



The Order of Worship January 23, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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 Les mages Olivier Messiaen
The Magi
(from *La Nativité du Seigneur*)
"The Magi departed, and the star went before them."
The Gospel according to Saint Matthew

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 19
Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God
People: **May our worship reflect God's glory.**
Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
People: **May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**
Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.
People: **We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**
Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,
ALL: **Let us worship the Lord!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 329** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
Winchester Old

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Based on Luke 4:14-21
Christ, you came to share good news with the poor and oppressed. You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind. We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle. We praise you when your words comfort us and deny your good news means that we need to sacrifice something. Forgive us, God, for our wayward and fleeting love. We are blind to the true implications of your gospel. Help us to see that we may join in your proclamation of good news. 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 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21
SERMON "Developing Holy Vision" Barbara Adamcik
***HYMN NO. 733** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We All Are One in Mission
Es flog ein kleins Waldoögelein

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! 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) Be Still, My Soul *Finlandia*
Jean Sibelius
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Members of the Brass Choir
(11:00) I Will Always Give Thanks Robert King
I will always give thanks unto the Lord, His praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. Praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify His name together. Psalm 34:1-3

***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. 463** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

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

***POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude Marcel Dupré
In Thee Is Joy
(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ, Op. 28*)

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Bob Albiston
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS 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

GREETERS: Ibbie Muntz and Bonny Naugher

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Brass Choir

(11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Peter Tortorelli

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Ibbie and John Muntz in loving memory and in gratitude for the lives of brother, Joe Curtis Jack and daughter, Laura Joy Muntz on the occasion of their birthdays this weekend.

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE invites us to imagine the journey of the Magi, though not by means of traditional musical forms or harmonies. Instead, we enter a world of colors, imagery, feelings, and mysticism. This work will require a different, more objective way of listening, but as I live with this piece, it continually and quietly reveals more and more depth and profundity. I sincerely hope it will transport each of you to a deeper understanding of the Magi’s faith in following the star as they traveled to Bethlehem to worship and adore the Child. Quoting from the overview of Olivier Latry’s recording of the complete works of Messiaen: “Liturgical music celebrates God in his church,” Messiaen said in a lecture given at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. “Religious music reveals him at all hours and all across our planet Earth, in our mountains and oceans, among the birds, flowers and trees, and even in the visible universe of stars that surrounds us.” Aside from his highly cerebral compositional skill and all its complexity, including his own modes of limited transposition (essentially scales with non-conventional patterns of whole and half steps), his writing vividly evokes what the titles depict. In *Les mages*, it has been interpreted that the pedal line depicts the star and that the descending chords in the right hand represent the long, winding journey of the Magi (the chords are in three parts and grouped in threes, on several levels), accompanied by sustained, calm, and even hypnotic chords in the left hand, suggesting meditation as they traveled through the night. At the conclusion of the work, as they reach the manger, all three textures join (pedal and the two manuals) in a single chord.

Peter Van Eenam

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.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: A special treat awaits you in the Schilling Gallery: Audrey Parsons Yates (wife of Stephen Yates, son of Jim and Linda Yates) brought her pottery pieces from her home in Tullahoma to share with us. Exhibiting with her is her wood-turning father Ralph Parsons. ALSO, local artist Kim Kimmons has a wonderful watercolor exhibit called "The American Cowboy." Stop by and see the beauty of these hand-created pieces of art. Purchases can be made by contacting the artisans directly.

OLIVE OIL is still available for purchase in the church office (\$15/bottle).

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.

SHOW AND WAMS: The youth will be going downtown tonight to enjoy our own private TopGolf Swing Suites in Knoxville's Embassy Suites hotel on Gay St.! We have reserved 2 suites (one for Middle School, one for High School). Each suite has a large video screen and interactive sports equipment so we can play golf, soccer, zombie dodgeball, pitch a baseball (and have it timed), carnival games, or football. Just dial up your game and have fun!! We'll wear masks, and only have our group in the large suites. Let's meet at church a few minutes before 3 p.m., and depart promptly at 3. We're hoping to have an ice cream afterwards (and enjoy it outside.) We'll return to church by about 5:45 p.m. Parents, we need a couple of parent drivers for this fun event. (You get to play too.) We hope to see you this afternoon!!!

LADIES BOOK CLUB was rescheduled for January 25 to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah. This best seller is a close look at the dust bowl and depression years in Texas and California through the eyes of a family who lived through it, traveling from Texas to find a better life. Please bring suggestions for books to discuss this year to the January 25th meeting. We meet in the McKinnon room at 10:30 a.m. All women interested in reading and discussing books in a casual setting are welcome. Questions or comments call Linda Rutherford at 865-384-3435.

COMPANIONS: Hopefully, most everyone saw this announcement in the weekly Westminster News but in case you missed it, COMPANIONS began a new book study on January 19. The chosen book is *What the Mystics Know, Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self*, by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan brother. Although seemingly a “short” read, it appears to be a detailed exploration and discussion of Christ’s very clear message and instruction on living our lives in relationship to each other. The book is available through Amazon at \$14.99. COMPANIONS is a spiritual development experience for women who seek a community in which to explore spiritual practices, deepen understanding of the scriptures and share in the contemplative experience. It is an open group, meeting each Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. We alternate turns at facilitating, reading brief portions of the written material, with lively discussion and much sharing of reflective and inspired thoughts. Since we have resumed in person meeting, we ask that all participants wear masks. At this time, we are also fortunate to provide zoom access and, for those who may wish to use this modality, please contact pampotocik@aol.com, to receive the zoom information

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: This Thursday at 8am in the fellowship hall will be a gathering of our men for a presentation and discussion. The lesson is entitled "Iconic Black Americans in the 20th & 21st Centuries" with a reading to be emailed ahead of time for review. The Covid-19 protocol will be observed with distancing, hand sanitizer, and masks. There will be no food provided for this meeting, but there will be coffee and bottled water. We hope you will join us and bring a guest. If you have any questions please email Tim Crais at timcrais@gmail.com or text him at 972-948-2887 or email Larry Ridley at larry2543@gmail.com or text him at 865-414-1751.

STATED SESSION MEETING will be held on January 30 after the 11 am worship.

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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.

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet via Zoom on Monday, January 24 at 7:00pm. The link was emailed out. If you would like to join see Mary Boyd.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Susan Baughman will be January 29, at 11:00 am.

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

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Gloria Borum

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