



The Order of Worship

February 16, 2020
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTH 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

PRELUDE *Wie schön leucht't uns der Morgenstern* Max Reger
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
 (from *30 kleine Choralvorspiele für Orgel*, Op. 135a)

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Johann Christoph Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek to follow Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith,

People: **Where God's transforming love for all Creation is celebrated through worship, discipleship and service.**

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

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

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 1** (purple hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Nicaea

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us our sins, failures and mistakes. Forgive us for leaving undone those things which we ought to have done; the unspoken word of grace, the helping hand not offered, deeds of love not carried out. And forgive us for doing those things which we ought not to have done; hoarding that which you would have us share, holding onto prejudices, judging others. Breathe your loving and forgiving Spirit into each and into all, that we might ever become your people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

***RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18,34, Deuteronomy 30:15-20
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Sermon on the Mount

SERMON "The Game of Life" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 374** (blue hymnal) *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*
 Dickinson College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We have a message of hope for a fearful time. In our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion over suspicion and equality over domination, and finds security in joined hands rather than massed arms. We honor the dignity of every person and the intrinsic value of every creature, and pray and work for the day when none "labor in vain or bear children for calamity." We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action, trusting in the God who makes all things new.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... 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.

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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Wie schön leuchtet
 arr. Cathy Moklebust

Handbell Choir

Robert Adamcik, Finger Cymbals and Chime Tree

***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. 305** (purple hymnal) (11:00) *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*
Darwall's 148th

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** *Verbum supernum (O Salutaris)*

Marcel Dupré

O Heavenly Word (O Redeeming Sacrifice)
 (from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)

*Indicates standing.

The Affirmation of Faith is condensed from an ecumenical statement of 35 Protestant and Orthodox church communions at the National Council of Churches in Christ (U.S.A.) in 2007. It was adopted by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at its General Assembly in 2008.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and Bob Albiston

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Janet Tortorelli

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Fiona Collins and Will Wright

GREETERS (11:00): Susan Baughman and Melissa Everett

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbell Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Ann Allison-Cote, Tim and Joyce Ryan, Georgann Byerley and Jay Schmid

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Larry, Jeanne and Elizabeth Ridley in honor of Frank and Marty Marsh for their many years of faithful service to Westminster.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Morgan Annabelle Pritchett born February 6 to parents Ben and Chelsea Pritchett.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is also lit in celebration of Madison Claire Hawk born January 24 to parents Troy and Holly and brother Brayden, and grandparents Roy and Judy Hawk.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS imaginatively sets the well-known Epiphany hymn with a number of ringing techniques, varied accompaniments of the chorale tune, the contrasting timbres of handbells and handchimes, and the addition of percussion instruments. Our thanks to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Handbell Choir.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP INFO: We have created a Neighborhood Group bulletin board. If you are curious about which neighborhood group you are in, or who your leader is, you can find the information board on your left towards the fellowship hall.

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK TRY-OUTS will be TODAY at 2:00 p.m. This Neil Simon comedy has parts for a young couple, and middle to older aged adults. Try-outs will be 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those auditioning will read from the script with other scene partners. We will have the scripts available at the audition. If you want a "sneak peek", you can find the script online at:

http://azactorsacademy.com/uploads/plays/barefoot_in_the_park.pdf

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for today after 11:00 a.m. worship service to review terms of call for the senior pastor, present the 2020 operating budget, and elect three at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

Living Waters for the World Domestic Volunteer Training

(a mission resource of the PC(USA) which is for drinkable water in the USA)

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian of Knoxville Spitzer Building Room 320

Friday evening March 6 and Saturday morning March 7

Free training by LWW staff and former minister Carson Salyer

No prerequisites. Requirements necessary: a serving heart and a willingness to gain knowledge of construction, electrical or plumbing. If skilled already, even better.

No commitment to partner with LWW as much as simply get training then discern interest. If you have questions, please contact William Milam,

WWW "Big Finish": Our Wonderful Westminster Wednesday (WWW) series was short and sweet this winter, and we're ending with an UMPAH-CHA CHA CHA!! Our faith neighbors from Heska Amuna Synagogue are joining us this Wednesday, February 19 for an evening of Klezmer band music from their 8-piece Dor L'Dor Klezmer Band!! Here's a great description: Klezmer music is Jewish folk music used for secular celebrations with roots in synagogue worship. It was originally used to accompany dancing. ... In the United States, klezmer was blended with the popular styles of ragtime, blues, jazz and later, swing. (Think Hava Nagila or the dance music in "Mrs. Maisel".) We'll have a "Mardi Gras"-style meal starting at 5:45, and our swingin' concert will begin at 6:30. "Let the good times roll!!!"

