



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 17, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Introduction and Hymntune, and Variation I David P. Dahl
 (from *Variations for Organ on “Dix”*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments like the great deep, you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your goodness, for with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we often see only what we want to see, and we place limits around what we believe to be possible. In our desire to be in control, to be able to understand and predict life, we tend to discount the unexplained, the unexpected, the miraculous signs of your glory breaking into our midst. Forgive us the sins of denying and rejecting the wonders around us, of taking for granted the many small daily miracles in life, and of failing to give you praise and thanksgiving for evidence of your presence among us.
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 I Corinthians 12:1-11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) JP Mackay

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“There’s a difference in living and living well”

“Living and Living Well” – George Strait

***HYMN NO. 372** (blue hymnal) Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
I Want to Be a Christian

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *The Confession of 1967*

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God’s reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God. 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) La Guamina Gioseffo Guami

Brass Choir

(11:00) There Is a Balm in Gilead African-American spiritual
 arr. William L. Dawson

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work’s in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot sing like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say “He died for all.” (Refrain)

Jeremiah 8:22

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

***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. 334** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land
Go Down Moses

(Verse 1: Choir; verses 2 and 3: All)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Variation V David P. Dahl
 (from *Variations for Organ on “Dix”*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Angela Shilling and Ethan Partelow
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

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): Sophia Manrod and William Manrod

GREETERS (11:00): Elizabeth Ridley and Amy Rawe

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Janet and Peter Tortorelli, Julia Tortorelli

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Andrew Gordon, Marlene Browning, Don Byerly, Jerry and Scott Carley

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 Bud and Carolyn Cunningham in memory of Paula Smartt.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the December 28th birth of Charles (Charlie) Timothy Carini, son of Courtney and Chris Carini. He is the tenth grandchild of Jim and Nancy Cundall.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE were originally composed for the five-stanza text of "As with Gladness Men of Old." From the composer's notes: "[Each of the variations] is intended to portray a portion of the text from each of the five stanzas. Variation I [is based on] 'As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold...' [In this variation,] the opening ornament represents the 'twinkling' of the star, and the upper D pedal point represents the presence of the star. The canon at the octave, beginning in measure seven, refers to 'following or being guided by the star.'" Variation V portrays "In the heavenly country bright...may we sing alleluias to our king."

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

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, January 24th at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

SHOW AND WAMS youth will help the East Tennessee Presbytery "carry the banner" at the Knoxville Martin Luther King, Jr. parade tomorrow. Everyone is invited to help us support this celebration. Anyone interested can meet other Presbytery friends at the downtown First Presbyterian parking lot at 9:00 a.m. From there, we will be shuttled to the starting point and march the one-mile parade. The shuttle will then return all the marchers to First Presbyterian.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet January 19th 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 for more information.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays continues this week with our study of the Book of Job, Chapters 11-20. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join as at noon in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: This week, local author Jeff Dobson will share about two books co-written with his brother, *The Waters of Chaos: the Ancient Saga* and *The Waters of Chaos: the Modern Quest*. The books are science mysteries tackling the greatest puzzle of all: how did human society evolve from the Ice Ages to today? Dinner is at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, January 21st at 11:30 a.m. at PF Chang's Restaurant, 6741 Kingston Pike. 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. Upcoming open dates are: January 24, February 7, and March 13. 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.

A NOTE OF THANKS: Sue and Bob Murrian are deeply grateful to our Westminster family for every get well message, meal, and beautiful flowers and plants. "We would never have gotten through that long six weeks period without you. We look forward to joining you in worship as Sue's health improves."

SAVE THE DATE: Anna Carter Florence will be our guest February 6 and 7 for our Sanctuary Speaker Series. She is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Anna served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony* and *Inscribing the Word*, as well as two forthcoming books: *'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet*, and *Come Back When You've Found Something True: New Ways to Read Scripture*, based on her 2012 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. She is a frequent teacher and lecturer in this country and abroad. Anna and her husband, the Rev. David Carter Florence, have two grown sons, two dogs, two cats, a flock of chickens, and way too much knitting yarn.

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. Dr. 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. 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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SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: The new exhibit, "Touche" in the Schilling Gallery by local artist, Jennifer Brickey is a collection of paintings, drawings and photographs. Please stop by and observe all what is happening in the art. Look for vintage wear, maps, photos, and the way she uses lines and colors. The small photos are from her recent European trip she took with some of her study-abroad students.

Adult Education Opportunities

Faith and Life

Larry Ridley leads 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.

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

Please join us today for Session 2 of "The Faith of a Mockingbird". This four-session series explores spiritual truths found in *To Kill a Mockingbird* by focusing on a different character each week. Today, we will discuss Atticus Finch. You do not have to have read the book or have seen the movie recently (or at all) to participate - just come as you are!

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

John Smartt

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

TRUSTEES

Larry Ridley

Fellowship Hall

Library

Prayer Room

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

Steve Hoadley

J.P. Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Michael Yates

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