



The Order of Worship

March 8, 2026
9:00 and 11:00am

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Lento, assai espressivo

Herbert Howells

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Michael Yates

One: If you need good news,
All: settle into this space.
We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,
All: then trust us when we say,
there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,
All: then you're in luck!
We have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,
All: then know that this is God's house.
This is the good news of the gospel.

One: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.
All: Let us worship our with-us God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy God,
with you the impossible is possible.
 5,000 can be fed.
 The blind can see.
 The hopeless can find hope.

With you the impossible is possible,
 but we are quick to forget that.

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.
 We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.
 We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.
 Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.
 But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.
 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: Family of faith,
 no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,
 Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them
 beloved.
 The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:
All: Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.
What good, good news. Amen!

*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.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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

Mark 6:32-44

SERMON

"You give them something to eat"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*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) We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Johann Sebastian Bach
 (11:00) Like as the Hart Herbert Howells
 Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
 when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been
 my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
 Text from Psalm 42:1-3

*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**

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. 296** Go in Grace and Make Disciples WONDROUS LIGHT
***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE** Out of the Depths Johann Sebastian Bach

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Mary Boyd and Lee Ingram
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeenan

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

GREETERS: (11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe
LITURGIST: Michael Yates
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Dan Collins
SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley
USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall
(11:00) Josh Birdwell, Ken Hughes, Janet Drumm, Barbara Froula, Mike Kaufman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jaclyn and Katherine Beeler in celebration of Bentley, McKenzie and Sariah officially becoming Beelers one year ago! Your Moms love you very much!

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, the family of Scott Rutherford.

March 8 - SPRING BREAK, Youth will resume March 15!
** Reminder, please let Amanda know if your child is attending Montreat or the Middle School Maryville Retreat this summer!
MONTREAT: If your high school youth is attending Montreat this summer from June 14th - 20th
Middle School Maryville Retreat: This retreat is for rising 6th graders to outgoing 8th graders at Maryville College from July 15 -19th
***We still need chaperones for both!!

MUSIC NEWS The Knoxville Chamber Music Society concert for Saturday March 21 **has been cancelled.** Please mark your calendars for their next performance on Saturday, April 11 at 7 pm when The Larkspur Trio (oboe, english horn, and clarinet) presents *Ethereal Senses*.

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

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



MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST March 12 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room , Tim Crais will present a program titled "The Chautauqua Movement: 152 Years of Lifelong Learning.....From a Sunday School Experiment to a National Cultural Icon (1874—2026).” Rob McKeenan will provide a delicious breakfast so come join us for good food and fellowship. Bring a family member or friend. Ladies are welcome.

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER is off this week for spring break. Dinner and classes will resume March 18.

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 March 22, 2026.

Please submit your nominations by **March 22**
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 _____

Your Name _____

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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, March 8
9:00am - Worship
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meeting
12:15pm - Social Justice Meeting (McK)
Tuesday, March 10
5:30pm - Connect Ministry team
6:30pm - Ministry Team Night
Wednesday, March 11
4:30pm - Companions
Thursday, March 12
8:30am - Men’s Breakfast
1:00pm - FISH

THE SESSION

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Bill Farnham	George Barber	Amanda Fox
Lee Ingram	Mary Boyd	Mary Jo Mann
Lucy Johnson	Allie Brewington	Tim Ryan
Kathryn Oakes	Emily Gustafson	Ginger Williams
Richard Ward	Ken Hughes	Michael Yates
Youth Elder: Bobby Powell		Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

TRUSTEES

John Smartt	Larry Tragesser	Bill West
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SPRING RETREAT UPDATE...DEADLINE IS MARCH 15!

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. We currently have 124 people registered to attend!!!



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. Link to sign up for registration: wpcknox.org/retreat-registration

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

Link to sign up for a room: <https://www.wpcknox.org/retreat-room-reservation/>

Need assistance?

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



**Sign up today for Summer Camp @ Westminster!
Fellowship, Formation, Music and FUN**

This unique Summer experience will include Bible verses and stories, a variety of crafts, singing, hand chimes, music theory games, water play and more!

Ages: Open to Pre-K through rising 8th grade.

Dates: Monday July 20-Friday July 24 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Payment: \$125 payable online

Food: All lunches and snacks will be provided.

Deadline: Registration deadline is April 30

Aftercare: Aftercare is available 2-5 p.m. at the rate of \$10/hour for the first child and \$5/hour for each additional child, payable at the end of the week for the time used.



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.

\$_____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by:

