



The Order of Worship

February 15, 2026  
9:00 and 11:00am

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE** Christ is the World's Light

arr. J. Bert Carlson  
Michael Yates

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)\*\*

One: That when glory comes,  
we will open our eyes  
to see it.

**All: That when glory shows up,  
we will let ourselves  
be overcome  
not by fear  
but by the love  
it bears.**

One: That when glory shines,  
we will bring it  
back with us,

**All: all the way,  
all the way,  
all the way down.**

One: Come, let us worship our radiant God.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 193** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)\*\*

As we gather here on the mountaintop this morning, we join Peter's petition: that we might linger here just a moment in the presence of our living Savior, bringing him the cares and worries of our hearts. In this threshold time we pray: Lord Jesus, living Jesus, transfigured Jesus, be with us. Stay with us. Remain with us. And yet so often we stop there, not allowing ourselves and our lives to be transformed by your radiant presence, failing to listen to your challenge or attune our lives to your grace. Forgive us, when we abdicate your call to be your body in this world, transformed and transforming.

In your name. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*RESPONSE**

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spi - rit, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 99

**ANTHEM**

(11:00) The Lord is My Light

Timothy Noon

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?  
One thing have I desired of the Lord: which I will require,  
Even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;  
Yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me up upon a rock of stone.  
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;  
I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text from Psalm 27

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

Jennifer Manrod

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON**

"Pillars of the Heart"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 191** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

BREWER

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

Apostles' Creed

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church.**  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

**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) Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim

(11:00) Transfiguration

Craig Phillips

O burning mountain, O chosen sun,  
O perfect moon, O fathomless well  
O unattainable height, O unattainable light  
O clearness beyond all measure, O wisdom without end  
O mercy without all limit, O strength beyond resistance  
O crown of all majesty  
All creation humbly sings your praise  
Bright stars, high mountains  
Depths of the seas, rushing waters  
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:  
This is my Son, My Beloved, My Chosen One. Alleluia.

Text from Mechthild of Magdeburg, with Mark 9:7 and Luke 9:35

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH  
 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. 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST DENIO  
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Ain'a That Good News Traditional Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Bulletin image from Mike Moyers, "Be Thou My Vision." A Call to Worship from Jan Richardson, *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*. Prayer of Confession adapted from Rev. Matt Gaventa and the Presbyterian Outlook.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Lucy Johnson and Tim Ryan  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY:** Carrie Hardy and Sharon Youngs  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Kathleen and Bill Farnham

**LITURGIST:** Michael Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Jay Schmid

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** (9:00) Suzanne Graham and Kathy Huck

(11:00) LoAnn Price, Janice and Rick Rawe, Mike Kaufman and Ken Hughes

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Connie and Donnie Graham in celebration of their families' winter birthdays.

**YOUTH TODAY** will be at Farragut Presbyterian for Small and Mighty at 4:00pm.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS TODAY** Parish Nurse, Linda Judge McRae will be offering blood pressure checks in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services.



**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children Preschool through 4th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service

**PRAYER LIST** (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews, Betty Collins, Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks), Gloria Borum's brother, Mike, family of Joseph Charles Birdwell, family of Bob Daverman, family of Juanita Campbell, Bill Wiesehuegel, Charlie Mercer.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)**

**Adult Bible Study** is reading the Book of Acts. (Prayer Room)

**Feasting on the Word:** Studies scriptures used in Worship (McKinnon)

**The Wired Word:** Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

**WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER WILL START ON FEBRUARY 25**

**We start with dinner at 5:30pm and follow with two program offerings for Adults:**

1. Mindfulness Practices: Finding Inner Calm in Chaotic Times lead by David Dupper
2. The Gospel of Matthew: A Tale of Two Empires lead by Wendy Neff



**Join Our Wednesday Night Lenten Kids Series!**

We're excited to invite all our preschool through 5th-grade children to a special Wednesday night program during Lent! Each week, kids will gather for fun, interactive Bible lessons, creative activities, music experiences, and meaningful stories that help them learn what it means to walk with Jesus during the Lenten season.

