



The Order of Worship

February 23, 2020
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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Mellon Chansonier 5 Antoine Busnoys
 ed. Shigekazu Nimura

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Overture (from Suite in C) G. F. Handel
 arr. Denis Bloodworth

Recorder Ensemble

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 24, Matthew 17

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

People: we are called to be God's people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

People: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 81** (purple hymnal) Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Austrian Hymn

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Three disciples went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves. God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name 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

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 2:1-6; 2 Peter 1:16-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

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

COLLECT (11:00) Prayer for Transfiguration Day John Weaver

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son, you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.

Traditional collect adapted by John Weaver

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17: 1-21

SERMON "So, I'm packing my bags for the Misty Mountain" Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 673** (purple hymnal) Jesus, Light of Joy *Lauda anima*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) From *Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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. 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) Overture (from Suite in C) G. F. Handel

(11:00) Jubilate Deo Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

Psalm 100

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. 546** (purple hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in e, BWV 533 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Connie and Donnie Graham in honor of their family's February birthdays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Colleen Manrod and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Janet Tortorelli

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Cindy Spangler

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Bobby Powell and Nathan Harmon

GREETERS (11:00): Susan Baughman and Sue Byerly

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir, Recorder Ensemble, and Westminster Choristers

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jay Schmid

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Kathy Huck and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Bill Holt, Linda Van Beke and Reed Ellis

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, February 26th 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.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES will begin on March 4 at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

A SESSION MEETING will follow the 11:00 service today, in the McKinnon Room.

JOHN WEAVER was the head of the Organ Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia from 1972 to 2003, Chair of the Organ Department at The Juilliard School from 1987 to 2004, and Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City from 1970 to 2005. This morning's musical prayer combines mysticism in the harmonies at various points, lyrical vocal lines heard in imitation, and a homophonic middle section which grows through both volume and harmonic shifts. Underlying all of this is a lush organ accompaniment of undulating "cluster" chords in the modern French style.

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, .

VMC currently needs men's pants (especially sizes 30 -34), mens shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, jackets, hand soap, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP INFO: We have created a Neighborhood Group bulletin board. If you are curious about which neighborhood group you are in, or who your leader is, you can find the information board on your left towards the fellowship hall.

SHOW AND WAMS: This Sunday (2/23), the youth will be celebrating their own Westminster version of Mardi Gras! We're going to have a traditional-not-so-traditional Pancake Supper, where we make outrageously decorated pancakes! We'll even have king cake (with prizes). We're also going to learn more about the deeper meaning behind all this partying, and we'll even collectively come up with a "Good Deeds Lent Calendar" to use in those 40 days before Easter!

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, February 27th at the new start time of 8:00 am. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tim Ryan. The lesson to be presented by Larry Ridley will be on 'The History of Retirement and On the Christian View of Retirement'. How did we arrive at our 21st Century concept of retirement? Do Americans have the capacity to enjoy doing nothing? If work is an area in which we offer ourselves to God, how then should Christians view retirement? In Tolkien's The Fellowship of the Ring, Gandalf says, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us" All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. Don't miss it and have a great day!

PILGRIMAGE PHOTO FUNDRAISER: All photos in the Schilling Gallery are for sale and range from \$20-\$40. All proceeds will go to the Youth Mission Fund which will help fund future trips & provide scholarships to youth who need them. You may pay today and take your photo home with you. Thank you for continuing to support our youth and their spiritual formation!!



CONCERT ORGANIST JOBY BELL will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, March 6, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. We are fortunate to cosponsor this recital with the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Bell is University Organist and Professor of Music at the Hayes School of Music of Appalachian State University, and he is known for "the breadth of his repertoire, technical virtuosity, and for the personal warmth which shines through in his performances." As a recording artist, his catalog includes *American Classic Widor*, a seven-volume series of the complete solo organ works of Charles-Marie Widor, recorded on Aeolian-Skinner and E. M. Skinner instruments around the country. Please save the date—I hope to see you there!

Peter Van Eenam

JUSTICE KNOX: Please save the date: Sunday, March 1st immediately after the 11am service for a Westminster/Justice Knox Meeting. Snacks will be served and we will be finished in an hour. We'll report on affordable housing, transportation, education and mental health.

2023 ELDER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has a deadline of March 15 for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2023, one Youth Elder for the class of 2021, and one Trustee for the class of 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: Scott Brunger (Chair), Amy Gilbert (Vice Chair), Jean Bonnyman, Zach Gosselin and Ruth Yates.

I would like to nominate _____ for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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.

Faith and Life - New Member classes will be held during the 10:00 education hour on February 23, March 1, and March 8. These classes are perfect for those of you who want to learn more about being part of Westminster and being Presbyterian. The classes will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Mary Boyd, and Dr. Phillips, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Join us if you are a new member or an inquirer!

Syria: The Burden of Memory and the Hope of the Gospel beginning March 15 during the Sunday School hour. Rev. Ann Brunger is the child of mission co-workers in the Middle East and is a member of the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA. The study will cover the history of Syria, political and religious forces in the region, and the ministry of peace and reconciliation of the Presbyterian Church in Syria and Lebanon.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020: Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Susan McKeehan, Shawn Owens, Katie Rogers

Class of 2021: Brian Bonnyman, Anne Crais, Amy Gilbert, Buz Johnson, Rachel Powell

Class of 2022: Bob Albiston, Janet Drumm, Colleen Manrod, Charlie Mercer, Leslie Versen