



The Order of Worship

April 5, 2015  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

## EASTER SUNDAY

### THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

*The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost. The resurrection doesn't answer any of our common questions about life after death such as: "How will it be? How will it look?" But it does reveal to us that love is stronger than death. God's love for us, our love for each other, and our love for those who lived before and will live after us is not just a quickly passing experience, but a reality transcending all time and space.*  
—Our Greatest Gift, Father Henri Nowen

PRELUDE Duello Amoroso and Mattinata Adriano Banchieri  
Brass Choir

### OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Praise We in Songs of Victory Melchoir Vulpus  
Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!  
Cyril A. Alington

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the wonder of this day draws us together.  
**People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**  
Leader: Celebrate the triumph of goodness and new life.  
**People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**  
Leader: Rejoice in the power of transforming hope and love that never dies.  
**People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 123 (blue hymnal) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are often captive to our doubts and fears. We fear death as the ending of life. We fear death as the letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We also confess our fear of life. We fear that which is different, we fear change that comes too fast and a future that seems too uncertain. Most of all, we fear what we become when we fear, for we fail to live joyfully in freedom as your children, we overlook those you would have us serve, and we neglect to be fully present to your holy presence. Forgive us and raise us to new life in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

### TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 15:1-11  
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"This day, That day...and a man named Erastus"

\*HYMN NO. 119 (blue hymnal) The Strife Is O'er Victory

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from A Declaration of Faith

**In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again! John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, Who for us endur'd the strife, Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss Comfortless upon the cross, Lives in glory now on high, Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad How the lost may be restor'd, How the penitent forgiv'n, How we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed Christ, today thy people feed; Take our sins and guilt away, That we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!

Michael Weisse

\*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

### TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 104 (blue hymnal) Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Hymn to Joy

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hail Thee, Festival Day! Salve festa dies

\*POSTLUDE Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor

\*Indicates standing.

### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Vicki Mayfield and Bryan Powell  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL:** Shirley Wittman and Lucy Johnson  
**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): Caroline McRae and Eric Partelow

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Lisa Oros

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Brian and Catherine Anglin, Ellie Yates and Maggie Gordon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

### USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry, Kathy Huck, Jeff Bendy

(11:00) John Salsbery, Brenda Seip, Jay Schmid, John and Kathy Shilling, Irene Seidner

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in honor of:

- Raylan Russell Allen, born March 31<sup>st</sup> to Richard and Jessie Allen. Raylan’s grandmother is Jan Barber.
- Thomas Everett Ingram, born April 1<sup>st</sup> to Thomas and Meg Ingram. Grandparents are Lee and Bitsy Ingram.

**OUR THANKS** to Bob Adamcik and the Brass Choir for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

**THIS MORNING’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM** is exuberant, tuneful, and inviting. English composer John Rutter brings this venerable text, written in 1531 by Michael Weisse (a contemporary of Martin Luther), to life through use of mixed meter and swinging refrains.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called by Session on Sunday, April 12 at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing five elders for the class of 2018, one youth elder for the class of 2016, and one trustee for the class of 2018.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS:** Kids’ Club will have a lemonade stand after the 11:00 service next Sunday. We will be collecting canned food, bags of uncooked beans and rice, and diapers for the FISH pantry, in exchange for some wonderful lemonade and cookies.

**MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** On Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the men of the church will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for a lesson to be led by Don Byerly on the subject, "Funerals." Breakfast will be provided by Tom Byerley. A copy of the lesson will be posted to the webpage at [wpcknox.org/westminstermen](http://wpcknox.org/westminstermen). Remember, all men are welcome and no reservation is necessary.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, April 9<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).

**NEXT SUNDAY**, Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips will facilitate a discussion on the recent votes in the PC(USA) that will lead to changes in our Book of Order regarding marriage. All are welcome to meet in the Fellowship Hall during the 10:00 a.m. education hour.