Edie Johnson will be offering a fun musical opportunity for our children. We will learn songs and hymns for the Lent and Easter seasons, play music games, and explore movement and music. Stories and hand chimes will be included as well! We hope that your children will join us!

The Youth will be joining Amanda to practice mindfulness in David Dupper's class.

**ORGAN CONCERT** Please join us on Friday February 27 at 7:00pm as organist Kola Owolabi, international recitalist and Professor of Organ at the University of Notre Dame (IN), performs at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This concert will feature works by J.S. Bach, Vincent Lübeck, Orlando Gibbons, and Brenda Portman.



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**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, February 15**

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting

2:00pm - Funeral Service for Bob Daverman

3:45pm - Treble Choir

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Tuesday, February 17**

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Women's Book Club

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, February 18**

11:30am - Emergency Devotional Class

4:30pm - Companions

6:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, February 19**

6:00pm - Handbells

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2026**

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Youth Elder: Bobby Powell

**Class of 2027**

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

**Class of 2028**

Amanda Fox

Mary Jo Mann

Tim Ryan

Ginger Williams

Michael Yates

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

**TRUSTEES**

John Smartt

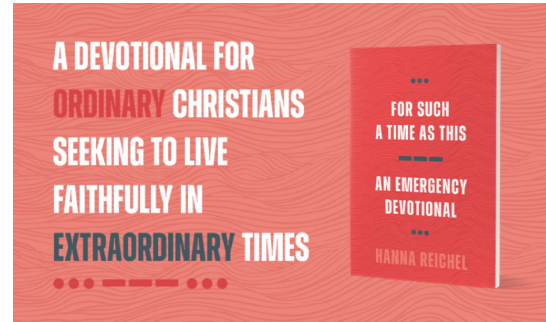
Larry Tragesser

Bill West



**WEDNESDAY CLASS  
CONCLUDES THIS WEEK!**

February 18 - 11:30am - 12:30pm  
*For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel, professor of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary and expert in the Confessing Church, the German Christian resistance to the rise of the Third Reich.



**MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY** group will meet next Sunday, February 22 at 6:00pm at Marble City Market. We will be discussing Ezra Kline's recent interview with James Talarico about Progressive Christianity.



**Mission:** "To organize diverse people to build and use their people power to solve community problems."

Established in 2016, Justice Knox provides 30 congregations from diverse faith, economic, and racial backgrounds from across Knox County a vehicle to act together in response to the scriptural mandate to "do justice."

We engage in listening, research, direct action and follow up to solve problems at their roots. We take on problems like the affordable housing crisis, needs in our mental health care system, problems facing our schools, inadequate public transportation and community gun violence.

Every spring Justice Knox organizes the largest public meeting in the community. The goal of this assembly is to get public officials to commit to concrete actions to solve some of the worst problems plaguing Knox County.

So, what do we ask of you? We ask that you get involved. Start by attending the Congregational Network Meeting on February 22 right after the 11 o'clock service.

"... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

**SAVE THE DATE! Summer Camp at Westminster** July 20-24. Fellowship, Music, Formation, and FUN! Last year's VBS/Choir Camp was a big hit and we look forward to welcoming campers this July. Watch for more details soon!

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.wpcknox.org/donate-options/](http://www.wpcknox.org/donate-options/). Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.

**CHURCH RETREAT**

April 17-19, 2026 • Tremont Lodge, Townsend

Plans are underway for a meaningful and joy-filled weekend as we gather for our 2026 All-Church Retreat. With the theme *Come Closer: Curiosity. Courage. Community.*, the retreat team is crafting an intergenerational experience designed to help us grow in faith and in connection with one another. Tremont Lodge, freshly renovated and ready to welcome us, will again serve as our home for the weekend.

**Registration is open now through March 15, 2026.**

This fee covers your breakfast both mornings, as well as your lunch and dinner on Saturday. You can also purchase retreat shirts during this registration process. Please feel free to come by the church office if you need assistance in registering.

Link to sign up for registration: [wpcknox.org/retreat-registration](http://wpcknox.org/retreat-registration)

**Room reservations open through March 15, 2026.** A block of 70 rooms has been set aside for our group at a reduced rate.

Link to sign up for a room: <https://www.wpcknox.org/retreat-room-reservation/>

