



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:35-40

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kristel Gibbons

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50

HOMILY

"Religion at, Faith with"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 523 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

BICENTENNIAL

(9:00 Stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

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) Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

C.H. Kitson

(Founded on Orlando Gibbons' SONG 13)

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, Ever in Thy heart to stay: Let me evermore abide

Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide In

Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill, Naught I fear when

I abide In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee: Dying let me still

abide In Thy heart and wounded side.

Latin Text Trans. Sir H. Baker

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)**

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

The bread and cup can be consumed as they are received.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors

with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear

get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

***RESPONSE Lord Have Mercy**

Healey Willan



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on



us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS*

One: Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:

**All: We are seen.
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***RESPONSE Live in Charity**

UBI CARITAS



Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,



Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi est.

The Order of Worship

March 1, 2026

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

(9:00) Variation 3 from *Sonata VI*

Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT (11:00) Lift thine eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, "Thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber."

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jacqui Whittemore

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 49 The God of Abraham Praise**

LEONI

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)*

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Share with the Hungry Your Bread

Carol Muehlig

Share with the hungry your bread, take to the lonely your heart, strengthen the weak as in weakness you give, daily allow for fresh starts. Live in the moment as moments do come, Live out the calling begun.

Tenderly touch your mistakes softly embrace where you failed, treasure the measures of longing and love, open to change from above. Live with the question as questions do come, live out the answer begun.

Gently admit to your pain, frequently visit the strain, look to what tension, what terror you yield, kneel on the earth of their field. Sit in discomfort for patience to come, live out the healing begun.

Lovingly honor your grief, patiently pray for relief; dig up your weakness and pain and mistake, hold it to see it abate. Human and tender we willingly come, living what Christ has begun.

Annemarie Kidder

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 816 If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Allegro Molto from *Sonata VI*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**All liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ginger Williams and Michael Yates

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Lana Daverman and Susan

McKeehan

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Owen Pierce and Kennedy Voith

GREETERS: (11:00) Brenda Seip and Renee Wiesehuegel

LITURGIST: Jacqui Whittemore

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Ruth Ann Bendy, Carrie Hardy, and Meredith Mackay,

Soloists; 11:00 Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jay Schmid

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Linda Van Beke, Shirley Wittman, John Salsbery, Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Leslie Hull to the glory of God and

in thanksgiving for the marriage of her son, Thomas Welsch, and Ana Katsini on

February 27, 2026 in Oxford, England.

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 5th 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, Bill Wiesehuegel, Charlie Mercer, Rush Niceley, Donna Davis, the Manrod family.

MUSIC NOTES The Communion anthem features music and text written by an author and composer both based in Michigan. Carol Muehlig is the former organist at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, while Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder is a Presbyterian pastor who is now the Parish Associate at Kirk in the Hills Bloomfield Hills, MI. A native of Germany, Kidder came to America on a Rotary Scholarship to study journalism. She is the author and editor of ten books.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)

Adult Bible Study: reading the Book of Acts. (Adult/Handbell Room next to the Prayer Room)

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

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

YOUTH NEWS March 1st - No youth today in lieu of FISH Pantries yesterday.

Upcoming Churchwide Retreat: ****WE NEED CHAPERONES to volunteer during the church retreat! Please let Amanda know if you are available to chaperone during any part of the weekend!

MONTREAT: If your high school youth is attending Montreat this summer from June 14th - 20th, please let Amanda know by March 22nd. The more kids we can sign up before April 1st, the more money you and the church will save! ***WE NEED CHAPERONES! If you are able to help chaperone, please let Amanda know!

Middle School Maryville Retreat: This retreat is for rising 6th graders to outgoing 8th graders at Maryville College from July 15 -19th. Please let me know if your youth is interested by March 22nd. and I will reach out with more details. ***WE NEED CHAPERONES! If you are able to help chaperone, please let Amanda know!

Mark your calendars: Justice Knox Nehemiah Action Assembly will be on Monday, April 13th in the evening. The youth and parents will meet beforehand for dinner around 5PM, and then head over to the Civic Coliseum. Remember, the more people who attend, the more change can be made!

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE SURVEY As we enter the next stage of the search process for our new Associate Pastor, we invite the congregation to participate in a brief survey found at: <https://forms.gle/ggrLo36rvVFBmDnCA>.

We would love to hear from you. We value your perspectives and will use them to help shape both our search and interview process.

