



The Order of Worship

March 22, 2026  
9:00 and 11:00am

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

(9:00) Partita on *Ach, was soll ich Sünder machen* (What shall I, a sinner, do?)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(11:00) Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP\*\*

Allie Brewington

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

All: **Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

All: **Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

All: **Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.**

One: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

All: **This is God's house.**

One: You can make yourself at home here.

All: **Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 374 O Holy City, Seen of John

MORNING SONG

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)\*\*

Holy God,

we love to live our lives by the rules.

We love clear answers.

We love right and wrong.

We love swift justice.

We love to pick up stones,  
but you show us another way.

You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.

You prioritize mercy over legality.

You prioritize people over tradition.

You prioritize love over everything.

Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.

Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts.

Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

\*RESPONSE Lord Have Mercy

Healey Willan

Musical notation for the first line of the response, including lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Musical notation for the second line of the response, including lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Musical notation for the third line of the response, including lyrics: Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on

Musical notation for the fourth line of the response, including lyrics: us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

Musical notation for the fifth line of the response, including lyrics: on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)\*\*

One: Church family,

Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way.

Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **Our God is a God of mercy.**

**Our God is a God of compassion.**

**Our God is a God of grace.**

**We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way.**

**Thanks be to God for yet another second chance.**

**Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

Musical notation for the first line of the response, including lyrics: Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Musical notation for the second line of the response, including lyrics: Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi est.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

ANTHEM (11:00) A Prayer for Humility

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation How we long to know You, how we strive to serve You Help us now to love You even more.

*Refrain:* Give us humble hearts to praise You And listening ears to hear Your voice Willing hands to serve You Thankful spirits to rejoice Lord of all, we adore You And we bring this prayer before You Create in us, humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud Remind us of the grace You freely give

When we lose our way, Lord find us Draw us close to You again. *Refrain.* Amen.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:2-11

SERMON

"As God Sees"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

\*HYMN NO. 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)\*\*

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love**

**and feels like a seat at the table,**

**so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches,**

**even when wars rage,**

**even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who**

**welcomed the children**

**and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who**

**cared for the vulnerable**

**and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,**

**for I have seen it alive in the world.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**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) Arioso Johann Sebastian Bach

(11:00) Morning Glory, Starlit Sky Barry Rose

Morning glory, starlit sky, Soaring music, scholar's truth, Flight of swallows, autumn leaves, Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God, Gifts of love to mind and sense; Hidden is love's agony, Love's endeavour, love's expense Love that gives, gives evermore, Gives with zeal, with eager hands, Spares not, keeps not, all outpours, Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full, Bound in setting others free, Poor in making many rich, Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God Helpless hangs upon the tree; And the nails and crown of thorns Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he, Throned in easy state to reign; Here is God, whose arms of love, Aching, spent, the world sustain. Text by W.H. Vanstone

**\*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. 445** God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

**\*BENEDICTION** (Responsive)\*\*

One: As you leave this place,  
when you meet anger, speak with love.  
When you meet fear, speak with hope.  
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.  
But no matter what, speak this good news.

**All: For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all.**

**It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.**

**The good news of the gospel is alive in the world.**

One: So go forth speaking.  
For if you won't, then who will?

**All: Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Kathryn Oakes and Bill Farnham  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Lana Daverman and Susan Mckeehan

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** (11:00) Marguerite MacDonald

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Bitsy Ingram and Renee Wiesehuegel

**LITURGIST:** Allie Brewington

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Marguerite MacDonald, Cello; (11:00) Chancel Choir and Treble Choir; Cassidy Mackay, Soloist

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Peter Tortorelli

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:** (9:00) Dan Berry and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Betty McKeehan, Janet Drumm, Connie Graham, Ken Hughes, Susan West

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given with hope and prayers for the future, by Charlie and Alice Mercer.

**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, Charlie Mercer, Donna Davis, the Manrod family.

**GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE RETREAT!** The team planning the All-Church Retreat is excited and gratified to announce that 145 folks have registered for the April 17-19 event in Townsend! Between now and the retreat, the team will provide specific information in the weekly newsletter and Abbey on the weekend's schedule, activity offerings and sign-ups, and what to bring to Townsend to ensure an enjoyable weekend. Stayed tuned!

**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)

**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/](http://www.wpcknox.org/donate-options/). Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.

