



The Order of Worship

February 8 , 2026

9:00 and 11:00am

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

(9:00) Ni Huzini, Ni Furaha (Oh, What Sorrow, Oh, What Joy)

Haya Tune, arr. Carl Heine

(11:00) Milele (Forever)

Arr. Jason Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Called to be light,

All: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

One: Called to be salt,

All: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

One: Called to live in God's reality,

All: we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 26 Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.

Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

"Read the Room Dude"

*HYMN NO. 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. Amen.

Isaiah 58:5-10

Kathy Parsons

Matthew 5:13-16

Rev. Gradye Parsons

MC KEE

Iona Abbey Worship Book

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) Milele (Forever)

Arr. Jason Krug

(11:00) Siyahamba

arr. Ruth Morris Gray

We are marching in the light of God.

*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 Until All Are Fed

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Bryan Field McFarland

Bryan Field McFarland and Tommy Brown

1. How long will we sing? How long will we pray? How long will we write and
2. How long will we talk? How long will we prod? How long must we fret and
3. How can we stand by and fail to be a - gha - st? How long 'til we do what's
4. On the green, green grass they ga - thered long a - go to hear what the Mas - ter

send? How long will we bring? How long will we stay? How long will we make a - hoard? How long will we walk to tear down this fa - cade? How long? How long, O right? How could we stand by and choose a less - er fast? How long 'til we see the said. What they had they shared - some fish - es and some loaves. They served un - till all were

mends? Un - til all are fed__ we cry out. Un - til all on earth have bread. Like the Lord? light? fed.

One who loves us, each and ev' - ry one... we serve un - til all are fed.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

***HYMN NO. 80** You Shall Go Out with Joy THE TREES OF THE FIELD

***POSTLUDE**
Kule Mbinguine Nataka Kwenda (The Way is Jesus) Kinga Tune, arr. Carl Heine

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Emily Gustafson and Bobby Powell
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Carrie Hardy & Sharon Youngs

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Charlotte Van Beke and Strong Niceley

GREETERS: (11:00) Pat Herzog and Jan Gross

LITURGIST: Jaclyn Beeler

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Clark Harrel and Jo Nicely, Percussion; Handbell Choir;
(11:00) Chancel Choir and Treble Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Hap McSween

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: (9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Mark Potocik, Rob and Susan McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell in celebration of their son Grant’s 8th Birthday.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been set by Session for TODAY immediately after the 11:00am service in order to approve the 3 at large members of the nominating committee as well as the Head of Staff Terms of Call. The chair is Elder Lucy Johnson and co-chair is Elder Ken Hughes.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Family of Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews, Betty Collins, the family of Dean Aldridge (Allison Aldridge’s father), Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks), Gloria Borum’s brother, Mike.

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)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

Jessie Coates from Living Hope, Inc. will lead a presentation and discussion on human trafficking **TODAY** at 12:30 in the McKinnon Room.

Ms. Coates will cover topics such as:

- What is human trafficking?
- How to educate minors about trafficking
- Ways to help within your community.

A light lunch will be provided.

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

YOUTH NEWS

SOUPer Bowl of Caring Sunday is TODAY

Our youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and money for Souper Bowl of Caring after both the 9:00 and 11:00am church services. All the donations that we collect will be donated for Second Harvest Food Bank in conjunction with our church's participation in the "Love Your Neighbor" campaign whose mission is to unite Knoxville's houses of worship to Display Love, Preach Love, and Serve with Love to empower our neighbors of all faith backgrounds to positively impact our community through service and spirit. We appreciate your support!!



After the 9:00 and before the 11:00am Services

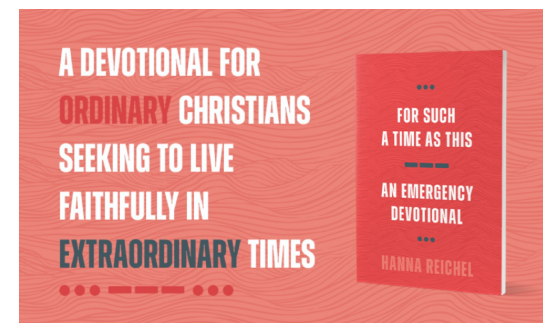
You will find these barrels outside the sanctuary in the Narthex, and our Youth will be out there encouraging us and collecting our donations after the 11:00 service this Sunday!

Youth + Parent Super Bowl Party! -- The Manrod Family generously invites all youth to come to their home for a Super Bowl party this Sunday! Great food, great games, w/fabulous prizes and a Super-fun time for everyone. Parents you are invited too! Youth and parents will have their own separate viewing areas. Want to bring something? Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert. (But it’s not required.) The fun will start at 5:00 p.m. and end after half time-- about 8:30 p.m. (All are welcome to stay for the entire game, if they would like.) The Manrod’s address is 10027 Double Tree Rd.

WEDNESDAY CLASS CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

February 11, 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.



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.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST We will meet this Thursday, February 12th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Kory Ward of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Our breakfast will be provided by Tim Crais. We hope you will join us for a delicious meal, good fellowship, and scintillating discussion. Bring a friend or family member. Ladies are welcome.

RECEPTION ON FEBRUARY 15 Fellowship and CONNECT invite you to enjoy cookies and punch after the 11:00 service on February 15. Valentine weekend is the perfect time to gather and express our appreciation to each other for the love, compassion, and dedication that exist within Westminster.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Parish Nurse, Linda Judge McRae will be offering blood pressure checks in the Schilling Gallery on February 15.



The time is now for action and the time is now to “walk the talk” about justice in our city, our state, our nation, and the world. Let’s take action by attending the Congregation

Network Meeting right after church on February 22nd. We will meet in the Lisa Kaufman Hall for a light, working lunch, and we will get updates on JK research and put together lists of 9 people to call for the Nehemiah Action Assembly in April. The meeting will not last more than one hour and we hope to see all of you there. Please confirm your attendance with Tim Crais or Bruce Henschen.

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.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 8

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:00pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting

12:15 - Retreat Meeting (LKH)

12:15pm - Human Trafficking Speaker (McK)

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, February 10

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, February 11

11:30am - Emergency Devotional Class

4:30pm - Companions

6:30pm - Choir Sectionals (LKH)

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 12

8:30am - Men's Breakfast (McK)

9:30am - Men's Book Club

6:30pm - Wine and the Word (LKH)

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

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

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/>

ORGAN CONCERT SAVE THE DATE!! Join is at WPC February 27 at 7:00pm when Musica Organi presents Kola Owolabi, Professor of Organ at the University of Notre dame in Indiana.



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!

