



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

**The Order of Worship**

**January 10, 2016  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**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** Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) Christmas Eve Carol Jeffrey H. Rickard  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.

Hodie Christus natus est, Salvator apparuit. [Christ the Lord is born today, the Savior has appeared.] Alleluia, born today.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king; Born to reign in us forever, Angels in the heavens sing.  
Charles Wesley and Neil Phillips  
Westminster Choristers  
Jan Barber, Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Micah 6/Psalm 95  
Leader: With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?  
**People: What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**  
Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!  
**People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\***HYMN NO. 478** (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*  
\***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 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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17,21-22  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Deborah Phillips  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:1-5,14-18  
**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
“The point is not the watery dip, but the heavenly quip”

\***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*  
\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*  
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our

daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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**  
(9:00) Christmas Eve Carol Jeffrey H. Rickard  
(The text is found at the Introit.)  
(11:00) In the Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst  
In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air; But his mother only, In her maiden bliss, Worshipped the beloved With a kiss.

What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him— Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti  
\***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. 492** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Baptized in Water *Bunessan*  
\***CHARGE AND BLESSING**  
\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen  
Danish melody  
\***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:** Linda Van Beke and Steve Hoadley  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK:** Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly  
**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

**GREETERS** (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela and Mark Grobe

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and John Styron

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Sue Caradine, Paul and Judy Jorden

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Janice and Rick Rawe in gratitude for enjoying this earthly life for 75 years as Rick's birthday is next week.

**OUR THANKS** to Jan Barber, Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Westminster Choristers.

**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. In this short piece Dupré ingeniously combines imitation between the soprano and bass lines and this same melodic material in diminution in the inner voice, all while expressing great joy. Look for the Zymbelstern to spin today, as it reminds us of our continual journey toward the star and Bethlehem.

**SHOW AND WAMS** meet this evening at 5:00 for our 2016 information and planning session. We have great things coming up this semester and in the summer, and we're excited to share our plans with you!

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays** returns this week, continuing our study of the wisdom literature of the Bible. Bring a lunch and join as at noon in the McKinnon Room as we begin our four part series on the book of Job. In preparation, please read Chapters 1-10.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The Property ministry team will provide our refreshments.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER:** Our speaker this week is Jim Cundall, who is very involved with Honor Air and will tell us stories from trips with veterans. Dinner is at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

**MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** On Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our first meeting and lesson of 2016. The lesson entitled, "Which of the 11 American nations do you live in?" will be presented by Bill Rogers. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tom Byerley. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend. Please view the webpage at [wpcknox.org/westminstermen](http://wpcknox.org/westminstermen) for full details and access to a copy of the lesson. Thanks and have a great day.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, January 14<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.

**THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP** will meet January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Our guest reviewer will be Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips. He will lead our discussion of *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. The discussion is open to anyone who would like to join us for this opportunity to explore new ways to think about our priorities as we seek to build richer lives. Please contact Linda Rutherford at 690-3499 for more information.

**THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at PF Chang's Restaurant, 6741 Kingston Pike. It will be fun to have our gathering - especially since we canceled both November and December. Let Georgann Byerley know if you can come. We hope to have a big group.

**2016 FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2016 flower dedications. We have two open dates remaining in the month of January, along with several other dates throughout the year. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our guest for our Sanctuary Speaker Series will be here February 6-7. Dr. Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. She holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Florence is interested in historical, theological, aesthetic, and performative dimensions of preaching and the ways preaching engages other fields and different traditions. Her research focuses on testimony, feminist theology, the role of experience in preaching, and the history of preaching women. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony* and *Inscribing the Word*, she edited *Inscribing the Text: Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*, and contributed Chapter 6, titled "Put Away Your Sword!: Taking the Torture out of the Sermon to What's the Matter With Preaching Today?" Anna and her husband, the Rev. David Carter Florence, have two lacrosse-playing sons, Caleb and Jonah. They also have three dogs, two cats, two sheep and a flock of chickens.

**LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS:** If you or someone you care for has heart disease, cancer, arthritis, asthma, diabetes, COPD, chronic pain, depression or any other chronic disease, the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop can help you take charge of your life. Learn practical ways of dealing with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, better understand treatment options, and talk more effectively with your health care provider and family about your health.

This workshop will be offered in the McKinnon Room on six consecutive Mondays, starting on February 1, from 9:30-noon. There is no charge for the class, but you will need to buy a textbook that costs approximately \$20. Michael Betz will teach the class, sponsored by the Knox County Health Department, and will be assisted by medical personnel. For more information or to register, contact Mary Boyd at the church or at [marybwpc@gmail.com](mailto:marybwpc@gmail.com). We need a headcount to determine if there is enough interest to hold the class, so please contact Mary as soon as possible.

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### **Adult Education Opportunities**

#### **Faith and Life**

Larry Ridley will lead a study based on Brené Brown's bestselling book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, as we seek to let go of who we think we're supposed to be and embrace who we are. Courage, compassion, connection, vulnerability and shame are but a few of the ideas and themes we will examine through a series of TED talks and YouTube videos. According to the author, "Imperfections are not inadequacies; they are reminders that we're all in this together". Join the conversation as we seek to choose authenticity, worthiness and owning our stories.

#### **Bible Study**

This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.

#### **Table Talk**

Amanda Collins and William Milam start a new video series that will include "Hollywood Jesus," "The Salvation of Dr. Who," and "The Faith of a Mockingbird." These studies will look at Christianity through the eyes of popular culture on the big screen.

#### **Coffee House**

Can't make it to class on time? Do you really just want a chance to chat? Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There is always coffee and a few pastries ready for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2016**

Jerry Faerber

Vicki Mayfield

Scott Porter

Elizabeth Ridley

Angela Shilling

Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

#### **Class of 2017**

Phil Barnette

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### **TRUSTEES**

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