



## The Order of Worship

February 4, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223 Dieterich Buxtehude  
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Wie schön leuchtet*  
O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O  
Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and  
Master, thou hast won My heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy, Fair and  
glorious, all-victorious, Rich in blessing, Rule and might o'er all possessing.  
Philipp Nicolai

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Kathy Parsons

One: We gather in the presence of our God:

**All:** where grieving people and children with skinned knees  
have their tears wiped away.

One: We gather as the little children of God:

**All:** to worship the One who provides what we need,  
not what we want.

One: We gather around the Table of God:

**All:** to taste the goodness of God,  
to drink deeply from God's mercy.

#### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 327** (*Glory to God* hymnal) From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

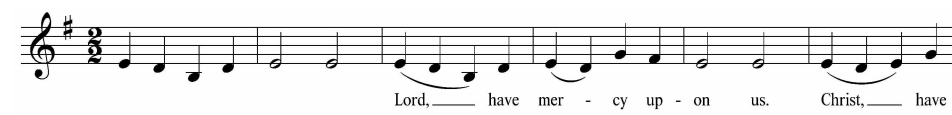
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We confess the emptiness of our souls which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us.

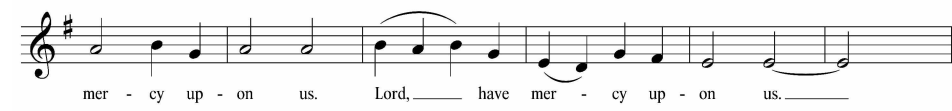
Forgive us, Goodness Incarnate. Call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; we may find healing from your scarred hands; we may find that life for which we yearn, together in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have



mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. \_\_\_\_\_

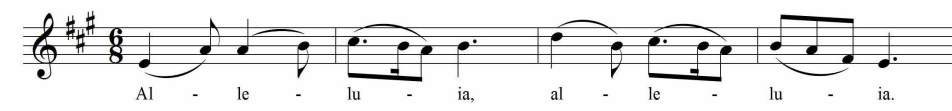
**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

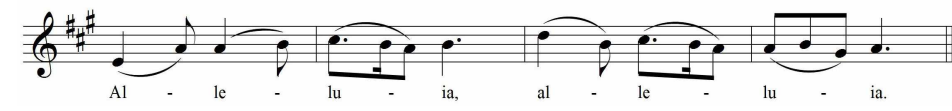
**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:29-39

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

*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 40:21-31

**SERMON**

"Calling all Eagles"

Rev. Gradye Parsons

**\*HYMN NO. 800** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Sometimes a Light Surprises

*Salley Gardens*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**God makes me lie down in green pastures.**

The Lord leads me beside still waters.

**God restores my soul.**

The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness

**for God's name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil;

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**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) Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be: Hear my

cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise; And

expectant I will bring Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell

with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

from Psalm 5

(11:00) Ecce virgo concipiet

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Alleluia.

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.*

*Alleluia.*

Isaiah 7:14

**\*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**

#### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God...Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Many: Sanctus No. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

One: All holy God,  
How wonderful is the work of your hands!  
Gracious God...

Many: Agnus Dei no. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

One: Eternal God,  
Let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.  
May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of bread.  
Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and we will sing your praise as we feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.  
All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

SHARING OF THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Pange lingua (Tantum ergo) Marcel Dupré  
Sing, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling (At the Altar Humbly Bending)  
(from Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION and THE LORD’S PRAYER

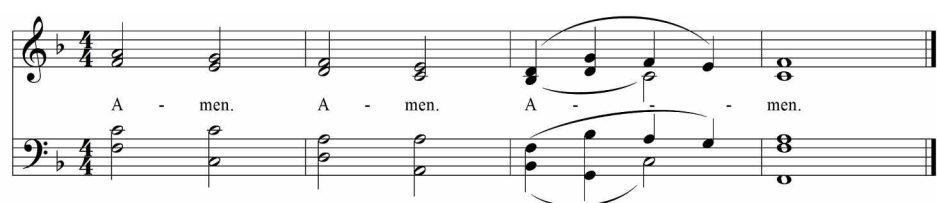
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 753 (Glory to God hymnal) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
Prayer of St. Francis

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen Danish melody



\*POSTLUDE Voluntary in a William Boyce  
\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Ed Babelay  
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Cindy Spangler  
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Jason Birdwell and Elinor Collins  
GREETERS: (11:00) Bill and Renee Wieseuegel  
LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons  
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Westminster Choristers; (11:00) Chancel Choir  
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Anderson Collins  
SENIOR USHER: Casey Page  
USHERS: (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Daniel Berry  
(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Michael Yates, Gary Rowcliffe, Jay Schmid

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in celebration of their son Grant’s 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

DUTCH ORGANIST AND COMPOSER Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck studied with Gioseffo Zarlino in Venice and succeeded his father as organist of the Oude Kerk (Old Church) in Amsterdam in 1580. An influential teacher, Samuel Scheidt and Heinrich Scheidemann were among his pupils. This morning’s motet is in five parts (five different vocal lines) and it exhibits Sweelinck’s mastery of counterpoint. Of particular interest are the two instances of colorful harmonic inflection when he is setting “Emmanuel” and the intense “blooming” of alleluias at the end.



