



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**January 4, 2015  
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.*

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

**PRELUDE** Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 J. S. Bach  
*The Old Year Has Passed Away*  
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** O Men from the Fields (A Cradle Song) Arnold Cooke  
O men from the fields, Come gently within. Tread softly, softly, O men coming in! Mavourneen is going From me and from you, Where Mary will fold him With mantle of blue! From reek of the smoke, And cold of the floor, And the peering of things Across the half-door. O men from the fields, soft, softly come through—Mary puts round him Her mantle of blue.

Padraic Colum

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano  
Margaret Harrison, Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**People:** **The radiance of God’s light shines through the darkness, illuminating our world with faith, hope and love.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 474** (blue hymnal) O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright  
*Puer nobis nascitur*

**\*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** Ephesians 1:3-14

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Mary Boyd  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 2:1-18

**SERMON** “You’re a shining star Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
No matter who you are  
Shining bright to see  
What you could truly be”  
*Shining Star – Earth, Wind & Fire*

**\*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** What Cheer? Good Cheer! Peter Warlock  
Lift up your hearts and be ye glad! In Christ His birth the angels bade; Say each to other, if any be sad: What cheer? Good cheer! Good cheer! Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year!

The King of heav’n His birth hath take, Now joy and mirth we ought to make! Say each to other, for His dear sake: What cheer? Good cheer! Good cheer! Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year!

I tell you all with heart so free, Right welcome ye be all to me, Be glad and merry for charity! What cheer? Good cheer! Good cheer! Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year!

Anonymous, 16th century  
Bettie Mason and Margaret Harrison  
**\*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.**  
(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

**SANCTUS NO. 553** (red hymnal) John Merbecke  
**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)...Great is the mystery of faith.

**AGNUS DEI NO. 555** (red hymnal) John Merbecke  
**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**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Jesu, meine Freude Michael Beyer  
*Jesu, My Joy*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from  
evil. For thine  
is the  
kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

*Epiphany Song*

(Verse 1)

**\*POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude

Marcel Dupré

*In Thee Is Joy*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Brenda Seip and Rick Oakes

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY:** 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:** Caroline McRae and Eric Partelow

**GREETERS:** Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:** Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe, Caroline and Claire  
Rowcliffe

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

**USHERS:** Buz Johnson, Paul and Judy Jorden, Leonard and Betty McKeehan

**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.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in honor of Helen Ryan by all of her  
family, in celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR THANKS** to Margaret Harrison and Bettie Mason for their enrichment of our  
worship this morning.

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** is taken from Marcel Dupré’s *Seventy-nine Chorales*,  
a collection of teaching pieces written on chorales J. S. Bach set in various collections,  
including the *Orgelbüchlein*. Organist at St. Sulpice in Paris from 1934 to 1971, he  
succeeded his friend and mentor Charles-Marie Widor. Look for the Zymbelstern to  
spin today, as it reminds us of our continual journey toward the star and Bethlehem.

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

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** starts back up on January 7. John Hankins  
will tell us about his time with the Metropolitan Opera. On January 14,  
representatives from Remote Area Medical will join us to tell us about the work of  
that organization. Dinner begins at 5:45, followed by the program at 6:30. Childcare  
is available.

**MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the men  
of Westminster will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for our next lesson. Tim  
Ryan will provide breakfast and the lesson will be presented by Tim Crais. As of Dec  
30<sup>th</sup>, Tim has not divulged the lesson topic, but it is sure to be a good one. To review  
Tim's lesson in advance, you can pick up a copy in the church office or receive it  
electronically through the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen. No reservation  
is necessary. Just get up early, bring a friend, and join us for this meeting and lesson,  
and have a great day!

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 (405-3828).

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Angela Grobe, Director of Children’s Ministries

Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**Adult Sunday School**

**January 11, 10:00 a.m.**

**Faith and Life** will meet in the Prayer Room. Larry Ridley and Elizabeth Ridley will  
begin a study of Phillip Yancey’s book, *Vanishing Grace*.

**Current Topics** will begin the new year with a DVD study of *Justice for the Poor*,  
based on the book by Jim Wallis. The class will be led by Rev. John Muntz in the  
Fellowship Hall.

**Table Talk**, facilitated by Amanda Collins and Barbara McNew, will continue the  
Animate DVD and discussion series with “Animate Practices.” This group meets in  
the Library.

**Bible Study** will meet in the McKinnon Room. We will begin studying the book of  
Exodus. Exodus tracks the nation of Israel's journey out of bondage in Egypt toward  
the Promised Land. Along the way, the people learn how to rely on and worship  
God. Exodus is our story too, every individual's journey of faith. Pictures of Jesus run  
like a golden thread throughout Exodus, so we'll spend a lot of time discovering how  
the New Testament relates to the Exodus stories. Come join us for lively discussion.  
No weekly preparation is required - just come whenever you can!

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays**

BLT will resume on **January 13**. Bring a lunch at noon, and join in as we continue our  
study of the Gospel of Mark.

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.