



The Order of Worship **April 25, 2021**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

YOUTH SUNDAY

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.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God. Please remember to only hum along with the music.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE Chorus (from *Judas Maccabaeus*) G. F. Handel
Cooper Kringen, Violin

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Griffen Oros

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."
People: And there was light.
 Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
People: And the light shined in the darkness.
 Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."
People: And the light will not be quenched. Come let us worship the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

HYMN NO. 769 (purple hymnal) For Everyone Born *For Everyone Born*
 For everyone born, a place at the table for everyone born clean water and bread a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and god will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we care creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and

joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we care creators of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, and god will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we care creators of justice, justice and joy!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Gracie Kringen

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Good Shepherd,
 we take your care for granted.
 In the midst of your many blessings,
 we complain of not having enough.
 We talk about love,
 but our actions betray us.
 When things are difficult,
 we fail to trust your abiding love.
 When you set a table before us,
 we turn away from you.
 Call us back into your care
 and help us trust your caring presence.
 Help us be your caring presence to all who are in need.
 Amen.**

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

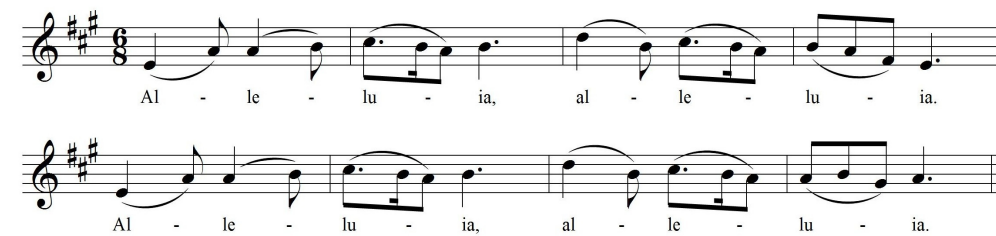
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 3:1-8 Lucy Gordon

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lucy Gordon and Lucy Gilbert
Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16 Bobby Manrod

SENIOR AND YOUTH REFLECTIONS Shea Bell, Barbara Adamcik
Anna Grace Gilbert

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS (11:00)
 Ella Chattin, Arthur Collins, Nathan Harmon, Gracie Kringen,
 Frank Manrod, Jacob Phillips, Madison Thomas

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Ella Chattin and Madison Thomas

HYMN NO. 475 (purple hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*
 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for they courts above.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Sophie Manrod

Written by the 2021 Confirmation Class

I believe that God is the Creator of the universe, who is loving and always there to guide us. I believe that God is beauty with all living things.

I believe in Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus was a teacher, teaching us peace, compassion, and mercy, giving us an example of how to live our life by the way he lived his life.

Although the Holy Spirit is hard to understand sometimes, I believe the Spirit is God's presence always with us, maybe a feeling of comfort in hard times, or maybe encouraging us to work for justice, be kind to others, and be humble.

As a church, we believe everyone is equal, everyone should be treated with respect, kindness and love regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender. We believe our community should be a place with open arms, so that we can provide hope and support to people during the rough times they go through. We believe that what we learn in church needs to be put into practice when we go outside the church.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Anna VanBeke

**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 ...

***BENEDICTION** Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

BENEDICTION RESPONSE O Praise the Lord Adam Gumpelzhaimer
 O praise the Lord, all ye people praise him, for He is good, Alleluia! With all the saints and angels join now and sing to God a joyful song.

based on Psalm 67

Westminster Choristers

***POSTLUDE** Marching in the Light of God
Morgan State Choir

Siyahamba

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS IN THE PAVILION are given in memory of Etta Borum, the mother of Gloria Borum, on her 94th birthday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for today, to be held by email due to Covid-19 restrictions. The purpose of the meeting is to elect five elders (class of 2024) and one youth elder (class of 2022) and appoint one trustee (class of 2024).

Elder Nominees:

Josh Birdwell, Gloria Borum, Melanie Lewis, Lisa Oros, and Chris VanBeke, Class of 2024

Youth Elder Nominee:

Sophia Manrod, Class of 2022

Trustee Nominee:

Ron Alexander, Class of 2024

ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS: We know that many are still not able or ready to attend church in-person. We are recording our in-person worship this morning and posting the service online later today. We want this to work for everyone! If you have any questions, please email Allie (allie_wpc@comcast.net).

2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmand	Mentor
Ella Chattin	Melanie Lewis
Arthur Collins	Angela Shilling
Nathan Harmon	Tim Crais
Gracie Kringen	Julia Whipple
Frankie Manrod	Andrew Gordon
Jacob Phillips	Jeff Gilbert
Madison Thomas	Barbara Adamcik

2021 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Shea Bell - Bearden High
Abby Hatmaker - West High
Sammy McCartha - South-Doyle High
Gray Davis - Webb School
Ella Baker - West High

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
Monday, May 3, 7:00-8:30pm (via zoom)
Justice Knox Annual Nehemiah Action Meeting

We invite decision makers and ask them to make a specific commitment for justice!
Mayor Kincannon, Council Members and other politicians will be with us. Let's show them how many people are working for justice in Knoxville.
Questions? Ask Jean, Gradye, or Jackie

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Gentlemen, the vote is in and the results are clear. We will resume the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at 8am in the Pavilion. Charlie Van Beke will be the speaker and his lesson will be entitled *Does the Supreme Court Need Restructuring?* Charlie is a retired lawyer and will certainly bring an interesting viewpoint to this timely topic. We will set up chairs in the Pavilion, so there is no need to bring your own chair. We will also once again provide sausage biscuits if you so desire. Just send Tim Crais an email if you would like a biscuit. We will rely on you to bring your own coffee, tea, water or another beverage of your own choosing. So, we are all set for May 6. We hope you will attend and bring a friend or new member with you.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will continue to meet through Memorial Day

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard near the columbarium.

Bible Study

Scott Brunger's Bible Study class is studying the book of II Samuel each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the breezeway near the door into the education wing.

Women's Bible Study Groups

There are two opportunities for Women's Bible study. Both groups are using the same curriculum, which is entitled *Into the Light*. We are taking a look at lament in scripture and our lives. The evening group meets on the fourth Monday of each month (April 26) at 7:00 pm (via Zoom). The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month (May 6) at 10:00 a.m. in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion.

Congregational Chat with John & Ibbie Muntz

Join John and Ibbie Muntz each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. for some fellowship time.

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant
Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

THE SESSION

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Brian Bonnyman	Bob Albiston	Jaclyn Beeler
Anne Crais	Janet Drumm	Jack Carley
Amy Gilbert	Colleen Manrod	William Milam
Buz Johnson	Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz
Rachel Powell	Leslie Versen	Bill Wieseuegel
Youth Elder: Shea Bell		
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap		

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