



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**January 31, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FOURTH 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 How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Hugo Distler

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)

Give me a pure heart – **that I may see Thee,**
 A humble heart – **that I may hear Thee,**
 A heart of love – **that I may serve Thee**
 A heart of faith – **that I may abide in Thee.**
 Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

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***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; Luke 4:14-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bryan Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:22-30

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“What is your spirituality organized around?”

***HYMN NO. 298** (blue hymnal) There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*

***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 God Moves in a Mysterious Way John Wall Callcott

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, With never failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sov’ reign will.

William Cowper

***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. 332** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Live Into Hope *Truro*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune Craig Phillips

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR THIS WEEK: Linda Rutherford

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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ian Salsbery and Finn Burgin

GREETERS (11:00): Gordon and Robin Greeson

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Carl and Julia Whipple, Rhys and Mac Whipple

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) Leslie Versen and David Woodall

(11:00) Bob Daverman, Christie Dowling, Reed Ellis, Mary Lou Crow, Sue Caradine

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 Alice Mercer in recognition of Charlie's 81st birthday.

OUR THANKS to John Brock for leading the Chancel Choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for Sunday, February 14 at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the terms of call for Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips and to elect three at-large members from the congregation for the 2016 Nominating Committee. Vicki Mayfield is the 2016 Nominating Committee chair, and William Milam is the vice-chair.

YOUTH NEWS

CAST PARTY: We're having our "SHAZAM!" cast party immediately after the 11:00 worship service today. We'll have lunch, then see a photo montage and announce the winners of the Lisa Awards.

SHOW youth and parents 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, including family, friends, teachers and interviewers. Dinner is served at 5:00. Hope you all can enjoy this wonderful opportunity to be "coached" by one of the best.

NEXT SUNDAY: Save the date and your change for **Souper Bowl of Caring!** This year, we are collecting funds for a crazy-big Stop Hunger Now event we're hosting in the spring. More news on that soon... We're trying to raise monies to make enough meals to feed a community the size of Knoxville!

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays concludes our study of the Book of Job this week. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join as at noon in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: This week, Susan Unbehaun from Ladies of Charity will tell us about the work of that organization. Dinner is at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available. This is our last gathering of WWW until next Fall. The Ash Wednesday worship service is February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

The WPC Sanctuary Speaker Series Welcomes Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence will speak Saturday evening, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. and at both worship services February 7. 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.

THE LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS WORKSHOP begins tomorrow. If you or someone you care for has heart disease, cancer, arthritis, asthma, diabetes, COPD, chronic pain, depression or any other chronic disease, this workshop can help you take charge of your life. We will meet in the McKinnon Room on six consecutive Mondays, starting tomorrow, from 9:30-noon. There is no charge for the class, but you will need to buy a textbook that costs approximately \$20. You can register today by calling Dr. Michael Betz or by emailing Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

February 10 - 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, February 10th as we begin our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent continues for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

**Progressive Dinner
Saturday, March 5th
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us for our annual Progressive Dinner. We will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship and appetizers at the Buckingham Clubhouse. During the appetizer portion of the evening, you will be given your host's name and directions to their home. The meal will be catered by Naples Italian Restaurant. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. When you sign up, we ask that you commit to bring an appetizer or to make a donation to the "Social Hour Fund" to offset the cost of the beverages. Please also note if you can host a group for the dinner portion of the evening, and if you need a gluten free meal. The cost for the evening is \$12 per person, payable March 5th. There is no cost for our dinner hosts. Free childcare is available in our nursery from 5:45-9:15 p.m. Please note any childcare needs on the sign-up sheet so Angela can schedule enough babysitters. Our RSVP deadline is February 28th. We appreciate early sign-ups so we know how many hosts we have.

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Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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

Leigh Dunlap
Steve Hoadley
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Linda Van Beke
Michael Yates

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