Mr. Bean and a number of the teens. Some said we had made it their best Christmas ever.

Between now and Sunday, December 21, we will be accepting gift bags with small treats for these teens. If you would like to participate, bring a Christmas gift bag with any of the following items in it:

Hats, scarves, gloves

Socks, slippers

Combs, brushes, small mirrors

Nail polish, lipstick, hair ornaments

Small games, books

Pens, pencils, writing papers

Chocolate, candy, etc.

Other small things you think a teen would like!

Put your bag on the gift table in the Schilling Gallery by Sunday, December 21. We will add a tag telling the teen that the gift comes to them from Westminster with our prayers, and we’ll deliver the gifts to the Center before Christmas. Thanks to the whole Westminster family for your giving spirit!

Class of 2015

Ellen Anderson

Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

Jack Woodall

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