**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.

**YOUTH NEWS** The Youth will meet TODAY at 4:00pm at Farragut Presbyterian Church for Small and Mighty! We will be putting soup bags together for the hungry neighbors in our community. We would like to ask everyone who comes to bring two 14.5-ounce cans of diced tomatoes to contribute to the bags.

There will be a youth parent listening session after church on March 29th. Lunch will be provided. It is important that you try to attend; let Amanda know if you are unable to. Thank you!

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** A celebration of Scott Rutherford's life will be held at Westminster today at 2:00pm.

**WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER CONTINUES MARCH 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

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.



Tomorrow night will be the Rally at First Baptist Church on Main Street at 7:00pm. This is a high energy affair with inspiring speakers who will prepare us for the Nehemiah

Action Assembly in April. Transportation will be available.

**SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER**

Saturday, March 28th, anytime from 8:00am to 12 Noon



Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church and grounds. Numerous and diverse outside (and some inside) jobs for all. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit; we'll provide the job and leadership. Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning before Easter !!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Starting at 6:00pm, April 2 we will have a soup dinner and worship in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Together, through Scripture, liturgy, communion, and song, we will tell of Christ's final meal with his disciples. The format of this service is accessible for all ages, and the Treble Choir will sing *A Prayer for Humility*.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** On April 3 at 8:00pm we will have a service of tenebrae, complete with a homily from Rev. Gradye Parsons. The Chancel Choir will sing anthems by Barry Rose, William Byrd, Tomás Luis de Victoria, and Were You There arranged by Harry Burleigh.

**EASTER WORSHIP** We will celebrate Christ's resurrection with two identical services including Communion. The Chancel Choir and Treble Choir will sing festive anthems. Joyful hymns will be accompanied by Westminster's Brass Choir and Organ.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** The annual Easter Breakfast is April 5th! The buffet will begin in the Schilling Gallery as soon as the 9:00 service ends. We need your help- please click QR code to bring a dish to share. Some ideas are: casseroles, meats, sweets, fruit, etc. Items need to be ready to serve. The serving tables in the Schilling Gallery will have labels identifying where to place your contributions! Thank you so much for your help!



**CALLING ALL EASTER BUNNIES!** Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt April 5th. Here are the details:

- Where: the courtyard off the Schilling Gallery
- When: 10:30am - don't be late, eggs go quickly!
- Who: kids 0-10 years old (big kids are welcome to help set up)
- How many: Kids are asked to stop after collecting 10 eggs.

**WPC HIKE** Our next WPC hike will occur on River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Monday, April 6. River Bluff is revered as one of the best wildflower trails in the area! Rain date will be Tuesday, April 7. We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 8:30am to organize carpools-- or meet at the Lenoir Museum, 2121 Norris Freeway, at 9:10am to pack cars before proceeding to the trailhead. Bring water, poncho, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Hike distance is ~3 miles round trip with some short climbs.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** March 26 at 8:30am, Jim Anderson will speak on Secret Intelligence - Civil War and Today. Please join us!

**PLEASE HELP THE FLOWER GUILD** as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and the following *Abbey* after Easter. The deadline to make the donation is **March 29**. Thank you for supporting this beautiful annual tradition.

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Given by:

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### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, March 22

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting

2:00pm - Scott Rutherford Service

3:45pm - Treble Choir

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

#### Monday, March 23

4:30pm - Retreat Planning Meeting (McK)

#### Tuesday, March 24

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00pm - Program Staff

4:30pm - Brass Choir

#### Wednesday, March 25

4:30pm - Companions

#### 5:30pm - Wednesday at WPC

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

7:00pm - Nominating Committee Meeting

#### Thursday, March 26

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

6:00pm - Handbells

#### Saturday, March 28

8:00am - Spring Workday

### The 2026 Nominating Committee Needs Your Input!

It is time to submit nominations for our Class of 2029 of officers. We will be electing (5)Elders for Session, (1) Trustee, and (1) Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to: Chair, Lucy Johnson (lucywj49@gmail.com), Co-Chair, Ken Hughes (bkeh31@gmail.com), or any one of our at-large members: Steven Brewington (steven@windyhillfarmtn.com), Hap McSween (mcsween@utk.edu), or Lisa Oros (lisa\_oros@hotmail.com). Please submit your nominations by **TODAY** If you prefer, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or return to the church office. Please, no more than two nominations.

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for Elder/Trustee/Youth Elder, because

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Your

Name \_\_\_\_\_