



The Order of Worship January 29, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE “...No darkness at all...” Ned Rorem
 ‘God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all...’
 —Walt Whitman, recalling fifty years later how Elias Hicks thus quoted Christ.
(from A Quaker Reader)

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When we hunger and thirst for God,
All: God satisfies us.
 One: When we are weak or brokenhearted,
All: God comforts and heals us.
 One: When we seek to be peacemakers and do justice, and despair of our smallness,
All: God empowers us.
 One: God we thank you; we praise you;
All: we worship you. Alleluia!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 755** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Alleluia! Laud and Blessing *Weisse Flaggen*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
 You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as

though were not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek your forgiveness and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12
SERMON “Not What, but Who” Rev. Dr. Anne McKee
***HYMN NO. 731** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm *Repton*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "Unfolding Light"
We believe in God, creator of all things, ruler of all that is and all that is to come; whose reign is one of grace, mystery and loveliness; and who is transforming the world into a realm of justice and mercy.
We follow Jesus, who trusted God, who taught and healed, who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace. He reigns in love over all Creation, and sends disciples to embody God's grace and to participate in the Reign of God in all that we do.
We rely upon the unfailing grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of the church as the Body of Christ, the unity of all believers, the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the alluring blessing of eternal life.
Therefore, by the grace of God, we devote ourselves to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God, in the name and the Spirit of Christ, for the glory of God and the transformation of the world. Amen.

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.

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) Ach Gott, vom Himmel Michael Praetorius
trans. Peter Van Eenam
O God, from Heaven Look Below
 Members of the Brass Choir
 (11:00) In Thee, O Jesus, I Put My Faith and Trust G. F. Handel
 In Thee, O Jesus, I put my faith and trust, For Thou art my Redeemer, my Saviour and my Friend. Thou art my Treasure, the source of Eternal Peace, the only hope of Salvation, to all who believe in Thee; My heart soars with gladness, to greet its Lord and Master; My soul shall rejoice in Thee, My lips shall sing Thy praises.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology Joseph Lowe
Old Hundredth
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

***HYMN NO. 213** (*Glory to God* hymnal) In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Rathbun*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Prélude (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) Jean Adam Guilain

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

LISA KAUFMAN HALL DEDICATION: Stay after 11:00 worship TODAY for a reception and brief program to celebrate the renovations of the Fellowship Hall and to rename it as the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Please join us in thanking the property ministry team and in remembering Lisa. And thanks for all who provided food for the reception.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Cindy Spangler
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR FEBRUARY: Kathy Shilling, Deb McGaugh

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Eli Everett and Caroline Anglin

GREETERS: (11:00) Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

LITURGIST: (9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Ibbie Muntz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Lee Ingram

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Ron Alexander, Wanda Barber, Tom Byerley, Darlen Milam and

Melissa Everett

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Bill McDonald by his daughter, Gail Latimer on his birthday.

NED ROREM (b. 1923) is highly regarded as a composer of art songs and choral works, although he has also composed symphonies, operas, piano concertos, ballets, and music for the organ. *A Quaker Reader* is comprised of eleven movements, each, to quote Rorem, “headed with an epigraph from Friends’ writings, many of which, in their urge toward pacifism as solution, extol absolute quiet and absolute light. The music represents a blaze of silence.”



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Alcee Chriss III in recital this **Friday evening, February 3, at 8:00.** First prize and Bach prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition and the Firmin Swinnen silver medal at the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, Dr. Chriss is a composer, conductor, and jazz pianist.

We hope you’ll join us for an enjoyable evening of fine organ music. For more information, please visit the *Musica Organi* website at www.musicaorgani.org.

NEW ONLINE DIRECTORY: Please make sure you have logged in to our new church directory and updated your profile. Details can be found in our weekly newsletter or in the email sent Thursday. Ask allie_wpc@comcast.net for more info!

BIG SCARY QUESTIONS: At noon on Tuesday January 31, the spring series of Big Scary Questions will begin. This is a discussion-based class in which we look at statements the PCUSA has made on various social issues and discuss both the challenging issues and the theology that shapes the response. The class will meet for seven consecutive Tuesdays, wrapping up on March 7.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT DATE CHANGE: Ministry teams will meet on February 7 at 6:30 pm instead of February 14.

NEXT SUNDAY you can worship at Westminster Presbyterian or Emmanuel Presbyterian. Our congregation has been invited to a Civil Rights Music Celebration at Emmanuel’s morning worship on Sunday, February 5 at 10:30. We will also have our normal worship services here. But if you choose to join at Emmanuel it will be a wonderful community sing, plus a great sermon, and an exceptional opportunity to celebrate Black History month. Westminster and Emmanuel are partnering to provide a lunch for all in Emmanuel’s Fellowship Hall after church! We hope you can join us!! Emmanuel’s address is: 3023 Selma Ave, Knoxville, 37914.

CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP: YOUTH, Friends, Families, and Adults! You are all invited to join us for a full weekend Civil Rights trip to Selma, Montgomery, and Tuskegee, Alabama. We will be walking in the steps of Civil Rights pioneers before us and sharing the trip with sisters and brothers from Emmanuel Pres, St. Paul AME Zion, and other peace and justice advocates. This experience promises to be an inspiring weekend of learning, worship, friendship, and fun! Dates for this special trip are Friday, February 24 (late afternoon) to Sunday, February 26. The cost for the trip is \$150 per person. Registration forms and more information are located in the narthex and online in Enews and the Abbey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 am

- **Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.
- **Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing.
- **SHOW (High School)** - is exploring The Way of Pilgrimage, great discussion and thoughtful, creative reflection about our spiritual journeys. A great preparation for our upcoming pilgrimage to New Mexico!
- **WAMS (Middle School 5th-8th)** - Who are we as humans, what is our purpose, and why are we here? Using the STIR curriculum, our Middle schoolers will have discussion, study and some super fun videos to help us explore these questions during the Sunday School time!

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Worship:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

During 11:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Primary Sunday school for children 4 years old.-Kindergarten

Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the

Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 29

Abbey Deadline

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - PNC - Library

12:15 - Fellowship Hall Dedication

1:30 pm - Companions In Christ

4:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 30

4:30 pm Young Musicians

5:00 - Family Dinner

5:30 Rainbow Choir

7:00 - Congregational Zoom

Tuesday, January 31

12:00 Big Scary Questions

6:00pm - Choristers

Wednesday, February 1

4:45pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

10:30 Women’s Bible Study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

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