



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**\*HYMN NO. 275** (*Glory to God* hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
*Ein' feste Burg*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Responsive) Michael Yates  
*During the season of Lent, we will observe moments of Holy Silence in our Prayers of Confession.*

**God of Love,**  
**Deliver us from the paralysis of our shame and self-loathing.**  
 (Silence) Lord have mercy  
**Heal us of the lies of scarcity and division.**  
 (Silence) Christ have mercy  
**Open us to receive your abundant grace.**  
 (Silence) Lord have mercy

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 1:9-15  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Sophia Manrod  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** (11:00)  
 Ethan Campbell Dowty and Owen Manning Dowty  
 Sons of Derek and Helen Dowty  
*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Baptism.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 9:8-17  
**SERMON** "Hope in the Wilderness" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble  
**\*HYMN NO. 479** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Ho, All Who Thirst *Jacob's Well*  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

**KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

Choir: **ALL:**

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**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**  
**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**  
**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**  
**and binds us together with all believers**  
**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit**  
**who inspired the prophets and apostles**  
**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,**  
**engages us through the Word proclaimed,**  
**claims us in the waters of baptism,**  
**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**  
**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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** Salomon Rossi  
 (9:00) Sinfonia No. 9  
 Recorder Ensemble  
 (11:00) My Song Shall Be Alway of the Loving Kindness of the Lord  
 Gerald Near  
 My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord. With my mouth will I show forth Thy truth. For I have said, "mercy is set up for ever; Thy truth shalt Thou 'stablish in the heav'ns."

from Psalm 89  
**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*  
 (Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!  
 People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min - ion, And e - ter-nal vic-to - ry,

Ev - er-more and ev - er - more!\_\_

**The Order of Worship** February 18, 2024  
 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

*Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE** Sinfonia No. 10 Salomon Rossi  
 Recorder Ensemble

**INTROIT** (11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*  
 Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point thou the heavenly way.

Synesius of Cyrene  
 Sophia Manrod

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 25)  
 One: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
**All: O my God, in you I trust.**  
 One: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.  
**All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**  
 One: Good and upright is the LORD.  
**All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.**  
 One: Let us worship the LORD!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

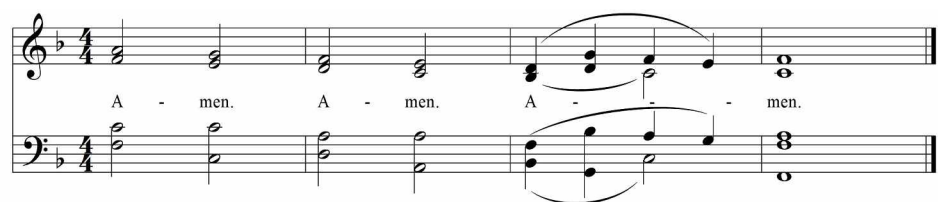
**\*HYMN NO. 295** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Go to the World!

*Sine Nomine*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



**\*POSTLUDE** Toccata or Prelude on the First Tone

Matthias Weckmann

**\*\*Please stand in Body or Spirit**

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Janet Drumm and Bill Farnham

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY:** Cindy Spangler

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Katie Manrod and Anna Van Beke

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Sue Byerly and Anne Crais

**LITURGIST:** Michael Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (9:00) Recorder Ensemble; (11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Andrew Gordon

**SENIOR USHER:** Casey Page

**USHERS:** (9:00) Daniel Berry and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Rob and Suan McKeegan, Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler and Mike Kaufman

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Gail Latimer in memory of her father, Bill McDonald. Bill was a member of WPC from 1982 until his death in 1994.

**SALOMON ROSSI (c. 1570-1630)** is widely regarded as the leading Jewish composer of the late Italian Renaissance. After acquiring a reputation as a talented violinist, he was hired as a court musician by the Gonzaga royalty of Mantua, where he served as concertmaster from 1587 to 1628.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION TO HONOR RENEE WIESEHUEGEL**

The Human Resources Ministry Team invites you to celebrate Renee Wiesehuegel for her more than 25 years as the Office Manager and Bookkeeper for our church. The reception will be held TODAY immediately after the 11:00 worship service in the Schilling Gallery. We look forward to celebrating Renee and all of her gifts that she shares with Westminster.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a called congregational meeting after the 11:00 service on **February 25** for the purpose of electing a slate for the nominating committee and voting on the Pastor/Head of Staff's terms of call for 2024.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am**

**Adult Bible Study:** The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (LKH Foyer)

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

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

**The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence:** January 28 - March 17 (McKinnon Room)

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

*Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.*

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet on Thursday, February 22nd, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Hap McSween, who is a retired UT geology professor. Hap will present a program entitled "Science Breakthroughs." Our breakfast will be prepared by Ron Alexander. Come join us for a fascinating program and a delicious breakfast. Bring a friend or a new member. We hope to see you there.

**CHECK LOST AND FOUND** Please collect any items you lost from Lost and Found on the kitchen counter. Any items left after TODAY will be donated to KARM.

