



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**January 24, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Variations II, III, and IV David P. Dahl
(from *Variations for Organ on “Dix”*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies *Ratisbon*
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o’er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Charles Wesley
Psalm 19 (Paraphrase)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens above and the earth below reflect the glory of a gracious and loving Creator.

People: Without sounds and words, the message of God’s goodness yet shines throughout all creation.

Leader: God also speaks to us through teachings and instructions for living as God’s people.

People: The way of the LORD is the way of wisdom, and God’s wisdom guides us and gives joy and light.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts...

People: be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 466** (blue hymnal) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Azmon*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, Jesus came to bring good news, to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim your impending kingdom of justice. We confess that we have neglected his message. Some of us have not grown in the faith because we practice religion without spirituality, and we become stuck where we are, clinging to traditions and customs that do not give life. Others of us do not know where we are because we practice spirituality without religion, without tradition and community, forgetting that it takes a village to raise a child of God. Forgive the false choices by which we live and through your Spirit renew, revive and forgive us, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 12:21-31; Nehemiah 8:1-10
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lisa Kaufman

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“What is your spirituality organized around?”

***HYMN NO. 332** (blue hymnal) Live Into Hope *Truro*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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. 4 Salomon Rossi
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) O Gracious Light Russell Schulz-Widmar
O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

***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. 435** (blue hymnal) (11:00) We All Are One in Mission *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johannes Petzold
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and JP Mackay
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR THIS WEEK: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeenan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Griffen Oros, Meghan Oros

GREETERS (11:00): Frank and Marty Marsh

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Tyler and Daniele Wear, Lucy Gordon and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Leslie Versen and Genet Weber

(11:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley, Emily and Wiley Wright, Nancy Cundall

THE EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

THIS MORNING the prelude completes the set of variations on the hymn “As with Gladness Men of Old.” Variation II is based on “As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed...” Variation III portrays “As they offered gifts most rare at the manger, rude and bare...,” with Variation IV being based on “Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way.” David Dahl served on the faculty of Pacific Lutheran University and as Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church, both in Tacoma, Washington for many years and offered us valuable insight into our present chancel layout relative to the choir and organ placement during the design process. Westminster’s design happens to be the mirror image of that found at Christ Church, Tacoma, though no attempt was made to actually copy.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to hear rising young American organist Christopher Houlihan in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, February 12, at 8:00. Artist-in-Residence at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Houlihan is in great demand, consistently astounding his audiences. This is the first program in this season’s *Musica Organi* recital series and we would love for you to join us. Featured will be works of J. S. Bach, Brahms, Guilmant, Sowerby, and Louis Vierne. You’ll not want to miss the recital or the “organ cookies” at the reception following! A nursery will be provided.

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

YOUTH NEWS: WAMS meets for acolyte practice following the 11:00 service today, then we’ll all go to lunch together. A parent is invited to join us. **SHOW** youth meet at 5:00 this evening to begin a two-part Communication Styles class led by Laura Barron. We will learn about our own style of communicating and how to more effectively communicate with others.

THE WESTMINSTER FRIENDS LUNCHEON is today in the downstairs fellowship hall following the 11:00 worship service. You’re invited to join us and get to know others in our Westminster church family.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays continues this week with our study of the Book of Job, Chapters 21-30. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join as at noon in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: This week, Teresa Smith from Greater Grace Ministries will talk to us about the issue of human trafficking. Dinner is at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, January 28th, the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson of 2016. The lesson entitled, 'Should universities like UT support Diversity and Inclusion?' will be presented by Bob Daverman. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tim Ryan. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend. Please view the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen for details and access to a copy of the lesson. Thanks and have a great day.

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

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.). 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. 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.

REASSIGNING OF FOYER GROUPS: It is time for the reshuffling of our current Foyer members and the adding of new ones to form small groups to get together in a home, restaurant, park, etc., for the purpose of getting better acquainted while sharing a meal together. Since this is an adult fellowship activity, children are not included and there is no baby-sitting service provided by the church. Newcomers to Westminster are especially encouraged to join Foyer, as it is a great way to put names and faces together.

Unless we are notified, we assume that current Foyer members want to continue in the next rotation. You may join or drop out by contacting Ginger Williams or Shirley Wittman. Please contact Shirley or Ginger immediately, as they hope to have new groups assigned by the first of February.

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

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Adult Education Opportunities

Faith and Life

Fellowship Hall

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

Library

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

Prayer Room

Please join us today for Session 3 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. 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

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Class of 2018

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Steve Hoadley

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