



The Order of Worship

**April 12, 2026
9:00 and 11:00am**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Theme and Variation on *This Joyful Eastertide*

Paul Bouman

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Jaclyn Beeler

One: Jesus Christ is risen today!
All: Alleluia!
 One: All creation, join to say:
All: Alleluia!
 One: Raise your joys and triumphs high,
All: Alleluia!
 One: Sing, O heavens, and earth reply,
All: Alleluia!
 One: Come, let us worship our Risen Savior.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 254** That Easter Day with Joy was Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Risen Christ,
How we wish we could always show up five minutes early,
In our Sunday best,
With uncomplicated lives,
With spirits riding high,
With heads never bowed,
And tears a mile away,
With smiles as wide as the sky

And bright as the dawn.
 And sometimes we do.
 But often we don't. And we can't.
 Often our lives feel imperfect and incomplete,
 Like they do not belong in church.
 But then you show up,
 With wounds in your hands and side,
 And say, "Peace be with you."
 Forgive us for hiding ourselves behind locked doors.
 Remind us that we are your beloved people.
 This day, and every day. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Day of Delight IN DIR EST FREUDE

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
***RESPONSE (Sing twice)** Be Not Afraid BE NOT AFRAID

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-25
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Sophia Hawks
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING John 20:26-31
SERMON "The Wounded Body of Christ" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 257** The Risen Christ WOODLANDS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Responsive)**
 One: We believe that the crucifixion shows us the worst in humanity—
All: violence inflicted on the innocent, shame poured out in excess, mockery for the sake of mockery, and abandonment of those we love.
 One: We believe that Jesus shows us the best in humanity—
All: grace where grace is undeserved, humility in the face of power, justice in the face of oppression, love that overcomes.
 One: So today, as one voice, we choose
All: the latter.
 One: We choose
All: love.
 One: We choose
All: grace.
 One: We choose
All: one another.
 One: We choose
All: to remember.
 One: Let it be so.
 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) Variation on *This Joyful Eastertide* Paul Bouman
 (11:00) This Joyful Eastertide arr. Charles Wood
 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Refrain:
 Had Christ, that once was slain, not burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!
 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: *Refrain*
 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trumpet from east to west shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

***AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 609** Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUN
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHORAL MASTERWORK The Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian and The Episcopal Church of the Ascension with members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra present *Great Mass in C Minor* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Sunday, April 26 at 5:30pm at Westminster. The soloists are Meredith Mackay, Ruth Ann Bendy, Jason Kindel, and Kyle Foster. There will be a reception to follow in the Schilling Gallery. The concert is free and open to all.

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AGES PRE-K - 8TH GRADE

ACTIVITIES

- Bible Verses & Stories
- Crafts
- Singing
- hand chimes
- music theory games
- water play and more!

- 9am-2pm
- \$125 payable online
- All lunches and snacks provided
- Deadline April 30
- Aftercare available 2-5pm @\$10/hour

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OFFERING: You are welcome to give during the offering as the plates are shared, or you may contribute online through our secure giving page: www.wpccknox.org/donate-options/. Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.



WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL West View's annual fundraiser will be held on the school campus on Friday, May 1 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. WPC participates every year as part of our Mission.

- So, we need:
- Volunteers to monitor the many activities that day
 - Contribute home-baked goods for the goodies table
 - Visit local businesses to solicit gift cards, baskets of food or ... for the silent auction
 - To create Jazzy Jars to sell.

Start now to save plastic and glass jars; go through your costume jewelry for items to put in the jars; go through your children's no-longer-used small toys, gadgets, hair bows, whatever to put in the Jazzy Jars along with nut-free candies, coins, etc. Believe it or not, these Jazzy Jars are one of the major fundraisers. The kids love them, so be creative and generous. Thank you!

Faith & Justice in the 1960s

**RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE
Covers Civil Rights**

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, the **Religious News Service (RNS)** documented moments of joy and cooperation, as well as violence and struggle, as grassroots and interdenominational groups battled racial discrimination.

Impelled by their beliefs, Black Americans and their allies protested, prayed, defied unjust laws, risked their lives, and crossed racial and religious lines to strive for equality and a better society—a fight that continues today. These images from the RNS Photograph Collection provide a narrow window into coverage of the movement from 1961 to 1965, illuminating some lesser-known stories of people of faith who fought for justice, transforming the United States.

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PRESBYTERIAN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The National Archives of the PC(USA)

Beginning April 13 Westminster will host a national traveling exhibit from the Presbyterian Historical Society in the Schilling Gallery. Below is a description of the exhibit.