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Alcee Chriss III in recital Friday evening, March 1, at 8:00pm (rescheduled from February 3, 2023). First prize and Bach prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition and the Firmin Swinnen silver medal at the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, Dr. Chriss is a composer, conductor, and jazz pianist. We hope you’ll join us for an enjoyable evening of fine organ music. For more information, please visit the Musica Organi website at www.musicaorgani.org.

CHECK LOST AND FOUND Please collect any items you lost from Lost and Found on the kitchen counter. Any items left after February 18<sup>th</sup> will be donated to KARM.

MANY THANKS to Betty McKeehan who spent several days this week cleaning out and organizing the kitchen. You are such a gift to us all!

ABBEY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy unitedprinters@comcast.net.

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. (LKH Foyer)

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

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

The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence: January 28 - March 17 (McKinnon Room)

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
Children’s Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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) - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP TO ATLANTA Westminster, Emmanuel Presbyterian and the Presbytery's Racial 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.



Sign-up for this event through the Presbytery of East Tennessee website using this link:  
<https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/racial-justice-task-force/>  
Cost for this trip is \$175 per person, but scholarships are available for anyone who requests them. The trip fee includes transportation, hotel, and all entrance fees. Travelers will be paying for 2 lunches and 2 dinners (breakfast is provided.) Contact: Barbara@wpcknox.org.

BETTER TOGETHER WORSHIP TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY Westminster, Emmanuel, and the Presbytery's Racial Justice Task Force would like to invite everyone to celebrate the start of Black History Month with a Better Together Worship to Celebrate Black History. TODAY at 3:00pm at Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church (3023 Selma Ave.). This event will be filled with good singing, meaningful prayers, and lots of Good News! Emmanuel's new minister, Rev. Paul Taylor, will be preaching and many other presbytery ministers and friends will be leading our service. After the celebration service, we will be sharing a community meal. We’re asking everyone who is interested to bring their favorite southern dish or dessert. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!!

**YOUTH ACTIVITY TODAY** Youth have been asked to usher at the the Better Together Service at Emmanuel United Presbyterian today. Please arrive at 2:30pm to hand out bulletins and special presents for everyone attending.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet this Thursday, February 8th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Jeremy Jennings, a new member at Westminster and a practicing immigration lawyer. He will share with us what is involved in working with immigrants in our community. Come join the group on Thursday and enjoy Jeremy's presentation as well as a delicious breakfast prepared by David Owens. See you on Thursday.

**MEN’S BOOK CLUB** will meet in LKH on February 8, to discuss the book, *The Wager* by David Grann. We anticipate some lively discussion on how we might have responded under those conditions and who was in the right in the way they did respond.

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**NEW AFTERNOON CLASS DURING LENT:** on Tuesdays (February 20-March 12) from 12:00-1:00 in the McKinnon Room. Led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We will be reading *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo, Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. This is a thorough, well-researched, and thought-provoking account of this difficult chapter in our denomination’s history. Together, we will understand how this history shapes our present as a church, and we will wrestle with how God is calling us to respond to it as a community. Professor Yoo will be joining us through zoom on Wednesday evening, March 20 at the conclusion of our study of his book. Please read the first chapter of the book prior to our first meeting on February 20. Please notify the church if you want to purchase a book through the church office, the cost is \$20.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be available from Linda Judge-McRae, our Parish Nurse, on February 11 in the Schilling Gallery.

**JUSTICE KNOX / WPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Sunday, February 11th, immediately after the 11:00am worship service, we will have a very important Justice Knox Congregational Meeting in the Lisa Kaufman Hall to hear the Issue Updates on Economic Instability, Education, and Homelessness. We will also have the opportunity to choose names to canvass for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 9th. If you are a JK Network Member, your attendance is needed. If you are a supporter or just curious about Justice Knox, you are also welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew MacDonald or Tim Crais. We hope to see you at the meeting.

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus  
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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, February 4**

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
10:00am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
12:00pm - HR Meeting  
3:00pm - Emmanuel Event  
5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

#### **Wednesday, February 7**

10:00am - Staff Meeting  
4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room  
4:30pm - Rainbow Choir  
5:00pm - Young Musicians  
7:45pm - Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday, February 8**

8:30am - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast  
9:30am - Men’s Book club  
1:00pm - FISH  
4:30pm - Brass Choir  
6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble  
7:00pm - Handbells Choir

#### **Friday, February 9**

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

### **THE SESSION**

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| <b>Class of 2024</b>        | <b>Class of 2025</b>           | <b>Class of 2026</b> |
| Josh Birdwell               | Ed Babelay                     | Bill Farnham         |
| Gloria Borum                | Wendy Collins                  | Lee Ingram           |
| Melanie Lewis               | Janet Drumm                    | Lucy Johnson         |
| Lisa Oros                   | Stephen Fortney                | Kathryn Oakes        |
| Chris Van Beke              | Barbara Froula                 | Richard Ward         |
| Youth Elder: Arthur Collins | Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram |                      |

### **TRUSTEES**

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