



The Order of Worship

January 25, 2026
11:00am

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Max Drischner
CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) From Isaiah 9 Amanda Fox

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.
All: Let us now worship this God of hope.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 662 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies RATISBON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Oh, God of all, we are overwhelmed. In the parade of headlines, we feel anxious, angered, and awed. Overstimulated to the point of numbness, we can forget the good worth working for.

When we feel powerless, turn us from screens to windows, from paper to people. May we look at the earth and not just read about it.

When we feel stuck, equip us to be unflinching in labeling evil, in choosing the side of those who suffer. Grant us a preference for service over despair.

In all times, teach us, Lord Jesus, how to bear witness to the pain and beauty of living among other flawed human participants, just as you did.

Lord, we are overwhelmed. But you are not.
In thanksgiving we pray, 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 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jennifer Manrod

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "Tending the Garden" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 377 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) From the Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of Joy.

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

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

***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 Rev. Gradye Parsons

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. 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Voluntary on *Christ is the World's Light*

J. Bert Carlson

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession adapted from *Liturgies for Wholeness* by Audrey Elledge and Elizabeth Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Allie Brewington and Bill Farnham

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Waylon Gustafson and Olivia Gibbons

GREETERS: Tom and Georgann Byerley

LITURGIST: Amanda Fox

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler, Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell, Janet Drumm

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Allie and Steven Brewington with love in honor of Lila Ruth Brewington’s 8th birthday. Keep shining!

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEXT WEEK (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)

YOUTH TODAY January 25: Youth Group at 5 PM at WPC. *If weather permits

February 8th SOUPer Bowl Sunday-Youth will be hosting a food drive from now until February 8th and will collect canned food items and donations on SOUPer Bowl Sunday at both 9 AM and 11 AM services. Youth Group will then go to the Manrod’s house that evening for a Superbowl Party!

February 28th VOLUNTEER AT FISH! Please RSVP ASAP to Amanda if your youth will be attending!

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER will be starting up February 25. Dinner at 5:30pm with programming to follow.

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

Information about the programs for youth and children will be announced soon.

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/. Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.



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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Benjamin Dockter, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 25

11:00am - Worship

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

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

7:00pm - Session Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 27

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

11:30am - Emergency Devotional Class

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 29

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

TRUSTEES

John Smartt

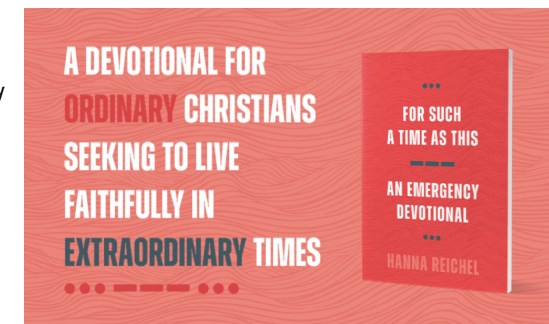
Larry Tragesser

Bill West

NEW WEDNESDAY CLASS STARTING THIS WEEK!

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 Retreat Registration: wpcknox.org/retreat-registration

• Online Room Reservation: wpcknox.org/retreat-room-reservation/

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? You are welcome to come by the church office to sign-up online.

Registration questions: Jaclyn Beeler 615-568-3929; Room reservations: Jan Barber 865-765-0437.