



**The Order of Worship**

**March 10, 2024**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**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** Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137 Dieterich Buxtehude

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive, from Psalm 107) Rev. Gradye Parsons

- One: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
- All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- One: We have cried to the LORD in our trouble,
- All: And God has saved us from our distress;**
- One: Let us thank the LORD for God's steadfast love,
- All: for God's wonderful works to humankind.**
- One: Let us worship the LORD!

**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)\*\*

**Holy God,**  
**We long to be lifelong learners.**  
**We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.**  
**Instead, we often live as if we know best.**

**We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher."**

**Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.**

**Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.**

**Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.**

**Make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.**

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**John L. Bell**

Choir: ALL:

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Choir: ALL:

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the Good News!

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

**\*RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wearied prais - es be:

Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —

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

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 3:14-21**

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

**Mary Sophia Hawks**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**SERMON**

*"Multitasking with Eternity"*

**Rev. Dr. Richard Coble**

**\*HYMN NO. 366** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

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

**Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,**  
**the voice of truth spoken over us,**  
**and love without walls.**  
**Jesus is justice for the weary,**  
**healing for the hurt,**  
**and welcome for the stranger.**  
**Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend -**  
**with us on the mountain**  
**and beside us in the valley.**  
**Jesus is a star in the night,**  
**and the love that knows us by name.**

**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** Sinfonia (from *Cantata No. 118*)

**J. S. Bach**

**Handbell Choir**

**\*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**

**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.**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 634** (*Glory to God* hymnal) To God Be the Glory *To God Be the Glory*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

**Danish melody**

A - men. A - men. A - men.

**\*POSTLUDE** Canzona

**Domenico Zipoli**

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith adapted from the Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Barbara Froula and Ed Babelay  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** (11:00) Elinor Collins  
**GREETERS:** (11:00) Debbie Cruze and Lana Daverman  
**LITURGIST:** Rev. Gradye Parsons  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Handbell Choir  
**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Rick Rawe  
**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley  
**USHERS:** (9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Connie Graham  
(11:00) LoAnn Price, John Salsbery, David and Shawn Owens, Janet Drumm

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by in memory of Mary Lou Crow. She was a loving mother to Eunice and Lillian who wanted to honor her memory at a place that was very special to her heart. She loved this church and all the people who attended. She is greatly missed, but she will always be remembered in the hearts of her family and friends.

**THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE** exhibits fully the North German *stylus fantasticus* (fantastic style), dramatic and improvisatory writing including virtuosic runs abruptly ending in silence (imagine cathedral spaces and reverberant acoustics!) and other keyboard (often, even pedal) fireworks. The structure of Buxtehude's preludes (often referred to as "preludes and fugues") is multi-sectional, often beginning in this improvised style with solo pedal, followed by a number of contrasting small segments, concluding with a dazzling fugue (often including more *stylus fantasticus*). In this morning's work, Buxtehude treats us to an additional segment—a fast-paced chaconne (music based on a repeating bassline and harmonic pattern), ending in a whirlwind!

**PRAYER LIST** (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)  
Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Dagmar Krall, Leonard McKeehan, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon  
In addition: Help us to remember we are beloved children of God.

**VASE DRIVE A SUCCESS!** Thanks to all of you who donated to the vase drive for Random Acts of Flowers. All together, you donated 357 vases plus beautiful ribbons and other things to accessorize flower arrangements! RAF will use all of these to bring hope and beauty to people all over our four-county area! Well done, Westminster!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am**  
**Adult Bible Study:** The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (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 and kid's camp available for children ages 0-5th grade  
Sunday School for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will resume 3/17.  
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.*

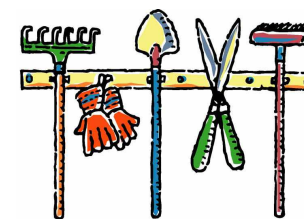
**WPC HIKE!** Our next WPC hike will occur on the gorgeous River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Thursday, April 4. Rain date will be Friday, April 5. Our very own Joyce Ryan will help us identify the many wildflowers on this famous trail! We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 9:30 AM to organize carpools-- or meet at the trailhead (Dabney Lane, Rocky Top, TN 37769) at 10:10 AM. Pack a lunch, water, poncho, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. The trail can be slippery, slopey, and muddy. Hike distance is ~3 miles with some short steep-ish climbs. Let Cindy Spangler know if you're able to join us! Visit this link for a good trail description: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/river-bluff-trail>

