



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 (11:00))...to the glory of your name.

People: 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 (11:00))...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: 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

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Verse 1

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

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 ...

*HYMN NO. 301 (purple hymnal) Let Us Build A House *Two Oaks*
(Verses 4,5)

*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 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and Charlie Mercer
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR DEC 1-21: Susan McKeenan
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

delightful, but we have a tendency to make it a time of the highest stress. We over-schedule our time, overdraw our resources, ignore those moments in which we could just relax and have quiet time with our families and with you. We blame it on everything else but our own decision making. We speak of obligations, of the need to be constantly busy, of the pressure to purchase things to make people happy. The reality is that your love should be our foundation, the base from which we celebrate. Forgive us for our stubborn insistence on maintaining schedule rather than focusing on your love. Heal us. Strengthen us and make us watchful over our faith in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

*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. 581 (purple hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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 24:36-44; Romans 13:11-14

SERMON

Rev. Gradye Parsons

“Oh, I’ve been smilin’ lately, Dreamin’ about the world as one
And I believe it could be, Some day it’s going to come
Cause out on the edge of darkness, There rides a peace train.”

*HYMN NO. 301 (purple hymnal) Let Us Build A House *Two Oaks*
(Verses 1-3)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever. We believe the Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, all that is, and all that ever will be.

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dixit Maria ad Gabriel Hans Leo Hassler

Dixit Maria ad Gabriel: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi, secundum verbum tuum.

And Mary said unto Gabriel: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, so it shall be, according to Thy word.

Luke 1:38

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (purple hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (purple hymnal))

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Order of Worship

December 1, 2019
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, worshipping 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, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude
Come, Thou Savior of the Nations

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Richard and Kay Ward

(11:00) Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: For in God's house we shall find hope and healing.

Leader: In God's house we shall find forgiveness and friendship.

People: May peace be within the walls of this house of God.

Leader: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.

People: Come, let us sing our praises to God who loves and redeems us.
AMEN.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 82 (purple hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Amazing Surprises, we are rushing headlong into this season of buying, giving, and struggle. We want to think of the holiday as

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Will Wright and Frank Manrod

GREETERS (11:00): Elizabeth Ridley and Sue Byerly

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SAFETY TEAM: Daniel Lewis

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wieseuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Penny Tschantz, Larry Ridley, Gary Rowcliffe, Bill Rudd, Leslie Versen

LATE RENAISSANCE-EARLY BAROQUE ORGANIST AND COMPOSER, Hans

Leo Hassler, was one of a number of German musicians who studied in Italy and, upon their return, ultimately helped these inviting styles of composition spread through Europe. Hassler studied with Andrea Gabrieli in Venice, mastering counterpoint and the polychoral (antiphonal) style so popular there.

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS are still being accepted and name plates will be placed in each hymnal soon.

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.

BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES ANGEL TREE: We have partnered with Bridge Refugee Services of Knoxville to help 7 families from the Democratic Republic of the Congo now living in Knoxville. The gifts that we give will not only help meet these families physical needs, but also do a great deal in lifting their spirits and making them feel welcomed in the community. You can find our Angel Tree in the Schilling Gallery. Gifts need to be returned by December 8. *You can also make a monetary donation that will go towards KUB gift cards, KAT passes and WalMart gift cards. Please mark on your check that it is for Bridge Refugee Services.*

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Longest Night is a worship service offered during Advent. It acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, or sadness. This service offers a way for people to claim those feelings while still feeling surrounded by the compassionate love of God.

Westminster will offer a Longest Night service on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the sanctuary for this quiet service of music and contemplation.

FISH DELIVERY needs big HELP for December delivery people!! With children being home the last 2 weeks of December the need for extra groceries, will be GREAT! If you could give a couple hours to the Fish Program on December 12, you would be giving a helping hand to many families in need. Please sign up and help Westminster reach those in need this holiday season. Contact Georgann Byerley if you can help, 679-9618.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We have received 148 pledges with a total of \$660,240. The asking budget is \$903,141. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge. Everyone's pledges and time and talents combined will help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue it's present ministry as well as discover new paths to spread the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior! You are needed and appreciated!

WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHRISTMAS DRAMA PRESENTS



December 8, 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 PM - Christmas Craft Night and Dinner

7:00 PM - Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

Thursday, December 12

7:30 PM - Evensong

Choirs of Westminster

Sunday, December 15

12:15 PM - Christmas Caroling Pot-Luck and Sing-a-Long

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: *God is with us. - Matthew 1:23* God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need. We are collecting this Special Offering through December 22. 50% of your gifts assist current and retired church workers who are in financial need and the other 50% make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: HOPES AND FEARS

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight' are the words which conclude the first verse of the classic Christmas carol. Join Larry Ridley for Advent Study 2019 on December 1, 8, and 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will consider the history, story and meaning of the carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', including the missing verse written by the author of the carol, Phillips Brooks, travel with Rick Steves to Bethlehem, Palestine and the Church of the Nativity, and follow the tradition of a religious observance Las Posadas sin Fronteras.

AT UKIRK UTK we rely on financial support to make God's love known to all students at UT Knoxville. Each and every gift, no matter the size, is extremely important to the future of this ministry. Beginning on December 3rd we will run a week long Giving Campaign and we are asking that you would keep us in your prayers and consider financially supporting UKirk monthly or through a one-time gift. To do so, you can easily go to our website, www.ukirkutk.org/support, and set up a one-time or recurring gift. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support as we help college students grow and be sustained by their faith at the University of Tennessee.

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KIDS CORNER

Nursery (8:45-12:15): available for children 0-4 years old.

Children's Fellowship Time (10:00-10:45): for kids of all ages through 4th grade, great to get to know each other better while participating in fun and meaningful activities, games, crafts and service projects.

Time with Children (11:10): Children age 4-4th grade are encouraged to stay with families for the beginning of 11:00 am worship, they are then invited up-front for a brief children's sermon and prayer, then ushered downstairs for Sunday School.

Sunday School (11:15-12:00): Children will be split by age, pre-school thru kindergarten and 1st-4th grade.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

They are studying Luke.

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.

Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

ADVENT FLOWER 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:
