

**The Order of Worship**

**January 18, 2026  
9:00 and 11:00AM**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE Song** Ned Rorem  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** (From John 15) Paul Prichard

One: Jesus said,  
**All: Abide in me as I abide in you.**  
One: Jesus said,  
**All: Those who abide in me will bear much fruit.**  
One: Jesus said,  
**All: As the Creator has loved me, so I have loved you.**  
One: Jesus said,  
**All: Abide in my love.**  
One: Come, let us worship this God in whom we may rest secure.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 321** The Church's One Foundation AURELIA  
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justice,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

**\*RESPONSE**

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

**\*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, whose grace with - out par - doned me,  
and to the Son, end, whose love with - out set me free.  
and World with - out Spi - rit, whose love with - out set me free.  
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** John 1:29-34  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Allie Brewington  
*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*  
**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:35-42  
**SERMON** "The Promised Land" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble  
**\*HYMN NO. 351** All Who Love and Serve Your City  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) From The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.  
**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) Voluntary on *The Church's One Foundation* Anne Krentz Organ  
(11:00) Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love Ned Rorem  
Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made; all is by His scepter swayed;  
what are we that He should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by His Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His Name! Let His glory be thy theme:  
praise Him till He calls thee home; trust His love for all to come.

**\*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. 156** Sing of God Made Manifest SALZBURG  
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE** Reveille Ned Rorem

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Kathryn Oakes and George Barber  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY:** Janet Tortorelli  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Hugh Dowty  
**GREETERS:** (11:00) Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann  
**LITURGIST:** Paul Prichard  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir  
**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Anderson Collins  
**SENIOR USHER:** Barbara Froula  
**USHERS:** (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy  
(11:00) Lindsey Williford, Kathy Shilling, Penny Tschantz, Shirley Wittman and Michael Yates

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Gail Latimer in memory of her father, Bill McDonald. His birthday is January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in celebration of Collier Ruth Jones born to Shannon and Cody Jones on January 9, 2026. Proud grandparents are Shawn and David Owens.

**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, Dean Aldridge (Allison Aldridge's father), the family of Debbie Pio (the mother of one of Jacqui Whittemore's nurses) including her daughter Gabby Pio, Byron Morginen.

**MUSIC NOTE** Today's music features American composer Ned Rorem (1923-2022). Rorem was most prolific in the genre of art songs, pieces for a soloist accompanied by piano. He also composed two full operas and three symphonies as well as piano music and choral anthems. Rorem studied with Leo Sowerby, Aaron Copland, and Virgil Thompson and was also strongly influenced by French composers including Francis Poulenc. His style is typically described as "neoromantic." One will hear rich, interesting harmonies and angular melodies in many of his works, but he denounced the more modernist tendencies of many other twentieth-century artistic composers.

**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)

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet January 20 in the Library 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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** will meet this Thursday, January 22 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Michael Betz, who will present a program about his trip to Southeast Asia, including Vietnam and Cambodia. Our breakfast will be provided by Hap McSween. Come join us and bring a family member or friend. Ladies are welcome.

**SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE:** This year the youth will begin collecting items beginning today for 2nd Harvest 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.

**YOUTH GROUP TODAY - SMALL AND MIGHTY!** 4:00-6:30pm at Farragut Presbyterian Church. *Small and Mighty* is an opportunity for PCUSA youth (both high school and middle school) from the Knoxville area to meet new people, play games, and worship together. We will meet at Farragut Presbyterian Church around 3:50 and walk in together! Let Amanda know if you're coming!

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

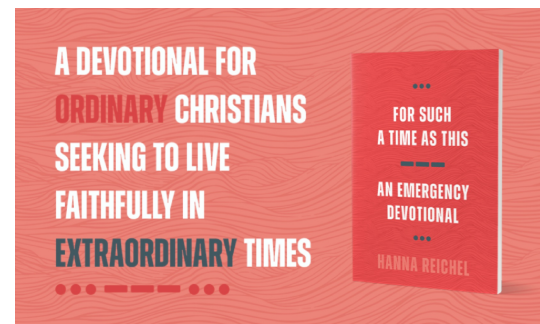
**During 10:00 Hour** - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old  
Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

**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

**NEW WEDNESDAY CLASS**

**January 28, February 4, 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.



This book offers four weeks of daily devotions, asking similar questions to those we may find ourselves asking every day lately. How do Christians maintain their integrity during oppression? How do we keep on living faithfully in a time of rapid social change? Let's gather, in the final weeks of Epiphany, to discern what answers we can find together. This class will be facilitated by Richard Coble. Books are available through a bookstore of your choosing.

**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](http://wpcknox.org/retreat-registration)
  - Printable form: [wpcknox.org/wp-content/uploads/WPC-Retreat-Registration.pdf](http://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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Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Amanda Fox, Interim Youth Director

Dr. Edie Johnson, Music Director/Organist

Jennifer Manrod, Assistant Children's Director

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Benjamin Dockter, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, January 18**

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) meeting

3:45pm - Treble Choir

3:50pm - Youth Fellowship at Farragut Pres.

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Monday, January 19**

MLK Day - Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 20**

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Women's Book Club

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 21**

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, January 22**

8:30pm - Men's Breakfast Fellowship (McK)

6:00pm - Handbell Choir

**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

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