**ARTIST RECEPTION** will follow the 11:00 worship service. You are all invited to a reception in the Schilling Gallery for a group of mosaic artists called Mosaic Collaborative of East Tennessee. You can meet the artists and hear about the process of this unique art form. Each artist has their own style of working with mosaics resulting in beautiful works of art. Hope you all enjoy this exhibition.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet this Thursday, March 14th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Martha Earl, the director of the U.T. Medical Library. She will present a program entitled "Prescription for Success" in which she will demonstrate how to find the best consumer health information, including hospitals and doctors. Our breakfast will be provided by Rick Rawe. Come join us and bring a friend.

**THE MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY GROUP** will be meeting on Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 at Alliance Brewing Company (1130 Sevier Ave). We will be discussing a recent Presbyterian Outlook article, "The Theology of Barbenheimer: What a Plastic Doll and an Atomic Bomb can Teach us about our Call as Christians." Contact Richard Coble, Jeff Gilbert, or Daniel Lewis for more information or a copy of the article. All men of the church are invited!

**WPC SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER** Saturday, March 23, anytime from



**Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds**

8:00am-Noon. Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church grounds. Numerous and diverse outside jobs for all. This time we need a special group willing to deep clean our Pavilion - picnic tables, benches, storage room, and posts. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit; we'll provide the jobs and leadership. Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning before Easter!

**WPC PICKLEBALL TUTORING AND TOURNEY MARCH 23 1-4 P.M. @ WEST HILLS** WPC's Connect Team is throwing a Pickleball extravaganza where anyone age 11 or older can get some instruction (from "I've never played" to "I love this game!") We'll have 6 courts available and teachers for Intermediate, Beginning, and Newby players. After a bit of tutoring, we'll play games (both Round-Robin fun games and a Pickleball Ladder-style tourney for those that want to compete.) We'll even provide paddles for those who need them! Call the office or sign up by the office and kitchen today!!

**SERVICE AND ORDINATION** With great appreciation and love, we would like to invite our Westminster friends and family, as well as the entire East Tennessee Presbytery to a Celebration and Service of Ordination for Eric Robert Adamcik on Sunday, March 24, at 7:00 pm in the Westminster sanctuary. Eric has accepted a call in Syracuse, New York! He would very much like to celebrate his ordination with his home church, which has supported and nurtured him through this process. "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!"

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** will be collected during the season of Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. One Great Hour of Sharing funds are divided among its three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Self-Development of People (32%), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%).

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**March 28 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday (LKH)**  
A communal meal and program for all ages immersing us into the dramatic events of Jesus's last night with his disciples.  
**March 29 8:00pm - Good Friday Tenebrae and Communion Service (Sanctuary)**  
This program has traditionally been held at Westminster on Maundy Thursday. We are moving it to Good Friday this year to expand our offerings and give another opportunity for the church to gather on this Holy Day.  
**March 31 9:00 and 11:00 Easter Worship Services**  
10:00am - Breakfast for everyone! Sign up in the Schilling Gallery  
10:20am - Egg hunt

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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, March 10

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00pm - Artist Reception (Schilling Gallery)

#### Tuesday, March 12

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Class with Rev. Coble - *What Kind of Christianity?*

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

#### Wednesday, March 13

3:30pm - Beck Cultural Tour

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

5:30pm - Lenten meal and discussion about Beck Tour

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, March 14

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

1:00pm - FISH

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

### 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

## EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 3. The deadline to make the donation is March 24. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer, please fill out the form below and put in the offering plate or return to church office.

### THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

It is time to submit nominations for our next class of officers for the Class of 2027. We will be electing five (5) Elders for Session, one Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to Gloria Borum (gborum@comcast.net), Chair, Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com), Vice Chair, or any one of our at-large members: Melissa Everett (melissajane0112@gmail.com), John Salsbery (John.Salsbery@southernrebar.com), or Carl Whipple (cwhipped@live.com).

A couple notes about making nominations...

-We suggest that you check with the person you would like to nominate before you do so, to make sure they are willing/available to serve.

-If YOU have the desire to serve on Session, please feel free to nominate yourself!

**Please submit your nominations by April 14.**

I would like to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt