



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

January 6, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY 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.

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 J. S. Bach

The Old Year Has Passed Away
 (from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

(11:00) Fum, Fum, Fum Traditional Catalanian carol
 arr. Gregory M. Pysh

Handbell Choir
 Bryan Powell, Guitar

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

People: **The radiance of God’s light shines through the darkness, illuminating our world with faith, hope and love.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 474 (blue hymnal) O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright
Puer nobis nascitur

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Psalm 72, Matthew 2
God of radiant love, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. 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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Rachel Powell

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

“A-Ha Moments”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 66 (blue hymnal) We Three Kings of Orient Are *Three Kings of Orient*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Fum, Fum, Fum Traditional Catalanian carol

(11:00) Nunc dimittis Halsey Stevens

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

***AT THE PRESENTATION**

Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*
 As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin’s alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (11:00) Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614

J. S. Bach

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Dan Collins
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
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) Chloe Smith, Bobby Powell

GREETERS (11:00): Bitsy Ingram and Judy Jordan

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Lee Ingram

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham, Daniel Berry

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Mark Potocik, Ashley and Scott Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Melissa Everett in honor of the dedicated and passionate women in our congregation.

OUR THANKS to Bryan Powell for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Handbell Choir. Arranged by longtime Morristown church musician, Gregory Pysh, this morning’s handbell music incorporates many delightful ringing techniques, all enhanced by the flavor of the acoustic guitar, most appropriate for a Catalonian carol!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy. Her email address is unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 9th beginning at 6:30 pm. The Property ministry team will provide our refreshments.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the ministry at Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER will resume on January 16 and will run through February 27. Our first event is a visit from Avshi Weinstein, co-founder of Violins of Hope. These instruments were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust in concentration camps and ghettos, and have stories of injustice, suffering, resilience and survival. Avshi will share these stories and violinist Rachel Perkins will play for us. These Wednesday evening gatherings begin with dinner at 5:45 with presentations following at 6:30. All are welcome. Please RSVP for this first event, as we anticipate much interest. Childcare is available. These Wednesday evening gatherings begin with dinner at 5:45 with classes following at 6:30. All are welcome, and you don't need to RSVP. Childcare is available.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday January 10th at 7:30 am. Breakfast will be provided and all men are welcome.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, January 10th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at the church as well as non food items. Please note the time for teams to pick up their food recipient sheets for delivery is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley, 865-679-9618, if you are able to make deliveries. Thanks for your help!

THE FLOWERGUILD SCHEDULE is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please sign up for a Sunday that you would like to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$65 and is payable at the time of your donation. The guild appreciates your support!

WESTMINSTER’S ANNUAL

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, February 1st, 6:00 pm

The Progressive Dinner is a great way to get to know new members as well as catch up with members you’ve known for a while. Sign-up sheets are in the Schilling Gallery. Please note whether you’ll bring an appetizer or will contribute to the beverage fund. If you need a gluten free dinner, please also note that on the sign-up sheet. **Please RSVP by January 27.** We begin the evening with appetizers and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. at Buckingham Clubhouse, 7303 Manderly Way, 37909. At 6:30 we divide into groups and go to our host’s homes for dinner and dessert. The cost of \$12 per person is collected when we gather for appetizers.



Progressive Dinner!

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KID’S CORNER

Children’s Sunday School begins after A Time with Children. Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate). Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4th grade and under.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room.

Faith and Life - Coming soon — Welcome to Westminster, a class especially designed for new or prospective members. Join us in the Fellowship Hall beginning January 27 for a three week class to learn more about us. The class is led by Dr. Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2020

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