



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 35 (purple hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den herren*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of pure, unbounded love, we are a people who long to be loving, and a people who often fail. Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care, lest they hurt our family, friends, or neighbors. Help us to go the second mile in service and the giving of ourselves. Teach us what it means to love our enemies. Hear now as we pray to you for healing in our relationships: with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates, with our world neighbors, with our planet, and with ourselves. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

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

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.

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) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish carol  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

trans. Edith Reed

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs  
Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Cindy Pearman,  
and Cindy Serbin, Handbells

(11:00) Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine German carol  
arr. David Willcocks

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle the child divine; God reward thee and all that’s thine In paradise, So prays the mother Mary. He came among us at Christmastide, In Bethlehem; Men shall bring him from far and wide Love’s diadem: Jesus, Lo he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

Gladly, dear one, lady mine, Help I cradle this child of thine; God’s own light on us both shall shine In paradise, As prays the mother Mary. (Refrain)

Peace to all that have goodwill! God, who heaven and earth doth fill, Comes to turn us away from ill, And lies so still Within the crib of Mary. (Refrain)

All shall come and bow the knee; Wise and happy their souls shall be, Loving such a divinity, As all may see In Jesus, son of Mary. (Refrain)

trans. Neville Stuart Talbot

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 69 (purple hymnal) (11:00) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am  
(Choir sings verses and congregation sings refrain)

The Order of Worship January 12, 2020

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 Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180 Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise the Lord Adrian Batten  
O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117

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 EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON “Take me to the river, drop me in the water...” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
Al Green, 1974; Talking Heads, 1980

\*HYMN NO. 463 (purple hymnal) How Firm a Foundation Foundation

\*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Leader: We rejoice that God has claimed us in the waters of baptism, and that we should be called the children of God.

People: **We are thankful for the love of God that has been poured out for all Creation.**

Leader: Remember your baptism, for the baptism of those closet to you, or those you have witnessed in community...and be thankful, for God delights in humanity.

People: **We affirm our commitment to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ, even as we affirm the image of God in all people.**

\*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**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)** God Be in My Head John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

**\*POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johannes Petzold

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

\*Indicates standing.

*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.*

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Anne Crais and Charlie Mercer  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY:** Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS (11:00):** Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SAFETY TEAM:** David Owens

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

**USHERS:**

(9:00) David Woodall and Genet Weber

(11:00) Jerry Carley, Brenda Seip, LoAnn Price, Robert and Susan McKeehan

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Mike Kaufman to the Glory of God and in memory of Lisa Kaufman.

**OUR THANKS** to Ed Babelay, Jan Barber, Cindy Pearman, and Cindy Serbin for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs.

**DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE** was the organist, director of music, and church bookkeeper (!) at the Marienkirche in Lübeck and was also a profound influence on the young J. S. Bach. In this morning’s chorale prelude, Buxtehude presents the melody in a mildly ornamented form, which will be played on a solo registration that includes the cornet.

**2020 FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2020 flower dedications. We ask for a \$65.00 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.

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

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT: SAVE-THE-DATE!** January 17-19 all High School youth (grades 9-12) will be traveling to Gatlinburg and having our own "Discovering Your Gifts Retreat"! In addition to bonding and recognizing each others' God-given gifts and talents, we'll be staying in the heart of Gatlinburg, enjoying both the winter and Gatlinburg's winter activities!!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is this Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30. Property Team is providing refreshments.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet Thursday, January 16 at 1:30 in the McKinnon Room. Bring a project and join us!

**ART IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY** is from the youth’s pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. The photography is by the participants while they were exploring landscapes and flora of the area, as well as, their fellowship, spiritual growth and meditation time. We hope you will enjoy the photos from this faith shaping event.

**KSO FUNDRAISER:** Many thanks to all of you who have graciously supported the special fundraiser to support three members of our congregation who are leaders in the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. They will participate in a very special concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC in March. These excellent musicians are Bob Adamcik, Co-Principal of the Percussion section, Katy Gawne, Principal of the Viola section, and Andy Bryenton, Principal of the Cello section. We are happy to announce that our \$1500 goal (\$500/person) is reached! This fundraiser has now ended but any others are welcome to make donations to Westminster’s Friends of Music fund any time throughout the year.

**REASSIGNING FOYER GROUPS:** It is time for the reshuffling of our current Foyer members and the adding of new ones to form small groups to get together in a home, restaurant, park, etc., for the purpose of getting better acquainted while sharing a meal together. We will select a host out of your group to convene your first meeting and it is suggested that you bring your calendar and work out among yourselves the dates and places for other get-togethers this spring. Since this is an adult fellowship activity, children are not included and there is no baby-sitting service provided by the church. Newcomers and all Westminster-ites are encouraged to join Foyer Group as it is a great way to put names and faces together. Joining Foyer is not a lifetime commitment although we assume that everyone will want to continue in the next rotation unless we are notified. We will be forming the new groups in late February to allow the fall groups more time to complete their events together. If you want to join for the spring or drop out please contact either Ginger Williams or Shirley Wittman.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Friday, February 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will gather for appetizers at the Buckingham Clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. When signing up, either commit to bring an appetizer or make a donation to the “Social Hour Fund” to help offset the cost of the beverages. During the appetizer portion of the evening, you will be given your host’s name and directions to their home. Be sure to indicate if you need a gluten free meal. The nursery staff will be at church for those who need childcare for their children. Please note when signing up if you need this service in order for Allie to arrange enough babysitters. The cost for each participant is \$12 (payable at the event). The hosts are our guests for the evening and do not pay. We appreciate all for hosting this event.

**SHOW AND WAMS:** After church (noon) we are all gathering and heading over to Chuy’s for a “welcome back” lunch. This should be a great time to catch up and hang out. We’ll also plan future Sunday events! Barbara and Daniel will drive, but we do need some parent drivers, too. (We will buy lunch for all drivers) We should wrap up by 2:00.

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**KIDS CORNER**

**9:00 am**

Ages 0-5 years old: Nursery available

Ages 6 years old and up: remain in the Sanctuary

**10:00 am**

Ages 0-2nd grade: Fellowship time in nursery

Grades 3rd-4th grade: Sunday school in the downstairs Prayer Room

**11:00 am**

**Ages 0-3 years old: Nursery available**

4 years old-2nd grade: in Sanctuary until Time with the Children, then downstairs for Sunday school

Children 3rd grade and up: remain in the sanctuary

**Adult Sunday School**

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.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

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Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2021**

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