

**The Order of Worship** **January 8, 2023**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**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*)

Chorale text: The old year has passed. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have protected us this year in such danger.  
Anonymous, 1568  
Help, that we leave the ways of sin and begin to become good.  
Do not think on the sins of the past year, but grant a new year rich in mercy.

Johann Steurlein, 1588  
literal trans., both verses, Mark Bighley

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**One:** Rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of te Lord has risen upon you.  
**All:** **Darkness covers the earth, but you have risen upon us. We see and are radiant. Our hearts thrill and rejoice.**  
**One:** By the grace of your mercy may your dawn rise upon us.  
**All:** **Give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and guide our feet in the way of peace. Amen.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 152** (*Glory to God* hymnal) What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
*Puer nobis nascitur*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
God of Love,  
we confess we do not always follow your star of love;  
we turn aside; weary of the journey.  
We confess we sometimes cooperate with Herod;  
we sometimes fail to give our gifts.  
Forgive us; renew your Spirit in us.  
Be our star and guide us. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 60:1-6

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Allie Brewington  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 2:1-12

**SERMON** "Led By A Star" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

**\*HYMN NO. 150** (*Glory to God* hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*  
*from Unfoldinglight.net*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
**We trust in God, Creator of all that is, whose light guides us and whose grace extends to all people of the world.**

**We follow Jesus, the Christ of God, Light of the world, who is the ruler of our hearts, before whom we bow in adoration and reverence, to whom we offer the gifts of our hands and hearts. Jesus loved people and healed them, and taught the way of true wisdom. Though many would make him king, he was not a ruler of a nation but the Prince of Peace. Earthly kings were threatened by him, and crucified him, but he was raised from the dead, sovereign even over life itself.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, whose light is a star that guides us, whose grace gives us gifts to offer the world, whose companionship makes us one with**

**peoples of all nations, tribes and traditions. In the power of that Spirit we devote ourselves to love and justice, for the sake of Christ, the sovereign of our hearts.**

**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.*

**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.**

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. 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) **Mary, Did You Know?** Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
arr. Lloyd Larson

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Mary, did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kissed your little baby, you kissed the face of God? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again! The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb! Mary, did you know?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Mary, did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb? And this sleeping Child you're holding, he is the great I AM! Mary, did you know this is the Son of God?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
Meredith Mackay and Ruth Ann Bendy, Sopranos

(11:00) **Christmas Eve Carol** Jeffrey H. Rickard  
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.

Hodie Christus natus est, Salvator apparuit. [Christ the Lord is born today, the Savior has appeared.] Alleluia, born today.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king; Born to reign in us forever, Angels in the heavens sing.

Charles Wesley and Neil Phillips  
Becky Connelly and Debbie Schmid, Handbells



**\*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.

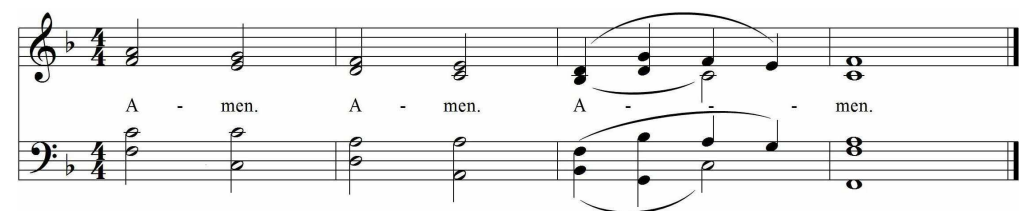
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 744** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Arise, Your Light Is Come! *Festal Song*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody



**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) As It Was in the Beginning Peter Van Eenam

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.  
from the *Lesser Doxology*

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude Marcel Dupré

*In Thee Is Joy*  
(from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Meghan Oros and William Milam

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** (11:00) Eli Everett

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

**LITURGIST:** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Michael Betz

**SENIOR USHER:** Barbara Froula

**USHERS:** (9:00) Colleen Manrod, Ehren Manrod

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

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in gratitude  
for our wonderful staff.