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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, March 1

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting

12:15pm - Retreat Meeting

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, March 2

10:00am - Staff Meeting

5:30pm - Brass Choir

6:30pm - Wine and the Word

7:00pm - Christian Formation Ministry Team

Wednesday, March 3

4:30pm - Companions

5:30pm - Wednesday at WPC

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 4

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

6:00pm - Handbells

Friday, March 5

7:00pm - Irish Tenor, Emmet Cahill

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

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.



WINE AND THE WORD Mahjong class with W+W - we have three spots left this Tuesday in a mahjong beginner 101 class being held in the Schilling gallery at 6:30pm on March 3. Contact Melissa Everett to RSVP, 828-734-0451. The class is \$30 all equipment supplied including certified instructor.

FREE CONCERT Emmet Cahill, Irish Tenor March 6, 7:00pm This free concert is presented in partnership with Knoxville Opera and generously supported by Frankie Gorman. Emmet Cahill, star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder, has been widely hailed as Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor. News of his sold-out debut concert at New York's Carnegie Hall has turned heads with audiences throughout North America, and he is quickly building a reputation for being the golden voice of this generation. Emmet and pianist Seamus Brett will take the audience on a musical journey, allowing them to connect with their most cherished memories through beautiful songs like *Danny Boy*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* and *My Wild Irish Rose*, to name but a few. His powerful classical voice really comes to the fore when performing Broadway hits such as *Bring Him Home* and *Music Of The Night* as well as tender nostalgic favorites such as *Moon River* and *Some Enchanted Evening*. This concert will be a highlight you won't want to miss. Even though there is no charge for this concert, seating is limited, so make your reservation now! **Visit Knoxvilleopera.com and click on "Buy Tickets."**

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER CONTINUES MARCH 4

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



2. *The Gospel of Matthew: A Tale of Two Empires* lead by Wendy Neff

Wednesdays at Westminster for Kids (aged PreK-5th Grade)

Edie Johnson and Jennifer Manrod

We're excited to invite all children to an engaging 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.

KidSong will be offered to Pre-K through Second Grade where we learn songs, play music games, and participate in interactive stories. Older elementary students will have the opportunity to play hand chimes and learn Lenten and Easter hymns.

Lesson plans will be based on resources from Ministry to Children:

<https://ministry-to-children.com/lenten-bible-lessons-for-kids/>

NAME TAGS The Connect Ministry Team would like for people to know who do not hang their lanyards in the Narthex that an additional name card has been printed for them to make them double sided and that it is available in our office.

SPRING RETREAT UPDATE...A LOT HAS BEEN HAPPENING!

The team planning the retreat scheduled for April 17-19 continues to be busy putting together what is shaping up to be a wonderful weekend in the mountains. Retreat registrations and hotel reservations are coming in almost daily, and plans are coming together for the various activities planned for the weekend. Here is a sampling of where things stand:

Come Closer — An All-Family Retreat Weekend begins on Friday Night. Join us for a joyful weekend of connection, creativity, and community! We'll begin Friday night with an intergenerational time of fellowship where everyone comes together to meet our speaker, explore the retreat theme, and experience the heart of serious play — learning and growing through hands-on creativity with LEGOS.

On Saturday morning, Adults, youth, and children will split up to think about, talk through, and explore their gifts and how they can find purpose and courage to connect within the whole of God's community. Elementary school students will focus on naming and claiming their gifts, youth will think about how necessary all pieces (and people!) are for wholeness to be realized, and adults will focus on how curiosity can help us come close to our neighbors. We will end our time together with some sharing and a blessing before setting off on more fun and fellowship together.

Square Dancing at the Lodge on Saturday Night. How about some good old fashion square dancing! Yes, the team is looking to line up a seasoned square dance caller and accompanying musicians to put us through our paces on the dance floor. We hope this will be a truly intergenerational event, for young and old alike, and a chance for everyone to try out their square dancing shoes and moves on the dance floor.

Anyone for Pickle Ball, Hiking, and Golf? Saturday afternoon will be a time for the athletic and outdoor set, as a pickle ball tourney, a hike on one of the trails in the national park, and a golf outing have been scheduled. There is also an indoor swimming pool at the Lodge, and a fitness room for those who would like to do some toning up. Other activities may be scheduled as we get closer to the retreat. If you have an idea for a Saturday afternoon activity, let us know.

Please don't forget to register your attendance and make your lodge reservations, as the deadline for both is fast approaching. This retreat is designed for the whole family: meaningful faith moments, playful discovery, and space to connect across generations. Come build, laugh, reflect, and grow together — there's something here for everyone.

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.

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



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 this week!

