



The Order of Worship **January 9, 2022**
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 Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 J. S. Bach
The Old Year Has Passed Away
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 35** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty
Lobe den herren

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have promised us that you would be with us in every trial of life. Too often we ignore your presence and rely upon our own strength. You count us as precious in your sight, and you have ransomed much for us. We do not act as honored people, and too often dishonor you. You have redeemed us, but we continue in our wayward paths. In your infinite mercy, O God, forgive and restore us to be your precious children.

***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 43:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-22

SERMON "Through the Waters to Community" Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 435** (*Glory to God* hymnal) There is a Wideness in God's Mercy
In Babilone The Apostles' Creed

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer
During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online 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) In dir ist Freude Marcel Dupré
trans. and arr. Peter Van Eenam

In Thee Is Joy
(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28)
Becky Connelly, Janna deVente, Katherine Harmon, Debbie Schmid,
and Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

(11:00) Silent Night, Holy Night Paul Laubengayer
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming grace Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology Joseph Mohr
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. 394** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johannes Petzold
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jaclyn Beeler and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
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): Sarah Salsbery and Grace Salsbery

GREETERS: Alice and Charlie Mercer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: John Salsbery

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS:

(9:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod

(11:00) Judy Jorden, Charlie and Alice Mercer, Rob and Susan McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in joyful celebration of the life of Ginger Elting by her children, John, Buffy, Jeanne, Lisa and Doug and their families.

THE PRELUDE this morning is based on a chorale for the first day of the new year. Robert Clark and John David Peterson, in their commentary for their edition of the *Orgelbüchlein*, suggest "the text of this chorale is a prayer of thanksgiving for Christ's protection in the old year and a petition for continuing mercy and guidance offered on the first day of the new year." Though, on the surface, one might assume that the chromatic lines symbolize mostly (or only) grief or sadness at the passing of the last year (chromaticism being an expressive device commonly used in music of this period to evoke or depict these emotions), they go on to add that "the theme of the text is one of prayer, not grief; in fact, one could make a convincing argument that the upward-moving chromatic lines were used consciously to suggest an attitude of supplication rather than sadness."

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

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 11th beginning with announcements at 7:00 pm before each team meets in their meeting spaces.

THE FLOWERGUILD SCHEDULE is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please sign up for a Sunday that you would like to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$65 and is payable at the time of your donation. The guild appreciates your support!

THERE'S A NEW COFFEE SPOT AT WESTMINSTER! Give it a try on Sunday mornings from 10:00- 11:00 a.m. It's trying to find a permanent home, but for now our coffee bar is under the TV near the kitchen. It offers an assortment of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and flavorings for you to enjoy. You can grab a cup to take to a Sunday school class or stay and chat. We're purchasing our coffee through UPerk at UTK, so we'll be helping their ministry.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES RESUME TONIGHT!!



4-6:00 p.m. -- Evening youth GAME NIGHT!!!

We're going to have a FANTASTIC evening of games! Including:

- ★ Ping-pong tournament (can anyone beat Bobby or Frankie???)
- ★ Board/card games (you're welcome to bring your own- maybe a giant game of Hearts or... nicely put... "I don't believe you"!)
- ★ Important news from Daniel!

***Eat before you come. No eating in the building for a couple of weeks.*

We'll resume providing snacks and meals ASAP.

We hope to see you all there, it will be a fun and funny evening for all of us "gamers"!!!

Blessings and hope for a great year,

Barbara and Daniel

Youth Sunday School TODAY

10-10:50 am

- Middle School (WAMS)- will meet in the WAMS room with the Chattin's (They've got a special lesson/service project to share with you!!)
- High School (SHOW)- meets in the SHOW room with Daniel and Melanie
- CONFIRMATION- will meet downstairs with Kathy and Barbara

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The first Men's Breakfast of 2022 will take place on Thursday, January 13 at 8am and Gradye Parsons will be our lesson leader. The title of his lesson is "Calling a New Pastor". I am sure you will want to join us as we hear about the process involved in finding a new pastor for Westminster. As usual, we will meet in the fellowship hall and observe Covid protocol. Larry Ridley will provide a short introduction to Gradye's presentation and to do that he needs your help. He needs to know how many of you joined WPC before 1985 and how many joined after that year. Would you please email Larry at larry2543@gmail.com or text him at 865-414-1751 with that information?

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Feasting on the Word

Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based study, meets in person in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class looks at scriptures that are from the lectionary readings for each week.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study class chooses books of the Bible for in-depth study each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class meets in person in the McKinnon Room AND on Zoom.

The Wired Word

The Wired Word meets at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. You'll get an email with the week's current events topic that is discussed with an eye and ear toward scripture. The discussion is always lively. Jump in! The class is meeting in the library this fall to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

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