



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**January 13, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

BAPTISM 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) Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180 Dieterich Buxtehude
Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came
(11:00) Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetorius
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Katherine Harmon, Lisa Oros, Cindy Pearman,
Peter Van Eenam, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6/Psalm 95

Leader: With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: **What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

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)

Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in living out the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. 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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Isaiah 43:1-7
Cameron Sears
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15, 21-22

SERMON "That's okay ... God believes in you." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 361 (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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) Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetorius
(11:00) Lux in tenebris (from *Luminosity*) James Whitbourn
Illuminare

Lux in tenebris lucet et tenebrae eam non comprehenderunt.

The light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overpowered it.
John the Apostle (c. 6-c. 100)

Kathryn Gawne, Viola

Robert Adamcik, Tam-tam

Ed Babelay, Tanpura

Eileen Rudd, Organ

Members of the Confirmation Class, Candles

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN (11:00) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky *Here I Am, Lord*
(See insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

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

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel in celebration of Rick Rawe's birthday! We appreciate your friendship and all of your hard work at Westminster.

OUR THANKS to Katy Gawne, Bob Adamcik, Ed Babelay, Eileen Rudd, and members of the Confirmation Class for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir. *Luminosity* is a multi-media and multi-movement work commissioned by Westminster Choir College and dance company *Archedream* in 2007. Its texts, chosen and compiled by the composer, "centre on the transcendent beauty of creation expressed by luminaries down the ages." *Lux in tenebris* is the first movement. Many thanks to Jennifer Shilling for introducing this inspiring work to Peter Van Eenam several years ago.

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) Frank Manrod

GREETERS: (11:00) Buz and Lucy Johnson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir and members of the Handbell Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: William Gibbons

SENIOR USHER: Hap McSween

USHERS:

(9:00) Scott Brunger and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) LoAnn Price, Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, Janice and Rick Rawe

MUSICA ORGANI will present German-born organist Jens Korndörfer in recital on Friday evening, February 8, at 8:00. He is a triple prizewinner of the Canadian International Organ Competition and Director of Worship and the Arts and Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. For more information, please visit the *Musica Organi* website at www.musicaorgani.org.

WEDNESDAY WITH WESTMINSTER: If you have not yet responded for the Violins of Hope presentation this Wednesday evening, please do so by today. We will begin serving dinner at 5:45, and the program will follow at 6:30. If you are interested in tickets to one of the KSO concerts, speak to Mary Boyd. Mary would also appreciate help with desserts. If you are able to make a dessert for Wednesday night, please let her know. There is also a need for help with cleanup following the program.

**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!

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!

THE SCHILLING GALLERY is filled with beautiful art created by Westminster artists! All this inspiring art has been donated for the youth’s Silent Auction which will raise money to help them make a pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico!! Beginning January 27, bids will be accepted for the displayed works. The "BIG EVENT" will be Sunday, February 10, when we have our Chili/Dessert cook off and final bidding for the auction. ALL the youth will also be offering their gifts and services in a live (and very entertaining) auction. The youth are offering things like lawn service, babysitting, technology lessons, and sports lessons. This promises to be a great event, and we hope you ALL will come join in the fun!!

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will be January 15. We will be discussing the new historical fiction novel by Paulette Jiles, *News of the World*, which explores a time after the Civil War when an aging news reader agrees to transport a young captive of Kiowa tribe back to her people. We will also be choosing books for the coming year. All women are invited to attend whenever they would like. We are an informal group who welcomes newcomers. We meet in the church library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. For more information contact Linda Rutherford at .

SHOW AND WAMS: Tonight youth and at least one parent per family are invited to join us from 5:00-6:30 to discuss summer trips and plan fund-raising. We will be planning for the Art Auction and Chili Cook-Off, our biggest fund-raisers benefitting the Ghost Ranch Pilgrimage and middle school mission trip.

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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

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

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