**OUR THANKS** to Becky Connelly and Debbie Schmid for accompanying the  
Chancel Choir this morning.

**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."

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH LUNCH TODAY!!** All High School-aged youth (SHOW-  
Senior Highs Of Westminster) are invited to meet us after 11:00 church today at  
Panera (4855 Kingston Pk.) We're having a Panera Planning Party!! to plan our  
SHOW semester and summer. We'll buy your lunch, and we've even reserved our  
own meeting room!! We're planning what may be our best semester ever, including:  
Sunday evenings, Youth Summit, Civil Rights Trip, Pilgrimage Fundraiser/Auction,  
plus--service and discipleship opportunities! We'll even buy your lunch! We will be  
done by 2:00 p.m. Barbara and Sarah will give anyone a ride there that needs one!

**COMPANIONS IN CHRIST:** Please note: Our class is changing their day and time  
of meeting after more than 17 years! We will resume our meetings TODAY at 2pm.  
We will be continuing our study of Steven Charleston's, *Ladder to the Light* Chapter  
Two. It is easily available on Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Companions in Christ is a  
group of women who gather weekly to explore diverse paths of spirituality, in hopes  
of deepening their appreciation of all the various ways God speaks to us in daily life.  
We will continue to meet in the Prayer Room and welcome anyone who maybe  
interested in participating.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send all articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net). All  
events through February 5 need to be included in this edition. Thank you!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is this Tuesday at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be  
provided by our Pastor Nominating Committee. Thank you!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

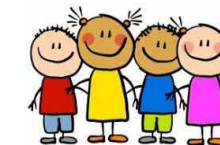
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We are back to our regularly scheduled programming!

All Sunday school classes will meet at 10:00 a.m.

- **Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth. The McKinnon Room is directly behind the kitchen. There's always something to learn!
- **Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing. Go through the breezeway and turn right after you enter the building. There is plenty of lively discussion!

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**



**During 9:00 Worship:**

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

**During 10:00 Hour:**

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

**During 11:00 Hour:**

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Primary Sunday school for children 4 years old.-Kindergarten

Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the

Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet this Thursday, January 12th, at  
8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be John Smartt who will present a  
program based on a new book entitled *Adrift*. In the book, bestselling author and  
NYU business school professor, Scott Galloway, contends that America is on the  
brink of massive change. Galloway looks to the past--from 1945 to present day--to  
explain how America arrived at this precipice. Come join us on Thursday and bring a  
friend or WPC newcomer. Once again, if you would like a sausage biscuit with your  
hot coffee, please email Tim Crais at [timcrais@gmail.com](mailto:timcrais@gmail.com) or text/call him at  
972-948-2887 by noon on Wednesday.

**TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** will meet on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, to begin  
the new year by choosing books to discuss. Please come with suggestions. We will  
also discuss the newest book by Elizabeth Strout, *Lucy by the Sea*, at this meeting. This  
book is set in the mid-coast Maine village that was the hometown of the author.  
Some of her past characters make an appearance in this novel as Strout says she  
cannot give them up. We look forward to another year of reading and discussing  
books together. It is enlightening to hear others' suggestions and opens us up to  
books we had not heard of. We invite any women of the church who enjoy reading  
and discussing books to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are at  
10:30 a.m. in the library. Contact Linda Rutherford at (865) 384- 3435 for information  
or questions.

**CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP SAVE THE DATE!!** Friends, Families, Youth and Adults! You  
are all invited to join us for a full weekend Civil Rights trip to Selma, Montgomery,  
and Tuskegee, Alabama. We will be walking in the steps of Civil Rights pioneers  
before us and sharing the trip with sisters and brothers from Emmanuel Pres, St. Paul  
AME Zion, and other peace and justice advocates. This experience promises to be an  
inspiring weekend of learning, worship, friendship, and fun. Dates for this special  
trip are Friday, February 24 (late afternoon) to Sunday, February 26. More details are  
coming soon!!!

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, January 8**

8:30am - Blood Pressure Checks - Schilling Gallery

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - High School Youth Planning Meeting

12:15 - PNC Meeting

2:00pm - Companions In Christ

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Monday, January 9**

7:00 - Congregational Zoom

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:00pm - Choristers

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

**Wednesday, January 11**

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, January 12**

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

1:00pm - FISH deliveries

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

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