



The Order of Worship January 14, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THE SECOND 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Helft mir Gott's Güte preisen Johann Nicolaus Hanff
Help Me to Praise God's Goodness

Chorale text: Help me to praise God's goodness, you dear little children. Always be thankful to him with song and other melodies, but especially at the time when the year comes to an end, the sun turns to us; the new year is not far off.

Let us seriously consider the Lord's rich mercy and not regard his innumerable deeds of goodness to be unimportant. Always bring to mind how he has provided in this year for all necessities in this life and has protected us from suffering.

Paul Eber
literal trans. Mark Bighley

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)** Dr. Dave Dupper
One: Where can we go from God's spirit?
All: If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.
One: If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
All: Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.

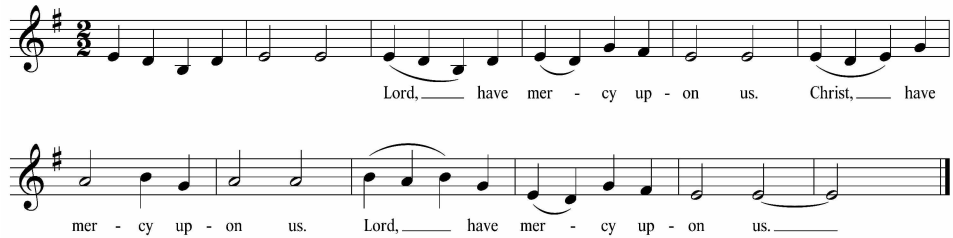
TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 403** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
O thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being. We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbor as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not to forget. And so as we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will. Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

- Martin Luther King, Jr., Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1953

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



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

***RESPONSE**
Hymn No. 132 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *In dulci jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and should and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Sophia Hawks
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-20
SERMON "God Calling" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 722** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak *Canonbury*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from The Confession of Belhar, 1986
We believe
• that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
• that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
• that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
• that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer Barbara Adamcik, CLP
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 Keep Your Lamps! African-American spiritual
arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

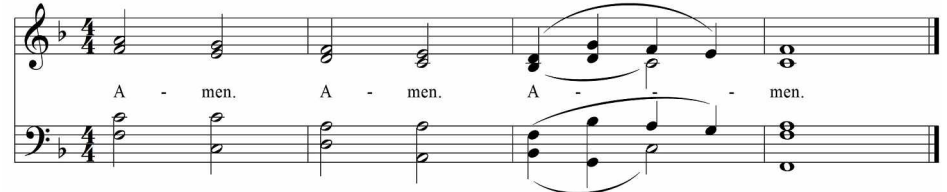
African-American spiritual
Robert Adamcik, Congas

***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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 450** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Be Thou My Vision *Slane*
***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johannes Petzold

How Lovely the Morning Star Shines

Chorale text: How lovely the morning star shines, full of grace and truth from the Lord, the sweet root of Jesse. You son of David from the line of Jacob, my king and my bridegroom, have possessed my heart, dearly, friendly, beautiful and glorious, great and true, rich in gifts, highly and very splendidly exalted.

Philipp Nicolai, 1599
literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession by the Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, The Presbyterian Outlook

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Bill Farnham

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Sirah Smith and McKenzie Damron

GREETERS: (11:00) Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

LITURGIST: Dr. Dave Dupper

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Buz Johnson

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod

(11:00) Jan Gross, Jay Schmid, Nancy Lowe, Rob McKeenan, Betty McKeenan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Rawe family in honor of Rick's 83rd birthday and all other January birthdays.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Yusra Muradi born to Khatija and Amin Muradi on January 5, 2024 .

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Chancel Choir. We appreciate him sharing his talents with us so freely and graciously.

ANDRÉ JEROME THOMAS (b. 1952) is an American composer and conductor currently serving as Director of Choral Activities, Professor of Choral Education, as well as Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music at Florida State University, and artistic director of the Tallahassee Community Chorus.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Monday, January 16th and Tuesday, January 17th until noon for staff Christmas party at Richard Coble's home.

STEWARDSHIP: Many thanks to all of you who have come together to offer your time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God through the ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We have received 174 pledges so far from our 255 family units for a total of \$908,448.39. We need EVERYONE'S participation in order to reach our asking budget of \$1,100,284.00.

LADIES BOOK CLUB will be held on January 16 at 10:30am in the Library. They will be discussing *Tom Lake*, a new novel by Ann Patchett. This story begins with reminiscences of a mother to her daughters about the summer she was an actress at Tom Lake, a summer theater site in Michigan.

MENS BOOK CLUB will be held on February 8 at 9:30am in the Library. They will be discussing *The Wager*, a new novel by David Grann.



SIGN-UP NOW Westminster, Emmanuel Presbyterian and Presbytery's Social Justice Task Force are taking a Civil Rights trip to Atlanta, **February 23-25**. This trip is for ages 1-110. We will be visiting the MLK National Historic Park and birthplace, the Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Apex Museum, and worship at Ebenezer Baptist with Rev. (Senator) Raphael Warnock. Questions? Ask Barbara@wpcknox.org. The website for the Civil Rights trip

sign-up is: <https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/racial-justice-task-force/>

YOUTH GROUP THIS EVENING!! Our youth (WAMS-5th to 8th and SHOW-9th to 12th) will be enjoying a GAME NIGHT tonight from 4-6 p.m., along with an MLK Holiday activity!! Bring your favorite board, card, etc. game or learn a new game! We'll be enjoying ping pong and foosball as well. Also... we'll be learning an awesome card game called "Golf!" I've heard the Oros family are experts at this game! We hope to see you gamers this evening!!

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Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Sophia Manrod, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

4:00pm - Youth Group

Monday, January 15

MLK, Jr. Holiday - *Office closed*

Tuesday, January 16

10:00am to Noon - Staff Christmas Party

10:30am - Ladies Bookclub

Wednesday, January 17

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:00pm - Young Musicians

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

Friday, January 19

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:00pm - Confirmation Lock-in

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence

(January 28 - March 17)

The Enneagram is a dynamic system which identifies nine personality types: ennea is Greek for nine and grammos is Greek for written symbol. Although the symbol has been around for centuries, the Enneagram of Personality was "discovered" in the 20th century and is studied throughout the world. The enneagram map is spiritually rich because of its commitment to transformative growth and its ability to name personality habits and patterns which keep us from living more authentically. Knowing and working with our ennea-type enhances how we show up in relationships, in work and in the world. We will learn about the 9 personality types and 27 subtypes using the Narrative approach. This means we will explore together the type and subtype of each class participant in a spirit of compassion and curiosity. Facilitated by the Rev. Carol Hovis, Presbyterian minister and spiritual director. Rev. Hovis has studied the enneagram for 30 years and is certified by the Enneagram Studies in the Narrative Tradition (TNE).

Please let the church office know if you are planning on attending this series by either calling Renee 865-584-3957 ext 100 or emailing her renee@wpcknox.org.

Election of At-Large

Members of Nominating Committee

The congregation's nominating committee, composed of two members of session and three members nominated at-large from the congregation, is responsible to nominate Session members for the next term. This committee, elected annually, should be representative of all the different ages and groups of the congregation. Gloria Borum and Janet Drumm are this year's session representatives. Will you please send them suggestions of possible congregational members to fill out the group? You can contact them at gborum@comcast.net or janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com. A congregational meeting to elect the full nominating committee will be held in February. Thank you.

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