



The Order of Worship January 11, 2026
9:00 and 11:00 AM

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
PRELUDE Christ, You Are Both Day and Light (Variation 2) Georg Böhm
CALL TO WORSHIP (From Isaiah 42) Mary Boyd

One: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
All: I am the LORD; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; even before they spring forth.
 One: Come, let us worship this God who makes all things new.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water RUSTINGTON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**
 Loving God,
 From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good.
 However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough."
 Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. 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 (Responsive)**

Leader: Let us share these words of grace together:
People: Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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 Acts 10:34-43
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Jennifer Manrod
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17
SERMON "The Beloved" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
 *HYMN NO. 479 Ho, All Who Thirst JACOB'S WELL
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive) From Ephesians 4

One: I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
 One: So then, putting away falsehood, let each of us speak the truth with our neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
All: Thanks be to this God who makes all things new.

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) Christ, You are Both Day and Light (Variation 1) Georg Böhm
 (11:00) Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day John Gardner
 Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance
 To see the legend of my play,
 To call my true love to my dance;

Refrain: Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
 This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance Thus was I knit to man's nature To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was So very poor, this was my chance Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain*

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain*

*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. 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD
 *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
 *POSTLUDE Praeludium in D Minor Georg Böhm

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
 ** Prayer of Confession and Assurance adapted from Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Mary Boyd and Ken Hughes
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Adelina Lewis and Cassidy Mackay

GREETERS: (11:00) Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Michael Betz

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Janice and Rick Rawe, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Susan West

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Janice Rawe in honor of Rick's 85th birthday and all others with January birthdays.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of William Ryan Manrod born to Sophia Manrod on December 27, 2025. Proud grandparents are Colleen and Ehren Manrod. Proud Aunt and Uncle Matt and Jennifer Manrod.

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

Today's organ music is by the North German composer Georg Böhm (1661–1733). Böhm incorporated musical ideas not only from German composers, but also from French and Italian masters. The prelude and the 9:00 offertory variations come from one of the ten sets of chorale-tune variations he composed. Although Böhm wrote only four *Praeludia* for organ, one of which serves as today's postlude, his organ works were studied closely by Johann Sebastian Bach and had a strong influence on his development.

Anthem (11:00)

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day by John Gardner is a popular carol that presents the early life of Christ from His own perspective, relaying details from birth to baptism. Gardner's setting is lively and rhythmic, using dance-like figures to vividly illuminate the text.

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

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, Joann Cowan (the mother in law of Tom Byerley Jr. and mother to Jennifer), Dean Aldridge (Allison Aldridge's father), Debbie Pio (the mother of one of Jacqui Whittemore's nurses) and her daughter, Gabby Pio.

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)

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 GROUP TODAY from 5:00-7:00pm at Westminster for both Middle and High Schoolers! Check the GroupMe App for updates and more information!

TREBLE CHOIR RESUMES TODAY AT 3:45! All children and youth ages 8 and above are invited to Rehearsal from 3:45-5:00. Dinner is served at 5 and then Youth Group continues from 5:30-7. We have exciting events this spring. We will sing for several worship services, including Youth Sunday on May 3, perform a fantastic work by Mozart with a full orchestra on April 26 and we will present a concert for Morning Pointe Assisted Living. No experience necessary; we will teach you what you need to know! If you are interested, please contact Edie, edie@wpcknox.org.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP will meet on January 20 to Discuss *the Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. Our newest member, Becky Connelly, recommended the book and volunteered to lead the discussion. Welcome Becky! Please bring recommendations for this year's reading list to the January meeting. We welcome all women in the church who enjoy reading and discussing books in a casual and welcoming space. We meet in the library at 10:30am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Linda Rutherford at 865-384-3435.

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. Register online or submit a hard-copy form to the church

office along with your fee.

• Online form: wpcknox.org/retreat-registration

• Printable form: wpcknox.org/wp-content/uploads/WPC-Retreat-Registration.pdf

Room reservations open January 1–March 15, 2026 through Jan Barber or Renee Wiesehuegel. A block of 70 rooms has been set aside for our group at a reduced rate. Need assistance? Registration questions: Jaclyn Beeler 615-568-3929; Room reservations: Jan Barber 865-765-0437.



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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 11

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - All Church Retreat Planning Team Meeting

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, January 13

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

6:00pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, January 14

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 15

6:00pm - Handbell Choir

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

Saturday, January 17

10:00am - Yoga with Gail Corey

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

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