

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

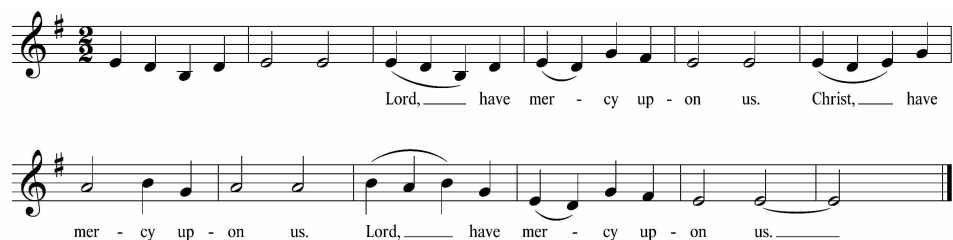
*HYMN NO. 404 (*Glory to God* hymnal) What Is This Place *Komt nu met zang*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Mysterious God, in a world that demands our attention and our understanding, we give thanks for those moments when we cannot see and understand fully, when we cannot fully grasp ahold of what is before us, for these are moments that invite our imaginations to expand, to see with the eyes of faith rather than certainty, to rely upon you rather than our own efforts. And yet, so often like Peter on the mountain of transfiguration, we still try to grasp that which we cannot comprehend, to build dwelling places of stability, rather than remain open to the mystery. We pray that you would continue to expand our imaginations. Help us also give up the need to grasp it all. Open us to wonder and awe in this season. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON *arr. David N. Johnson*

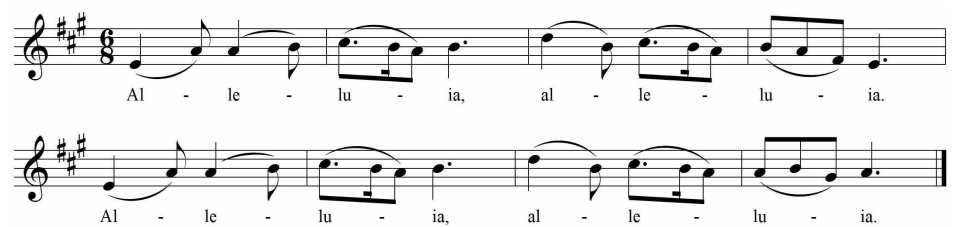


*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

"Holy Ambiguity"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 189 (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo gracias

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

Preaching good news to the poor

And release to the captives,

Teaching by word and deed

And blessing the children,

Healing the sick

And binding up the brokenhearted,

Eating with outcasts,

Forgiving sinners,

And calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

Suffering the depths of human pain

And giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

Vindicating his sinless life,

Breaking the power of sin and evil,

Delivering us from death to life eternal.

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) Allegro moderato (from *Brass Quintet No. 1*, Op. 5)

Victor Ewald

(11:00) Prayer for Transfiguration Day

John Weaver

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son, you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.

Traditional collect adapted by John Weaver

*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. 175 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Seek Ye First

Lafferty

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Order of Worship

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

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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) Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein, BWV 734

J. S. Bach

Rejoice, Dear Christians

Chorale text: Rejoice, dear Christians, and let us joyfully leap and sing together with pleasure and love, comforted by what God has done for us and his sweet miracle. He has gained us at a very high price.

Martin Luther, 1523

literal trans. Mark Bighley

(11:00) Allegro moderato (from *Brass Quintet No. 1*, Op. 5)

Victor Ewald

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 50)

Jaqueline Whittemore

One: The mighty one speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: **Our God comes and does not keep silence,**

One: The Lord calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

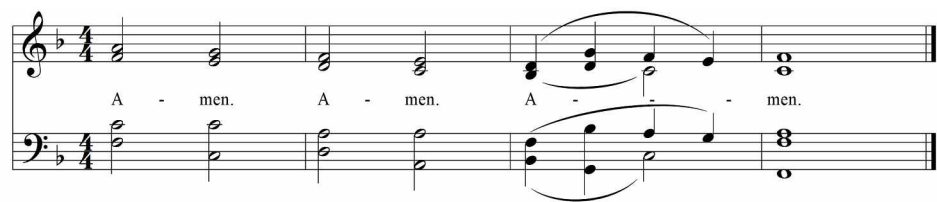
All: **"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me."**

One: And so, the heavens declare God's righteousness.

All: **Let us worship the Lord!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE Praeludium in F

Georg Böhm

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Arthur Collins and Josh Birdwell

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Cindy Spangler

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

SERVING TODAY

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

GREETERS: (11:00) Shirley Wittman and Wanda Barber

LITURGIST: Jaqueline Whittemore

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Brass Choir; (11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Hap McSween

SENIOR USHER: Casey Page

USHERS: (9:00) Reed Ellis and Melissa Everett

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, Brenda Seip, Darlen Milam, Susan McKeenan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Donnie and Connie Graham in

honor of their family's winter birthdays.

