

First Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship February 22, 2015
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, 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
(9:00) Grave (from *Concerto in G*, BWV 592, after Johann Ernst) J. S. Bach
(11:00) Sinfonia No. 1 Salomon Rossi

Recorder Ensemble

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25
Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.
People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD and of your steadfast love
Leader: Make me to know your way, O LORD; teach me your paths.
People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 454** (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Psalm 32
Happy are those whose wrongdoings are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD assigns no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away, for day and night your hand was heavy upon me. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my wrongdoing. I said, "I will confess my sins to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you...
***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***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 Mark 1:9-15
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 Genesis 9:8-17
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
"Somewhere, Over the Rainbow...God Still Remembers"
***HYMN NO. 85** (blue hymnal) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) Sinfonia No. 1 Salomon Rossi
(11:00) I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health William Byrd
I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord; Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgments shall help me. Psalm 119:174-175

***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. 366** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *St. Catherine*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** A Short Verse Thomas Tomkins

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Bryan Powell
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Linda Rutherford
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): Eric Partelow and Kaitlyn Harmon
GREETERS (11:00): Rick and Janice Rawe
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:
(9:00) Childcare through age 5
(11:00) Janet and Peter Tortorelli, Julia Tortorelli
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Recorder Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble
SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling
USHERS:
(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher
(11:00) Bill Holt, Reed Ellis, Sue Caradine, Mary Lou Crow, Nancy Cundall

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 Ken and Ellen Anderson in praise to God for the pastors, staff, and volunteers who all make worship at WPC so wonderful.

SALOMON ROSSI (c. 1570-1630) is widely regarded as the leading Jewish composer of the late Italian Renaissance. After acquiring a reputation as a talented violinist, he was hired as a court musician by the Gonzaga royalty of Mantua, where he served as concertmaster from 1587 to 1628.

THE CONGREGATION IS CORDIALLY INVITED to hear organist Emma Whitten in recital at Westminster Church on Monday evening, March 2 at 7:30. A native of Oak Ridge, Emma recently received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Arizona State University, where she studied with *Musica Organi* recitalist Kimberly Marshall. Her program, "A Contrapuntal Dance: Music of Bach and Women Composers," is sponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free. I do hope you'll come out and hear this fine young organist!

Peter Van Eenam

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

- Today - Lunch at Mr. Gatti's followed by skating at Ice Chalet, hosted by the Partelow family
- March 8 - Packaging rice and beans for FISH Pantry

SHOW AND WAMS meet at 5:00 for dinner prepared by Tim and Joyce Ryan. After dinner we will have game night. Scott Partelow will teach us to play Bang! and Zombie and we'll even play a game or two of Sardines. Games will wrap up by 7:00.

ON-GOING OPEN OFFICE: For visitors and those specifically interested in becoming a member of our community of faith, Dr. Phillips will be in and around his office during the Sunday School hour on most every Sunday that he is not otherwise engaged. So, if you have questions about the church or want to learn more about the process of membership, feel free to come by for an informal chat.

RICE AND BEANS FOR FISH PANTRY: Kids' Club will be packing rice and beans on Sunday, March 8th. If you would like to donate beans or rice in any quantity, it would be greatly appreciated. The children will repack one pound bags that will be taken to our local FISH pantry for distribution. We will collect rice and beans in the green box at the entrance to the kitchen door until March 8th.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter. The theme for our Lenten worship this year is, "For God So Loved the World."

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, February 26th, the men of the church will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast prepared by Dick Bendy and the lesson to be led by Tim Ryan. The title of the lesson is, "How Does The Loss of Insure TN Impact Our Future?" The lesson will be posted to the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen, and copies will be available in the church office. Remember, no reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Thanks and have a great day!

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH scheduled for Thursday, February 19 at Paris Apartments Boutique and Tea Room has been postponed to Thursday, March 19.

WESTMINSTER FRIENDS LUNCHEON: Westminster Friends will meet for food, fellowship and fun on Sunday, March 1st following the 11:00 worship service. Sandwiches and drinks are provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish, chips, or dessert to share. Games and the bounce house will be set up for the children to enjoy. Please RSVP to Angela Grobe (angela_wpc@comcast.net) so we will know how many to prepare for.



Be sure to sign up for the WPC Blue Denim Dinner scheduled for Friday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. We will begin the evening by enjoying appetizers at the Buckingham club house. The fun continues as we divide into small groups and progress to our hosts' homes for the main course and dessert. The cost is just \$12 for a full evening of fun. Sign up in the Schilling Gallery.

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Adult Sunday School

Lenten Study..... Fellowship Hall
Video and discussion class based on Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

Vacation Bible School Planning Team & Volunteers

If you would enjoy being a part of our Vacation Bible School planning team, we would love to have you join us. We also need volunteers to teach and assist. Contact Angela at angela_wpc@comcast.net to sign up. VBS is scheduled for Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of March 8th for receiving nominees for Elders for the class of 2018, one Youth Elder for the class of 2016, and one Trustee for the class of 2018. 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. You may also send nominations to Hap McSween.

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

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All-Church Retreat - April 17-19, 2015

Name _____ Number in your family _____

Cell phone number: _____

- I have reserved a room at Tremont Lodge and Resort (448-3200)
- I have reserved a camping site at Tremont Outdoor Resort (448-6363)
- We will be attending the retreat but not staying at Tremont Lodge and Resort

Retreat fee, \$25.00 per person/cap of \$100 per family = _____

T-shirt sizes for each attendee: _____

For more information, please see the registration table in the Schilling Gallery following the worship services. The deadline to register is February 28. Checks should be made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THE SESSION

Class of 2015

Ellen Anderson
Jean Bonnyman
Hap McSween
Rick Oakes
Jack Woodall
Youth Elder: Lily Seidner
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2016

Jerry Faerber
Vicki Mayfield
Scott Porter
Elizabeth Ridley
Angela Shilling

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette
Bitsy Ingram
William Milam
Bryan Powell
Brenda Seip

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