

The Order of Worship

February 13, 2022 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTH 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 Echo Fantasia in A, SwWV 275

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gloria Borum

Leader: Blessed are those who trust – in God!

People: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Leader: Blessed are those who hope – in God!

People: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Blessed are those who delight – in God's Word!

People: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 65 (Glory to God hymnal) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.

Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon

*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 58:6-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Allie Brewington

Children age 3 through 4^{nd} grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

SERMON "Plain Talk" Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 298 (Glory to God hymnal) Lord, You Give the Great Commission Abbot's Leigh

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We are called by God to strive for a world in which hunger is unknown, where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table. We are called by Christ to strive for a world in which generosity is the norm, where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all. We are called by the Holy Spirit to strive for a world in which love rules, where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry. We dare to dream. We dare to pray. We dare to believe.

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) I Will Alway Give Thanks

(11:00) Be Still, My Soul

Robert King

I will alway 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

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius trans. Peter Van Eenam

Members of the Brass Choir

*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 (11:00) Until All Are Fed

Sally Morris and Bryan McFarland

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody *POSTLUDE Toccata or Prelude on the First Tone Matthias Weckmann

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

<u>CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY</u>: Cindy Spangler <u>PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK</u>: Gloria Borum and Jack Carley <u>LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES</u> are available from the ushers.

<u>PLEASE</u> 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) Bobby Powell, Elena Bell **GREETERS:** Joyce Ryan and Renee Wiesehuegel

LITURGIST: Gloria Borum MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Members of the Brass Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Bill Wiesehuegel SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Don Graham

(11:00) Janet Drumm, Buz Johnson, Melissa Everett, Mike Kaufman, Barbara Froula

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Kathryn, Rick, and Clara Oakes in loving memory of parents Fritz and Barbara Schilling and Lester and Kathleen Oakes. Happy Heavenly Valentine's Day!

MATTHIAS WECKMANN (1621-1674) served as organist of the Jacobikirche in Hamburg, following a number of years spent with Heinrich Schütz at the court in Dresden. This morning's toccata is wonderfully imaginative in its rhythmic and harmonic complexity. We hear the improvisatory North German style juxtaposing toccata-like figuration with brief passages of counterpoint or imitation between voices. It is quite amazing how much content and variety he is able to explore in such a short work! Though nearly entirely notated, the music sounds completely improvised and spontaneous.

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.

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

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. The majority of the pottery is sale! 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. Mr. Kimmons is donating all proceeds from the sale of any painting to WPC. What a kind, giving spirit.

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY!!!

Every Super Bowl Sunday, the youth collect funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring. After today's service we are collecting contributions for two groups: Second Harvest's Food For Kids program and the YWCA's Traditional Housing Program for women seeking shelter from domestic violence. The Second Harvest Food For Kids program sends food insecure school children home with nutritious food to eat over the weekends. The YWCA shelters and feeds women and children who are trying to escape violent living conditions and transition to independent living. These causes reflect our youth's passion for helping! We appreciate your contributions. Thank you for supporting the youth of Westminster, and these wonderful organizations!!

SUPER YOUTH activities tonight!!

2-4 pm- WAMS (ages 5th-8th grade) are going SUPER BOWLing at Family Bowl (213 Hayfield Rd.) There will be bowling, games, and prizes for the best and not-quite-as-best bowlers!! Bring \$10 to help cover the cost of games + shoes. Don't miss this super-fun evening!!!

5:00-8:00 SHOW (ages 8th-12th + Sophie :) SUPER BOWL Party @ the Manrod's!! The high school youth will be watching the Super Bowl at the Matt+Jennifer Manrod's house! As always, we will be playing Super Bowl Commercial Bingo with fabulous prizes!! We'll also have fun games like Guess the Score for each quarter, and Name That Halftime Show Tune!! The Manrod's are generously providing snacks for this fun evening, now all we need is YOUth! The Manrod's address is: 10027 Double Tree Rd, 37932.

LADIES BOOK CLUB meets Tuesday, February 15 at 10:30am in the McKinnon Room. The book for discussion is *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. This novel combines mystery and comedy and spans decades as it explores a little-known aspect of America's 20th century story. We will also complete our selections of books for the year. We meet in the McKinnon room at 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All women interested in reading and discussing books in a casual setting are welcome. Questions or comments call Linda Rutherford at 865-384-3435.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Where Faith and Life Connect"

Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster
Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP
Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator, CLP
Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries
Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Melissa Everett, Administrative 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.

<u>ABBEY DEADLINE</u> is today. Please email any articles to Debbie Bendy (<u>unitedprinters@comcast.net</u>).

THE SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Albiston	Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Janet Drumm	Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
Colleen Manrod	William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Leslie Versen	Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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