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP will meet February 18 in the McKinnons Room at 10:30 am to discuss Gary Harmon's book, *A Clown in Cobwebs* by Walt Nelson (A.K.A. our own Gary Harmon). This book is available in our church library. Gary will meet with us on February 18 to discuss his book.

FISH PANTRY POLICY: If the Knox County schools are closed due to weather (snow, rain, flooding or cold), the policy is that the churches do not deliver food that day for the FISH Pantry. We do not want to put anyone in jeopardy driving in bad weather conditions. Please call Georgann Byerley, if you are unsure of the school closings.

DUNGAN LECTURE SERIES: The David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture Series honors the late David L. Dungan who was Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee from 1967-2002. The series brings eminent scholars to Knoxville who specialize in early Christianity, as well as academic experts on the contemporary religious issues that so concerned David Dungan, such as the environment, politics, war and peace, missions, and Christianity in the world today.

"The Search for the American Jesus:

From Nineteenth-Century Revivals to the Election of 2020"

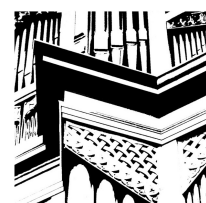
Dr. Stephen Prothero

Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020

5:30 pm

Student Union Auditorium

Reception to follow



Musica
Organi

CONCERT ORGANIST JOBY BELL will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, March 6, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. We are fortunate to cosponsor this recital with the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Bell is University Organist and Professor of Music at the Hayes School of Music of Appalachian State University, and he is known for "the breadth of his repertoire, technical virtuosity, and for the personal warmth which shines through in his performances." As a recording artist, his catalog includes *American Classic Widor*, a seven-volume series of the complete solo organ works of Charles-Marie Widor, recorded on Aeolian-Skinner and E. M. Skinner instruments around the country. Please save the date—I hope to see you there!

Peter Van Eenam

Adult Sunday School

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room.

Faith and Life - New Member classes will be held during the 10:00 education hour on February 23, March 1, and March 8. These classes are perfect for those of you who want to learn more about being part of Westminster and being Presbyterian. The classes will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Mary Boyd, and Dr. Phillips, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Join us if you are a new member or an inquirer!

Rev. Ann Owens Brunger will lead a four-part series on Syria: The Burden of Memory and the Hope of the Gospel beginning March 15 during the Sunday School hour. Rev. Brunger is the child of mission co-workers in the Middle East and is a member of the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA. The study will cover the history of Syria, political and religious forces in the region, and the ministry of peace and reconciliation of the Presbyterian Church in Syria and Lebanon. Stay tuned for details about the location of the class.

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KIDS CORNER

9:00 am

Ages 0-5 years old: Nursery available

Ages 6 years old and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

10:00 am

Ages 0-2nd grade: Fellowship time in Nursery

Grades 3rd-4th grade: Sunday School in the downstairs Prayer Room

11:00 am

Ages 0-3 years old: Nursery available

4 years old-2nd grade: in Sanctuary until Time with the Children,

then downstairs for Sunday School

Children 3rd grade and up: Remain in the Sanctuary

Youth This Sunday!

Sunday Morning- This morning, our WAMS (Middle School) will be using the Feasting on the Word curriculum to learn about today's Scripture lessons before they come to Worship. SHOW (High School) is continuing their study of Justice and Faith. **Sunday Evening-** Youth Art Night!!

All youth (5th-12th grade) are going to gather tonight from 5:00-7:00 for an art extravaganza! We'll have 3 activities going on: Acrylic Pouring, Spin Art, and we'll be glazing some ceramic mugs! These fun activities don't require expert artistic ability to look awesome!! Betty McKeenan will be serving a yummy meal, too! It will be the picture of perfection... hope to see you there!!

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 pm on February 26.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020: Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Susan McKeenan, Shawn Owens, Katie Rogers

Class of 2021: Brian Bonnyman, Anne Crais, Amy Gilbert, Buz Johnson, Rachel Powell

Class of 2022: Bob Albiston, Janet Drumm, Colleen Manrod, Charlie Mercer, Leslie Versen