

photo by Anna Grace Gilbert

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 401 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Here in this Place *Gather Us In*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Bobby Powell

O God, please forgive us for all our sins, and what we've done wrong.
 Help us to understand what we can do better,
 And what we can accomplish in the upcoming week
 and in all the days and weeks we have before us.
 Help us to overcome the obstacles we face,
 And rise up like eagles on the unseen winds.
 Help us realize we could do better.
 We ask you to forgive every bad thing, and every mistake.
 Thank you for guiding us on the right paths and for all you have given us.
 Thank you for cleansing us from our sins this spring
 and in all seasons of our lives. 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 I John 4:7-12 Lyla Hagan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lucy, Meghan, and Anna Grace

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16 Lucy Gilbert

PREPARATION HYMN NO. 701 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lord, Prepare Me
Sanctuary
 (please stay seated during the hymn)

SENIOR REFLECTIONS Anna Grace Gilbert, Madison Thomas,
 Lucy Gordon, Bobby Manrod, Meghan Oros

*HYMN NO. 335 (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak *O Waly Waly*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by the 2019 Confirmation class)

Gracie Kringen

I believe that God loves everyone, and his love is bigger than a person's sexuality, race, gender, or religion. God wants us to love and care for others and to try to live in peace. I look to God when I am grateful and when I am in times of despair. As God is forgiving and accepting and wants the best for everyone, I think we should be less critical, less judgmental, more flexible, and nicer to people.

I believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior who died for our sins and would die for me one thousand times over. I continue to strive to live life by the teachings of Jesus Christ and to be the best human being possible.

The Holy Spirit is how God works through people, but is also like an invisible companion who offers a gentle guidance and surrounds us day to day.

Church is a place for people to feel safe worshiping God and a place that is open to anyone. Even though we may disagree at times, everyone is God's child and we need to respect each other. While there are many things I do not understand, I believe we make God happy by communication, openness, understanding, prayer, and living to help others. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (based on Psalm 23) Meghan Oros

One: Guiding God, You are the shepherd, and we are your beloved sheep. You guide us through the ups and downs of life, and we trust in your loving care. You provide for us. You quench our thirst with your living water, and you restore our soul when life makes us weary. We ask you to give us rest.

When life gives us problems, we do not need to fear, for you are with us always. You provide comfort and protection, and your presence brings us peace. In difficult times, you provide solutions. You bless us and draw us closer to you.

Thank you for your unfailing love and faithfulness. May we continue to praise your name and follow you all the days of our life.

And now we pray the prayer Jesus taught his friends to pray, saying-

All: **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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Gavotte J. S. Bach
 (11:00) How Can I Keep From Singing? Robert Lowry
 arr. Ginger B. Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging; It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, It liveth. What

The Order of Worship

April 30, 2023
 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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) Arioso J. S. Bach
 (11:00) Gavotte J. S. Bach
 Cooper Kringen, Violin
 Mary Ann Fennell, Piano

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day the Lord has made.
 All: **Let us rejoice, and be glad!**
 One: This is the morning the Lord has made.
 All: **Let us rejoice, and be glad!**
 One: This is the hour the Lord has made.
 All: **We are here to praise and celebrate God.**
 All: **Come, let us worship together!**

Ian Salsbery

though the darkness round me close, songs in the night It giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the rock I'm clinging Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Pauline T., alt.

Westminster Choristers
Members of the Chancel 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.

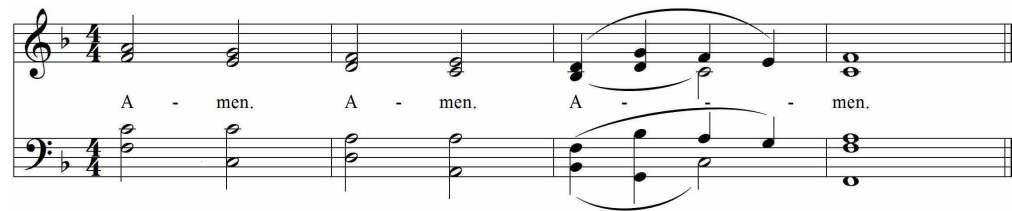
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 69** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky *Here I Am*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody



***POSTLUDE**
(9:00) Prelude in C Major J. S. Bach
(11:00) Tuba Tune in D, Op. 15 C. S. Lang

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Meghan Oros and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Brenda Seip and Bonny Naugher
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
BLUE RECYCLING BINS are located in the Narthex if you do not wish to take your bulletins home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Elinor Collins and Caroline Anglin
GREETERS (11:00): Pam and Mark Potocik
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Westminster Choristers and members of the Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Carl Whipple
SENIOR USHER: Will Manrod
USHERS: (9:00) Kathy Huck and David Woodall
(11:00) Jack Carley, Jaclyn Beeler, and host of Westminster youth

9:00 AM PAVILION SERVICE continues through May 21st leading up to our summer worship schedule that begins on May 28.

2023 SENIOR CLASS

Anna Grace Gilbert	Ian Salsbery
Lucy Gordon	Matt Smith
Liam Hagan	Madison Thomas
Bobby Manrod	Alaina Venable
Will Manrod	Ella Wright
Meghan Oros	

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gloria Borum in memory of her mother, Etta Borum who would be 96 on April 27.

OUR THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist at the 9:00 service, and to Mary Ann Fennell for accompanying her student, Cooper Kringen, at both services. Many thanks also to John Harrison, John Johnson, Meredith Mackay, and Amy Reddick for joining the Westminster Choristers on their anthem.

THE TITLE OF THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE is a bit misleading if you're not an organist. "Tuba" refers to a loud trumpet stop, on high wind pressure, that is used for soloing out festive melodies or majestic fanfares.

THE MARSH RECEPTION: As you probably already know, Frank Marsh passed on Friday, April 21 and Marty Marsh passed on Sunday, April 23. Both were founding members of Westminster. The Marsh family will have a private committal service at the Westminster Columbarium, Thursday, May 4 at 4:30 pm. Frank and Marty's children have invited members who knew their parents to drop by and meet the family between 5 pm and 6 pm on May 4 in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. If you wish to bring finger food for the reception, please let the church office know either by calling us (865) 584-3957 or emailing renee_wpc@comcast.net

OUR REFUGE FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP: An anonymous Lake Hills Presbyterian Church member has offered to match all donations to our refugee family up to \$5,000. These donations will be used to acquire a dependable vehicle and retire a \$6,500 debt for their plane fare here (yes, they had to get a loan for that escape!) Finding extra money in the budget for a family of 7 is difficult under any circumstances, so these gifts will be life changing for the Muradi's. If you want to donate, please make checks to Westminster with "Refugee Family" on the memo line.

FESTIVAL ON THE LAWN CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC is today immediately following worship. We will be honoring our 2023 graduating high school seniors. The cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family - payable at the picnic (please place in the donation jars). Tables are set up in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. All are welcome!

THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE will hold its regular meeting at Westminster on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We want to welcome people from all over the presbytery as they gather to worship and do business. There are many volunteer opportunities! We need folks to assist with parking, registration, greeters/information, providing a morning snack, serving box lunches, and childcare. If you can give a few hours that day, please contact Mary Boyd at: maryboyd1@gmail.com to volunteer!

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

FAMILY PROMISE OF KNOXVILLE INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Learn more about Family Promise and Westminster's role in serving families experiencing homelessness in our community, on May 7th at 12:15-1:15 in the McKinnon Room. A light lunch will be provided.

YOUTH TO "WINE AND DINE" THEIR MOM'S NEXT SUNDAY!! Next Sunday, May 7, our youth will be cooking dinner (and doing other very special things) to celebrate our moms. Starting at 4:00, the youth will start preparing, cooking and baking a special meal for moms. With the help of culinary legends Betty McKeehan and Mary Jo Mann, we will be creating a masterpiece dinner worthy of our wonderful mothers!! Their moms should arrive at 6:00pm for a lovely dinner. WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE OUR SPECIAL MOMS!!!!

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 30

9:00am -Worship, Ruthie Carey Pavilion
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
12:00pm - Church-wide Picnic

Wednesday, May 3

4:30pm - Companions in Christ, Prayer room
4:45pm - Boys and Girls Choirs
7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 4

10:30am- Women's Bible Study
5:00pm - Marsh Reception in Lisa Kaufman Hall

THE SESSION

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay
Jack Carley	Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins
William Milam	Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm
Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney
Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula
Youth Elder: Meghan Oros	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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