



***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** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:11-12; Matthew 14:22-33

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

Luke 1:26-37

SERMON

“What Are You Afraid Of?”

Rev. Siobhan Warren

The angel said to her,

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God Luke 1:30

***HYMN NO. 1** (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

***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) Magnificat primi toni

Johann Pachelbel

(11:00) Dixit Maria ad Gabriel

Hans Leo Hassler

Dixit Maria ad Gabriel: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi, secundum verbum tuum.

And Mary said unto Gabriel: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, so it shall be, according to Thy word.

Luke 1:38

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis’ Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 17** (blue hymnal) (11:00) “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Wachet auf

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***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: Linda VanBeke and Michael Yates

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Shirley Wittman and Lucy Johnson

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

GREETERS (11:00): Joe Ben and Robin Turner

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe, Garrett Rowcliffe and Daniel Clark

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Mary Lou Crow

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Nancy Cundall, Bob Daverman, Christie Dowling, Mary Lou Crow, Reed Ellis

Many thanks to Nina Theiss for drawing the Angel picture today for our service bulletin cover. Nina is the daughter of Amy Rawe and a third grade student at Tates School of Discovery. We appreciate you, Nina!

The Order of Worship

November 29, 2015

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.

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) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J. S. Bach

*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations
(from the Orgelbüchlein)*

(11:00) Magnificat primi toni

Johann Pachelbel

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Janet, Peter, and Julia Tortorelli

(11:00) Rachel, Bryan, Bobby, and Lucy Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:5,3

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

People: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 559** (blue hymnal) We Gather Together

Kremser

PLEASE WELCOME REV. SIOBHAN WARREN TO THE PULPIT: The Rev. Warren is a native of southern Arizona, and a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas. There she met her husband, the Rev. Jonathan Warren, who is the pastor of Powell Presbyterian Church. They have two daughters, Hannah, age 7, and Lydia, age 4. Siobhan is currently serving “a congregation of 2 little girls,” as a stay at home mom.

MAYNARD KLEIN, the editor of this morning’s offertory anthem at the 11:00 service, was the director of choral activities at the University of Michigan for many years during the middle of the last century. He is much revered for his warmth and wit, as well as for his many gifts as a choral conductor, teacher, and editor/arranger.

ADVENT ADULT EDUCATION: Each week in Advent, you are invited to contemplate the Advent texts during the Sunday school hour using the practice of lectio divina. We’ll use a book entitled, *Conversing With God in Advent and Christmas* as a guide. We’ll read the texts for the day, hear some music, and see some artwork. Then we’ll have a quiet opportunity to write, doodle, color, pray, or simply meditate on the words we hear. If you have an art you enjoy – knitting or crocheting, for instance – you can use that. You can share your creation or thoughts with the group, or you can keep them to ponder in your heart.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: 144 pledges have been given to Westminster in the amount of \$603,922. The asking Operating Budget for 2016 has a target amount of \$809,051.50. We thank you for your pledge! If you are one of the 100+ families who haven’t turned in a pledge, indicating how much you approximate your giving will be in 2016, please do so as soon as possible. The Finance and Stewardship ministry teams use this total of pledges to formulate the Operating Budget for 2016. Our 2015 Operating Budget is \$759,698 that is supported by 165 pledges.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Sunday, December 6th our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. So far, representatives of Heifer International, Partners for Just Trade, Living Waters, Olive Oil, Fish Hospitality Pantry, and the Volunteer Ministry Center each will have a display in the Gallery. Other groups are expected to be there, too. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 13, AT 5:00, the Boys’, Brass, Chancel, Girls’, and Handbell Choirs and Westminster Choristers will present *A Service of Lessons and Carols* for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Music by Arnatt, Boda, Harmon, Hassler, Lauridsen, Morley, Pachelbel, Phillips, and Rickard will be featured. We hope you’ll come join us that afternoon! A nursery will be provided.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

FLOWERGUILD NEWS

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.

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

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:

2016 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2016 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.

2015 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, harmonicas, Yo Yos, socks, slippers, combs, brushes, small mirrors, nail polish, lipstick, hair ornaments, small games, books, pens, pencils, writing papers, chocolate, candy, etc. or 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!

ADVENT READING MATERIAL is located in the Narthex for anyone wishing to pick up a copy to use during the Advent season.

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Charles Dickens’ A CHRISTMAS CAROL will be presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Knoxville on Sunday evening, December 20th at 7:30 pm. The production is a one man stage version by the acclaimed actor Mark Cabus. The veteran actor plays 36 characters in his faithful adaptation of the classic tale of transformation and redemption. “Cabus delivers a tour de force, acting out all the parts in Charles Dickens’ Holiday classic and making it seem as if that’s the only way it should be done...,” wrote Kevin Nance, the former theatre critic for *The Tennessean* in Nashville. “This Christmas Carol is one of the smallest yet most sensational shows of the year. Don’t miss it.” Mark Cabus, a skilled actor and director, was classically trained in England and in New York and has performed all over the world in film and television as well as Off-Broadway and in regional and children’s theater. He’s known for his work with the Georgia Shakespeare Company, Theatrical Outfit, Theatre Emory, Nashville’s Tennessee Repertory Theatre, Nashville Shakespeare Festival and with Knoxville’s Clarence Brown Theatre. His movie and TV credits range from the Warner Bros. blockbuster “The Client”, HBO’s Emmy-winning film “Against the Wall”, NBC pilot “A Father for Charlie”, Academy Award-winning Selma and AMC’s critically acclaimed series TURN: Washington’s Spies. He is currently enrolled in the Academy for Classical Acting’s MFA program at The George Washington University in DC. Over twenty-two thousand people have seen his solo performance of Charles Dickens’ A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

THE SESSION

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Jerry Faerber	Phil Barnette	Leigh Dunlap
Vicki Mayfield	Bitsy Ingram	Steve Hoadley
Scott Porter	William Milam	J.P. Mackay
Elizabeth Ridley	Bryan Powell	Linda Van Beke
Angela Shilling	Brenda Seip	Michael Yates
Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow		
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