



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Great Giver of life and Source of joy, we confess all the goodness of life which we have received without giving thanks, all the beauties of this world which we have ignored, all the love coming to us from other human hearts which we have accepted carelessly. Teach us, O God, that gladness is always at hand, that contentment lies in discerning the value of things we have. Let your joy infuse our souls; that in the best of times and even in the worst of times, our hearts may sing your praise.

\*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 ...

PROPHECY *Isaiah 2:1-5*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) *Mary Boyd*

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36-44*

SERMON “Morning Side Forward” *Rev. John Linton Muntz*

*“Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.” – Isaiah 2:5*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**We have a message of hope for a fearful time. In our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion over suspicion and equality over domination, and finds security in joined hands rather than massed arms. We honor the dignity of every person and the intrinsic value of every creature, and pray and work for the day when none “labor in vain or bear children for calamity.” We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action, trusting in the God who makes all things new.**

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 Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God *G. F. Handel*

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal. Thy love reveal. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee. Come in Thy might. Send forth Thy light. For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore.

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 8 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *Truro*

\*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*

*Today’s prayer of confession was written by Pastor Emeritus Fritz Schilling and used previously in worship at Westminster.*

*The Affirmation of Faith is condensed from an ecumenical statement of 35 Protestant and Orthodox church communions at the National Council of Churches in Christ (U.S.A.) in 2007. It was adopted by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at its General Assembly in 2008.*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

\*\*\*\*\*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and Phil Barnette

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS:

November 16-30 – Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

December 1-7 – Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

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): Sophie and Will Manrod

**GREETERS** (11:00): Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mike and Leslie Rotella, Jake Phillips and Shea Bell

**The Order of Worship**

**November 27, 2016**

**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.*

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 *J. S. Bach*

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

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland *Dieterich Buxtehude*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) David and Shawn Owens

(11:00) The Mackay Family

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jeremiah 33:14,15*

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise:

People: **In those days I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;**

Leader: And he shall execute justice and righteousness.

People: **The Lord is our righteousness.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Members of the Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Sue Caradine, Don Byerly, Rick and Janice Rawe, Mary Lou Crow

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.

**SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11**, there will be only one worship service, at 11:00, during which time the Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs; Westminster Choristers; and Westminster Strings will offer music for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Music by Dake, Perkins, Perti, Rameau, and Warlock will be included, along with congregational hymns and responses. The choirs and I look forward to sharing our efforts with you that morning!

Peter Van Eenam

**J. S. BACH** intended his *Orgelbüchlein*, dating from around 1714, to be a collection of chorale preludes covering the entire liturgical year. Of the nearly 200 preludes planned, Bach wrote only 46 (!), but he did set many well known chorales for Advent and Christmas through Easter and Ascension, with one for Pentecost, and several for general use. This morning's chorale prelude, the first of the set (one could possibly correlate the liturgical year beginning with Advent and the *Orgelbüchlein* beginning with Advent chorales), is reminiscent of the unmeasured preludes of the French lutenists and early French harpsichordists. These preludes are notated entirely in whole notes, therefore with no indication of rhythm, except for the spatial layout of the notes and long, curled, and swirling lines meant to evoke gesture. Bach's figuration and accompaniment of the chorale melody contain similar motives and the latest thinking is that these can be interpreted in the same flexible manner.

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2017 FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2017 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.



The Children of Westminster  
present

**the  
Best Christmas  
Pageant Ever**

Sunday, December 11  
6:00 p.m.

**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.

**FISH CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROJECT:** This Christmas, we can help FISH Hospitality Pantries feed hungry families in our community by sending FISH Christmas Gift Cards to friends and family. Please see the order form in today's bulletin for details.

**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.

☞ \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of/honor of (circle one):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Given by:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*"Where Faith and Life Connect"*

6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville TN 37919

Telephone (865) 584-3957 Fax (865) 584-8840

E-mail westminsterpres@comcast.net

www.wpcknox.org

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Pastor

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate

Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries

Angela Grobe, Director of Children's Ministries

Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

**Adult Education**

**Advent Study** – We'll take a look at Walter Brueggemann's study entitled, "Names for the Messiah." In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Coffee House** – Do you just want a chance to share some fellowship time between services? This is the place for you. This group gathers in the Schilling Gallery.

**COMMUNITY CHEST OF KNOXVILLE** will be taking donations of clothing and small household items on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension (800 Northshore Drive). You can also bring items directly to the Community Chest (122 W. Scott Avenue 37917) during hours of operation, Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2017**

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**Class of 2018**

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

**Class of 2019**

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Terry Crow

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

**TRUSTEES**

Larry Ridley

Paul Jorden

Alice Mercer