



The Order of Worship

**February 9, 2020
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

*We pray that someday an arrow will be broken,
not in something or someone,
but by each of humankind,
to indicate peace, not violence.
Someday, oneness with creation,
rather than domination over creation,
will be the goal to be respected.
Someday fearlessness to love and make a difference
will be experienced by all people.
Then the eagle will carry our prayer for peace and love,
and the people of the red, white, yellow, brown,
and black communities
can sit in the same circle together to communicate in love
and experience the presence of the Great Mystery in their midst.
Someday can be today for you and me. Amen.*

A prayer of the Chippewa

PRELUDE Echo Fantasia No. 12 in A Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 403** (purple hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. As we gather we are grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet we confess there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced faithfulness, the world's values have captured us more than yours, and we have neglected those whom Christ has called us to serve. Forgive us those times, we pray. Heal us from the hurt we have brought upon others and ourselves. Help us to let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your wholeness and reconciliation. 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 Isaiah 58:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON "With great power comes great responsibility."

Uncle Ben, Peter Parker's (Spiderman) Uncle

***HYMN NO. 754** (purple hymnal) Help Us Accept Each Other *Baronita*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be

filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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) O magnum mysterium Gerald Near

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum; ut animalia viderent Dominum natum Jacentem in praesepio Beata Virgo, Beata cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum.

O great mystery and admirable sacrament, that the animals have seen the birth of the Lord, lying in a manger. O Blessed Virgin, whose womb has been seen worthy to carry our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsory for Matins on Christmas Day

(11:00) Zion's Walls (Revivalist Song) adapt. Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

John G. McCurry

Chancel Choir

Westminster Choristers

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 23** (purple hymnal) (11:00) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *Pleading Savior*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00) O Gracious Light Gerald Near

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heav'n, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed, now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified throughout all the worlds.

from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

(11:00) Be Thou with Me

Johann W. Franck
arr. M. J. Luvaas

Be Thou with me through darkened night, That I may see the day illumined so bright, Oh, thank Thee for the hope we have in Thee. Take Thou my hand Near Thee to stand. All they rejoice who lay their trust in Thee, Our Savior, for ever Thine to be. Songs of triumph praise Thy name above all earthly joy proclaim! Enlighten mine eyes To see the way: Be Thou with me, Oh Father most high.

Agnes P. Olsen
Johann Pachelbel

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in D

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Amy Gilbert and Scott Brunger
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR FEBRUARY: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Elizabeth Morrison
GREETERS (11:00): Linda Van Beke and Shirley Wittman
LITURGIST: Barbara Adamcik
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Westminster Choristers
(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Larry Ridley

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:
(9:00) Cile Mathews and Suzanne Graham
(11:00) Brenda Seip, Bill Rudd, Penny Tschantz, Scott and Jerry Carley

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gail Latimer in memory of her father, Bill McDonald.

DUTCH ORGANIST AND COMPOSER Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) assumed the post of organist at the Oude Kerk (Old Church) in Amsterdam in 1580, succeeding his father. A most influential teacher, Samuel Scheidt and Heinrich Scheidemann were among his pupils. This morning’s prelude lives up to its title—the echoes are contrasting not only in pitch level and dynamic, but also in terms of registration (which stops are pulled). The effect is charming and playful, yet throughout the piece, the organ’s beauty, elegance, and essence are allowed to be heard with clarity.

FISH DELIVERY: Our next FISH deliveries are this Thursday, February 13, 2020. If you can help make deliveries, please call Georgann Byerley by Monday afternoon (Feb.10) at . Thanks!

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK TRY-OUTS will be February 16. This Neil Simon comedy has parts for a young couple, and middle to older aged adults. Try-outs will be 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, February 16 after 11:00 a.m. worship service to review terms of call for the senior pastor, present the 2020 operating budget, and elect three at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Join us in the Schilling Gallery today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, for our New Member Reception. At the reception, you'll also have an opportunity to meet and greet new members and to pick up new pages with members' pictures and contact information that you can add to your church directory. If you can't make the reception, you can find the newest directory pages on the small table under the bulletin board in the gallery or upon request in the church office. A growing church is such a blessing! We look forward to seeing you on February 9 as we extend special hospitality to our newest members. **MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** will be held on February 11 at 6:30 pm for refreshments (provided by the Worship, Music and Arts ministry team) and meetings beginning at 7:00 pm.



JUSTICE KNOX MEETING: Thursday, February 13th at 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church (620 State Street) in the James Park Room Justice Knox will have Leon Evans, national expert, speak to the Knoxville community on better ways to help those with mental health challenges other than sending them to jail. Carpools will leave WPC at 5:15 pm. Contact Jackie at and we won't leave without you! (A light meal will be provided!)

SHOW AND WAMS will be celebrating the OSCARS at Andrew and Kristi Gordon’s home. Dress in your best pj’s and join the fun. Parents drop-off at 6:30 and pickup at 9:00 pm at the Gordons’ home.

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY: Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild is holding a workshop Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and there are extra spots available. If anyone is interested please email melissa_wpc@comcast.net for more information. The class fee is \$100 (all you have to bring is your lunch), there are 19 spots open and will take place in the downstairs fellowship hall here at WPC! You will leave with your own original 2' x 2' barn quilt! <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/suzi.htm>

Living Waters for the World Domestic Volunteer Training
(a mission resource of the PC(USA) which is for drinkable water in the USA)
Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian of Knoxville Spitzer Building Room 320
Friday evening March 6 and Saturday morning March 7
Free training by LWW staff and former minister Carson Salyer
No prerequisites. Requirements necessary: a serving heart and a willingness to gain knowledge of construction, electrical or plumbing. If skilled already, even better.
No commitment to partner with LWW as much as simply get training then discern interest. If you have questions, please contact William Milam, wtilam@ieee.org.

WWW: February 12, Gospel Hymn Sing evening with our brothers and sisters from Emmanuel Presbyterian Church!! Dinner at 5:45 and program begins at 6:30.

WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP will meet February 18 in the McKinnons Room at 10:30 am to discuss Gary Harmon’s book, *A Clown in Cobwebs* by Walt Nelson (A.K.A. our own Gary Harmon). This book is available in our church library. Gary will meet with us on February 18 to discuss his book.

WESTMINSTER MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men’s Covenant Breakfast Fellowship will be on Thursday February 13th at //SEE THE NEW START TIME// 8:00 AM in the McKinnon Room. The lesson on Plant Paradox, Plants Effect on Health, will be presented by Ron Campbell. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Peter Tortorelli. All men of the church are welcome at //THE NEW START TIME// 8:00 AM, and no reservation is required. Don't miss it! And have a great day.

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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

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

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