



The Order of Worship **March 6, 2022**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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) Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Michael Bach
From God I Shall Not Turn

Chorale text: I will never forsake God, for he does not forsake me. He leads me on the right path, for otherwise I would badly stray. He stretches out his hand to me. He takes good care of me in the evening as well as in the morning, wherever I am in the land.

Ludwig Helmbold
literal trans. Mark Bighley

(11:00) Fughetta G. F. Handel

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. John Muntz

Leader: Long ago, God rescued God's people from slavery.
People: We are enslaved today, in many different ways.
Leader: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.
People: Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.
Leader: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,
People: We will continue to follow God and trust in God's ways. AMEN.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 409** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God Is Here! *Abbot's Leigh*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: We have not loved you with our whole heart, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Lord, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

***CANTICLE** (11:00) To My Humble Supplication *Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mary Sophia Hawks

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13

SERMON "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 509** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly *Holy Manna*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

This we have come to know, this is what we have heard: the Eternal is an everlasting God, creator of heaven and earth, who does not grow weary or faint; whose wisdom is unsearchable, giving energy to the meek and strength to those who have none.

Even youths shall faint and grow weary, young athletes shall fall exhausted; but those who love the Lord Jesus and patiently put their trust in God, shall renew their strength; they shall soar with wings like eagles, they shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Fughetta G. F. Handel

(11:00) O How Sweet, O Lord Healey Willan

O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them most wondrous Bread from Heav'n: Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

based on Luke 1:50,53

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION LITURGY (responsive)

Leader: Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation,.....

People: For your faithfulness, we give you thanks.

Leader: God, in whom we believe.....

People: For you generosity, we give you thanks.

Leader: Holy Spirit, our Comforter and our Corrector.....

People: For your intercession, we give you thanks.

Leader: Now as we prepare to enter into communion with you once again, we

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

pray that you would transform this simple loaf and common cup into that which satisfies. May we receive with our earthly bodies your heavenly meal so that we may abide in you and in one another. As those gathered in your name, we join our voices in prayer, praying with the words we learned as children, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

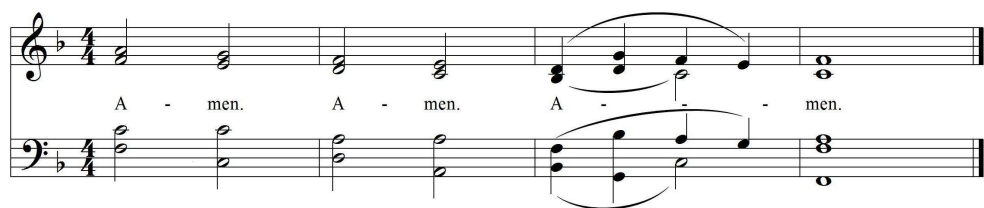
***HYMN NO. 769** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) For Everyone Born

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

Danish melody



***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

***POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

François Couperin

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Versen and Jack Carley

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is a special offering and the single largest way that presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs; PDA, Presbyterian Hunger Program and self-development of people.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Cooper Kringen and Lucy Powell

GREETERS (11:00): Rob and Susan McKeenan

LITURGIST: Rev. John Muntz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Gary Rowcliffe, Janice and Rick Rawe

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz, her children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark.

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968) was an Anglo-Canadian organist and composer, writing more than 800 works in nearly every genre, though he is perhaps best known for his sacred music. Born in London, England, he received his training at the Royal College of Organists before emigrating to Canada in 1913. In 1920 he assumed the position of Head of the Theory Department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. In addition to his duties at the school, Willan became organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. In 1921 he was named Precentor of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto, a position he would hold until his death. From 1937 to 1950 he was also Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Toronto.

BON JOUR MES AMIS! Today, the youth are going to France!!!! Actually... we're going to explore the most French parts of Knoxville. After the late service, we're heading downtown, where we'll have lunch at the French Market Creperie (412 Clinch Ave.) After lunch, we will visit the Strong Alley Graffiti Gallery or as we like to call it... Ruelle d'Art. And finally, we will sachet over to the "Sphère de Soleil" (Sunsphere) to see the best view in Knoxville!! We'll get back to the church by 3:00. Please bring \$10 to help pay for lunch. Come see Knoxville in a new way!!!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely. To support our response, designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444

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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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

Miracle of Peace

By Ann Weems

On the edge of war, one foot already in,

I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.
I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God.....
that we can truly love one another.

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are three adult Sunday School classes offered each Sunday; Feasting on the Word in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study in the McKinnon Room and The Wired Word in the library.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, March 10th, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be George Barber who at one time was the President and CEO of Montreat Conference Center. George's presentation is entitled "The Inside Story of the Montreat Conference Center." George will show us some pictures and share some interesting stories about his time in Montreat. We will again offer fresh hot coffee and observe proper Covid protocol. We hope you will come join us and bring a friend.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is March 8 at 7:00 pm. We will gather for prayer in the fellowship hall then break off into individual teams.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: 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 prayer service will be each Wednesday during Lent (March 9 - April 6) at 5:30.



JUSTICE KNOX MEETING is TODAY at 12:15.

We will hear reports from the Research to Action Teams on Education, Mental Health, Transportation and the new Team on combating Violence in Knoxville. We will plan for our part in the Nehemiah Action on May 2nd.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston
Janet Drumm
Colleen Manrod
Charlie Mercer
Leslie Versen
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

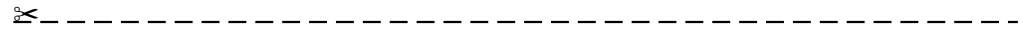
Jaclyn Beeler
Jack Carley
William Milam
Penny Tschantz
Bill Wiesehuegel
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell
Gloria Borum
Melanie Lewis
Lisa Oros
Chris Van Beke

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews Robert McKeehan Ron Alexander



2025 ELDER NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee is looking for four nominees. Usually we are looking for five nominees, but Janet Drumm has graciously accepted the calling of staying on for another term as an elder. The committee has a deadline of March 13 for receiving nominees for four Elders for the class of 2025, one Youth Elder for the class of 2023, and one Trustee for the class of 2025. If you would like to nominate someone, please drop your submission in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: Colleen Manrod (Chair), William Milam (Vice Chair), Daniel Berry, George Barber, and Elizabeth Salsbery

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____