



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**February 20, 2022**

**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SEVENTH 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**

(9:00) Fantasia Richard Dering  
arr. H. Martin Cool III

Brass Choir

(11:00) Mensch, willst du leben seliglich Dieterich Buxtehude  
*O Mankind, If Thou Wilt Blessed Be*

Chorale text: O man, if thou wilt blessed be And dwell with God eternally,  
Then shalt thou keep the Ten Commands Which God hath placed  
in our hands. Kyrieleis!

Martin Luther, 1525

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Gradye Parsons

Leader: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

People: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

Leader: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

People: **By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.**

Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

People: **Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 4 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. 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 8

ANTHEM (11:00) Oh, Hold Thou Me Up Benedetto Marcello

Oh, hold Thou me up, guide me in the path of Thy commandments. I am Thy servant, teach me Thy statutes. Hold up my goings in all Thy paths so that my footsteps may not be moved. I call upon Thee in time of distress; I call upon Thee, O Lord, for Thou wilt hear me. Thou art my Refuge; lead me and guide me. Harken Thou unto me; Haste Thee to help me. Oh, hearken unto my prayer.

Psalm 17:5-6

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

John Harrison, Tenor

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)**

Ellen Anderson

*Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**SERMON**

“Listen to Your Body”

Rev. James McTyre

\*HYMN NO. 310 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord *St. Thomas*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**I believe in the Holy Spirit of God, within and among all who cherish Christ and his way, who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow, who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen Christ, loving the world through prayer, word and deed.**

**I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus, and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy. In spite of unanswered questions, yes I believe. 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) Bal (from *Six Pieces*) Johann Pezel

Brass Choir

(11:00) Make a Joyful Noise François Couperin

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, and serve the Lord with gladness. Know ye that the Lord is God; We are the sheep of His pasture, O come before Him with a song. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and come into His courts with praise. Praise Him, be thankful unto Him, and bless His name! We are His people. His truth and mercy endure forever!

Psalm 100

\*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. 543 (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *Green Tyler*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE Präludium in F, RhWV deest No. 9

Josef Rheinberger

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (12:00)**

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY:** Cindy Spangler

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Janet Drumm and Josh Birdwell

**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:** Darlen and William Milam

**LITURGIST:** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Michael Betz

**SENIOR USHER:** Barbara Froula

**USHERS:**

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

(11:00) Judy Jorden, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman, Rob and Susan McKeehan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Connie and Don Graham in honor of their family’s winter birthdays.

**OUR THANKS** to Meredith Mackay and John Harrison for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 11:00 service.

**JOSEF GABRIEL RHEINBERGER (1839-1901)**, a composer and organist, was born in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, though he spent most of his life and career in Germany. He exhibited prodigious musical talent, and he was already serving as organist of the Vaduz parish church when he was only seven years old. Soon after graduating from the Munich Conservatorium, he returned there to become a professor of both piano and composition. His music exhibits stylistic influences ranging from Bach to Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Schumann; and extending to his contemporaries Brahms and Bruckner. As a teacher, he attracted students from across Europe, including Richard Strauss and Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari, but also from the United States, among them Horatio Parker and George Whitefield Chadwick. Though Rheinberger wrote twelve masses, a Requiem, a Stabat Mater, symphonies, and chamber works, he is perhaps best known today for his organ works. In the *Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* it is noted that “His organ sonatas were once declared to be undoubtedly the most valuable addition to organ music since the time of Mendelssohn.” When the second (and present) Munich Conservatorium was founded, Rheinberger was appointed Royal Professor of organ and composition, a post he held until his death.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us this Thursday, February 24th, at 8am in the fellowship hall for a program to be presented by Larry Ridley. The title of the program is "The Fight Over the Future of College Sports". Larry always does a splendid job leading us in a lesson, so we hope you will be able to participate. We will observe our usual Covid protocol and we will offer fresh coffee. Bring a friend, family member, or new WPC member. See you then.

**SOUPER BOWL of CARING UPDATE!!!!**

Thanks to the many of you who collected and contributed money for our Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected just over \$2,000.00 for our two organizations: Second Harvest's Food for Kids, and YWCA's Traditional Housing Program. That's more than we have EVER collected! We will be sending our donations next week, so if you did not have a chance to donate, you are still welcome to do so. Thanks to our ever-generous WPC community!!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, February 21. See you Tuesday!

**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.

**SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH:** Our WPC friend, Loann Price, will be teaching us sign language!!! Loann teaches at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. We'll learn multiple techniques, and even get to play some games using what we learn. We'll also learn about the challenges non-hearing people face living in a hearing world. And for a snack... we'll be making Reese's bears or York Peppermint bears. (see the awesome attached photo!) We hope all you youth can join us to learn this important skill!!!!

**LENT AT WESTMINSTER**

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday - this year on March 2 - and we mark that day with imposition of ashes and the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The season of Lent lasts for 40 days or about six weeks, not counting Sundays. Lent is a time for reflection as we approach the days marking Jesus's last days, his death, and his resurrection. Those final days include Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The 40 days end on the Saturday before Easter.

This year we will offer a contemplative "self-guided" Ash Wednesday service, similar to the one we offered last year. If the weather is good, we will be in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. If the weather is too chilly, we will move into the sanctuary but still be self-guided as we walk around the room, reflecting on various scriptures, prayers, or objects. You may drop in any time between noon and 2:00 p.m. That same day, we will have a more traditional Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. We will also be offering a weekly Lenten study and prayer service. Rev. Gradye Parsons will lead the study using his book, *Open to Me the Gates* and we will end each week with a time of evening prayer. The study/prayer service will be each Wednesday during Lent (March 9 - April 6) at 5:30 p.m. On Maundy Thursday, we will gather for a traditional Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m.

Full article in *The Abbey*, Feb 16, 2022, Mary Boyd

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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.

**Westminster’s Coffee Spot**

Give it a try on Sunday mornings from 10:00- 11:00 a.m. 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.

**Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Cile Mathews

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

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