



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**March 3, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TRANSFIGURATION 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) Salterelle and Ronde from Three Dances
Brass Ensemble
Tilman Susato

(11:00) Fugue in C Major, BWV 545
J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

(11:00) Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of You,
that by caring, helping giving, we may be disciples true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Percy Dearmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On mountaintops and in valleys,

People: the glory of God surrounds us.

Leader: In whispers and in shouts,

People: the glory of God speaks to us.

Leader: In nature's variety and color,

People: the glory of God calls us.

Leader: In baptism's claim and communion's welcome,

People: the glory of God comes home to us.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *St. Denio*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Glorious God, we gather here in the comfort of this sanctuary, among friends, assured of your grace and love for us. How tempted we are to abide in what feels safe and familiar! How hesitant we are to venture forth into the unknown. As Christ turned his eyes from the mountaintop to the valley, turn our eyes toward places we shudder to go – places where people struggle with brokenness and pain, dark places where we might bear your love and reflect the light of your glory. Sustain us by your presence, guide us into your service, and continually transform us into your people. This we humbly ask. 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

Exodus 34:29-35

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-43

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“The world is charged with the grandeur of God”

Gerald Manley Hopkins, poet

***HYMN NO. 228** (red hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Beecher*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *A Declaration of Faith* PC(USA)

God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. God makes the divine known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of

God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. To worship God is our highest joy.

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Pavane from Three Dances
Brass Ensemble
Tilman Susato

(11:00) As We Gather At Your Table
K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold our image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Carl P. Daw

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Toccata for the Elevation
Christ, Who is my Life
Girolamo Frescobaldi
Johann Pachelbel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 333** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Seek Ye First

Lafferty

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545

J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Amy Gilbert and Scott Brunger

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH 1-15: Susan McKeehan

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) Will Manrod and Frank Manrod

GREETERS: (11:00) Mark and Teresa Palmer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Brass Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

Organist: John Brock

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Michael Betz

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Scott and Jerry Carley, Hap McSween, Charlie and Alice Mercer

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paul and Judy Jorden in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz for leading the choir this morning and John Brock for serving as organist.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Greer Rorex Carey born on February 27 to parents Nick and Miranda and proud grandfather Bart Carey. Bart celebrates the arrival of his fourth grandchild in one year.

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

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.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

BLT will conclude this Tuesday, March 5 with Genesis 39-47. Dr. Phillips will meet you in the McKinnon Room at noon. Bring your lunch and your bible and join us.

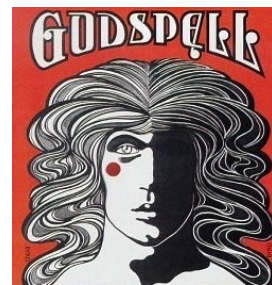
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 AM, March 7 in the SHOW room.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, March 6th at 7:00 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.

JUSTICE KNOX NEWS: Please be with us at the Westminster Justice Knox meeting on Sunday, March 10th immediately following the 11 AM worship service. Snacks will be served and we will be finished in an hour! We'll talk about our part in Justice Knox and how we can help in the areas of: affordable housing, education and mental health. For further information, please contact: Jackie Vanden Dorpel, .

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 14th. 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, , if you are able to make deliveries.

Thanks for your help!



GODSPELL

Presented by the Westminster Players

SAVE THE DATE!

April 5, 7:30 PM

April 6, 7:30 PM

April 7, 3:00 PM

YOUTH MARDI GRAS TONIGHT: How you ahhhh?! In the tradition of "Fat Tuesday", the youth will be making their own yummy and artful pancakes tonight (as well as other Mardi Gras goodies) for a fun and delicious celebration. There will be beads, lip sync, and the "glow in the dark" sardines game we promised. We'll also learn about this tradition of celebrating before the start of Lent. It should be lots of fun with a meaningful purpose! Our party will last from 5-7, all youth, parents, and siblings are welcome!!!

TECHNOLOGY HELP will be available next Sunday! Westminster has spared no expense to bring some of the most knowledgeable technology experts here to help you use your portable devices. Who are these experts?... THE YOUTH!! Join us next Sunday evening from 5-7 pm. We'll have a dinner together, then the youth will be available to coach anyone who would like a technology lesson on how to use your phone, tablet, or laptop. No question is too basic!! What's an app? How do I download an app? Which are the best?, etc. Our EXPERTS are happy to help!!

2022 ELDER NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee has a deadline of March 10 for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2022, one Youth Elder for the class of 2020, and one Trustee for the class of 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact a committee member or the church office. The committee consists of Cindy Pearman (Chair), Scott Brunger (Vice Chair), Lisa Ellis, Bitsy Ingram, and Bill Wiesehuegel.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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.

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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is March 12 at 6:30. Refreshments provided by Worship, Music and Arts Ministry Team.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Alice Mercer

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

TRUSTEES

Reed Ellis

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

Jeff Browning