**THE LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH** will gather at Parkside Tavern, 338 North Peters Road (one block west of Cedar Bluff Road) on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. This is for all Westminster ladies and friends of Westminster. RSVP by Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to Julie Anderton. If you need a ride or can provide a ride, please let Julie know. Come join us for the fellowship and great food!

**SAFER DRIVING CAN SAVE YOU MONEY.** Take the AARP Smart Driver Course and you could reduce your overall maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your driving skills and know new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. Plus, there are no tests to pass. This course will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9am-5pm in the McKinnon Room. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Contact Paul Johnson at 675-0694 to register or for more information.

### *Easter Flower Dedications*

*Given by:*

The Adamcik Family..... In honor of the Westminster congregation for their support of our family

Ellen and Ken Anderson. .... In honor of the Music Ministry of WPC, which blesses our worship so beautifully

Jan Barber..... In honor of Raylan R. Allen

Jack and Laura Barron. .... In memory of Viola Barron and Harriette Rowe

Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. .... In loving memory of Clark

Mary Boyd. .... In honor of teachers of Adult Sunday School classes

Sara Cantrell..... In memory of Bob

Barbara Cline. .... In honor of Gabrielle and Jeff, Lisa and Dan,

Faith, Currie and Arianna

Anne and Jim Dally..... In memory of Peter Tziritas

The Dean Family. .... In memory of Scott, Carter and Mimi

Christie Dowling. .... In memory of her father, John C. Struckmeyer

Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner..... In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner

Anne and John Langley. .... In memory of Voncille Mercer Shepard

and in honor of their grandchildren: Bryson, Molly and Anna

Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews. .... In memory of Matt Mathews

Sue McSween..... In memory of Mary McKeehan

Charlie and Alice Mercer..... In memory of Elizabeth and George W P Atkins

and Flossie and Charles Mercer

John and Ibbie Muntz..... In gratitude for the Westminster Care Team

Molly and Piper Roberson and family..... In memory of Scott Roberson

Leslie and Mike Rotella. .... In memory of their parents, Nancy Helton,

Mary and Al Rotella, Aunt and Uncle Jean and Oscar Huffstetler,

sister-in-law Marguerite Rotella

Scott and Linda Rutherford..... In memory of their parents,

Cecil and Georgia Rutherford and Laurence and Louise Baker

Joyce and Tim Ryan. .... In honor of our wonderful WPC staff

Julia Tortorelli. .... In honor of her nephew, William Joseph Martin's first birthday

Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel..... In memory of their awesome moms,

Natalie Wells Smith and Shirley Jean Rechenbach

Given by their grandparents. .... in honor of Sarah, Grace, Ian and Owen Salsbery,

Max and Ellie Yates, Jonah and Luke Yates, and Patrick and Ryan Toomey

### **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries

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

#### **WPC GARDEN GUILD NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

\* Do you like fresh air and the beauty of plants and flowers?

\* Do you enjoy the fellowship of other WPC folks? THEN

We have a wonderful opportunity for you!

The WPC Garden Guild maintains the various gardens and paths around the WPC campus and we need some additional "gardeners" to aid those of us already involved. We work in small teams with assigned plots or paths so the workload is spread over many hands and does not become overwhelming. The hours are flexible.

As a Garden Guild Volunteer, you gain:

\* A sense of accomplishment \* Fellowship with team members and guild members

\* The joy of being part of the beauty of WPC's grounds

\* Freedom from worry about being pushed into a higher income bracket

Please consider joining us and being a part of the Garden Guild. Contact Tom Byerley by e-mail or by phone.

#### **SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER**

**Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning.**

Join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the building and grounds.

**Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside.

Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake,paint, and do various other tasks.

You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (*and coffee and donuts*).

#### **Class of 2015**

Ellen Anderson

Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

Jack Woodall

Youth Elder: Lily Seidner

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

#### **THE SESSION**

**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

#### **TRUSTEES**

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