VICTOR VLADÍMIROVICH EWALD (1860-1935), was a Russian engineer, architect, and composer, mainly for brass instruments. His circle included other composers also trained in multiple disciplines: *The Mighty Five*: Mily Balakirev (railroad clerk), Alexander Borodin (chemist), César Cui (soldier and engineer), Modest Mussorgsky (Imperial Guard Officer) and Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (navy officer); and timber merchant Mitrofan Petrovich Belaïev, who hosted weekly performance opportunities for these and other composers and musicians at his home.

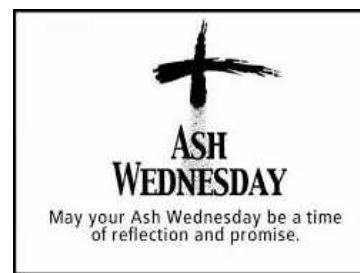
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available from Linda Judge-McRae, our Parish Nurse, **TODAY** in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services.

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON-- SUPER BOWL PARTY Katie Manrod and her family are hosting the youth (5th-12th grade) for our annual Super Bowl Party today, February 11, from 5:30 to 8:00ish (through halftime.) This is not just a game... it's a chance to win fabulous prizes and have soooo much fun, with games like: SuperBowl Commercial Bingo, Joke-Telling, Taylor Sightings 2024! and more! Parents are welcome to come, too (there are separate rooms for adult and youth viewing.) You are welcome to bring appetizers or desserts, but it is fine to just bring yourself! (Our hosts always provide amazing food!) The Manrod's address is: 10027 Doubletree Road, 37932.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

We will celebrate our artists at Westminster and walk through a self-guided meditative journey through the Lisa Kaufman Hall. The hours will be 11-2 and 5-7.

If you wish to receive ashes while still in your car you can. Text Gradye at 865-368-2762



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION The Human Resources Ministry Team invites you to celebrate Renee Wieseheugel for her more than 25 years as the Office Manager and Bookkeeper for our church. The reception will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, immediately after the 11:00 worship service in the Schilling Gallery. We look forward to celebrating Renee and all of her gifts that she shares with Westminster.

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 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.

JUSTICE KNOX / WPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY 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.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a called congregational meeting after the 11:00 service on **February 25** for the purpose of electing a slate for the nominating committee and voting on the Pastor/Head of Staff's terms of call for 2024.

LADIES BOOK GROUP 10:30am on February 20 will be the next Ladies book group meeting in the Library. The book will be *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Bring suggestions and we will choose books for the rest of the year. Several people have requested that we discuss *Tom Lake* at a later date. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us. Contact Linda Rutherford at 865-384-3435 for further information or questions.

MORE OF A GREAT MUSICAL OFFERING!



Westminster Church has been delighted to host the 2023-24 season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville's exceptional

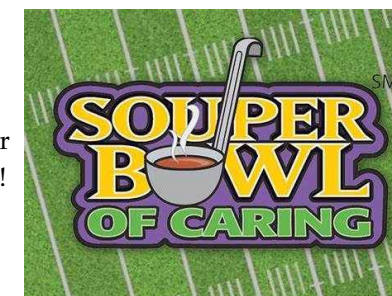
musicians to chamber music lovers throughout our community and region. The next and third concert in this series is **Saturday evening, February 17, at 7:00, in the sanctuary.** Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire featured on this program.



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Alcee Chriss III in recital Friday evening, March 1, at 8:00 (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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY! It's that time of year-- chips, dip, Chiefs (again!), and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Today after both worship services, our youth will be collecting donations for one of their favorite food assistance organizations! The youth have decided to collect for the FISH Distribution Warehouse, and our Bearden FISH Pantry! We're hoping everyone interested in supporting this effort can donate cash or checks as you leave the service today. Since we seem to be focusing on a certain Pop star and football... I'll say this "Swiftly":



We know "All Too Well" that you "Gorgeous" people are... "Ready For It?." It is practically an "Enchanted" "Love Story" the way you fill the "Blank Space" and contribute to our collection baskets to help our hungry neighbors. You've got "Style"! Thank you!

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.

DEADLINE FOR ATLANTA CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP IS TODAY!! It's not too late... 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 10-110. We will be visiting the MLK National Historic Park and birthplace, the Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Freedom Center, the Historic Ebenezer 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/> You can also sign up by contacting Barbara. 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.) Questions? Ask Barbara@wpcknox.org. We are better together!

Sequoyah/Westmoreland Neighborhood Gathering

When: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: the home of Laurie and Joshua Williams

1515 Kenesaw Avenue in Sequoyah Hills

Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 25th

dkschmid@yahoo.com

Please bring an appetizer, side dish or a dessert to share with Your neighbors. Our hosts are providing Buddy's Barbeque!

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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

Sunday, February 11

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:15pm - Justice Knox Meeting

4:00 pm - Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, February 13

10:00am - Staff Meeting

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, February 14

11:00am to 2:00pm - Ash Wednesday Services LKH

3:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:00pm - Young Musicians

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

5:00pm to 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Services LKH

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

Friday, February 16

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

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