**NEW AFTERNOON CLASS DURING LENT:** on Tuesdays (February 20-March 12) from 12:00-1:00 in the McKinnon Room. Led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We will be reading *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo, Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. This is a thorough, well-researched, and thought-provoking account of this difficult chapter in our denomination's history. Together, we will understand how this history shapes our present as a church, and we will wrestle with how God is calling us to respond to it as a community. Professor Yoo will be joining us through zoom on Wednesday evening, March 20 at the conclusion of our study of his book. Please read the first chapter of the book prior to our first meeting on February 20. Please notify the church if you want to purchase a book through the church office, the cost is \$20.

**LADIES BOOK GROUP** 10:30am on February 20 will be the next Ladies book group meeting in the Library. The book will be *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Bring suggestions and we will choose books for the rest of the year. Several people have requested that we discuss *Tom Lake* at a later date. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us. Contact Linda Rutherford at 865-384-3435 for further information or questions.

**BIBLE STUDY CLASS** on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. has finished reading all of the four gospels in the New Testament and has decided to read a list of 114 teachings attributed to Jesus with the title "Gospel of Thomas." These verses were in circulation in the decade after the Crucifixion before the official Gospels were written. The class plans to study these teachings one at a time to see which teachings were incorporated into the four Gospels and which parts were rejected as gnostic influences. Any Westminster members wishing to join this study should email [brunger@mindspring.com](mailto:brunger@mindspring.com) to get the URL of the Gospel of Thomas.

**YOUTH THIS SUNDAY!** It's President's Day Weekend, and we hope you "elect" to come to Sunday School @ 10 a.m., and Youth Connection from 4-6 p.m. We're going to have a great day...

**Sunday Morning-- 10-10:45 a.m.** Middle School (WAMS) is learning about Loving God + Neighbor: Living Peaceably

High School (SHOW) is discussing Loving God by Serving a Stranger Confirmation sharing Hard Questions For the Pastor in conversation with Rev. Richard!

**Sunday Afternoon- 4-6 p.m.** all youth (5th-12th grades) are going to Top Golf Suites at the Marble City Market location, and getting ice cream afterwards! Daniel Lewis will be leading this adventure. We'll be meeting at the church and carpooling downtown, then returning to the church by 6. Top Golf Suites are two interactive life-sized video games where the group plays everything from soccer to Zombie Dodgeball, to fun carnival games. It's so fun and funny! The Marble City Market team is generously giving us this time in the Suite for FREE. They rock!!!

**SOUPERBOWL OF CARING UPDATE** The Youth want to thank you, Westminster, for breaking the ALL-TIME RECORD for supporting food assistance programs through the SouperBowl of Caring offering. The youth are excited to announce that we donated \$1913.00!! That's so generous of you, and will feed (and encourage) a lot of our Knoxville neighbors!!



**MUSICA ORGANI** will present concert organist Alcee Chriss III in recital Friday evening, March 1, at 8:00 (rescheduled from February 3, 2023). 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](http://www.musicaorgani.org).

**LENTEN SERIES** begins February 21 in the Lisa Kaufman Hall

6:00 - 6:30 we will share appetizers (please bring finger food to share)

6:30 - our guest presenter will be Dr. Elizabeth Hinson- Hasty

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth L. Hinson-Hasty is Professor of Theology and Ethics at Union Theological Seminary's Charlotte Campus. She frequently preaches and speaks on matters of faith and public life to congregations, non-profits, colleges, universities and seminaries.

**MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM** is part of the West View Community Partners. You all have been gracious in previous donation requests!! Donations can be dropped in the church office and Charles Van Beke will deliver them to the school.

Current needs:

Most needed right now: Snacks for multiple grades: Goldfish crackers, animal crackers, or anything similar. Individual or bigger bags/cartons are both welcome. (Most classes have 20 students.)

In addition, Playdough of any size, any kind, coth tape, Lysol Wipes, Prizes for "ticket store." Tickets are given for exemplary behavior, and used to get prizes.

These are small prizes like one might get in a birthday party favors bag, or a child's fast food meal. These might also include small bracelets or rings, small matchbox-like cars, fun pencil pouches, fun pens or pencils.

**FOYER GROUPS** It is time to create new Foyer groups for this spring. We take the fall 2023 Foyer members plus any others who would like to be included.

"What are Foyer Groups?" These are adult small groups that get together once a month to get better acquainted while sharing a meal together. Each couple serves as the host one time and the group determines the best time to meet. Foyer groups include married couples, singles, Westminster members, and visitors.

Folks who are new to Westminster are especially encouraged to become a Foyer member as it is a great way to put names and faces together. You may join by contacting one of the Foyer Coordinators.

The deadline for letting one of the Coordinators know that you want to join or for a current member to opt out for the spring is Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Foyer Coordinators are:

Shirley Wittman, 865-266-0940, shirley.wittman@comcast.net

Ginger Williams, 865-357-1131, ginger2tn@gmail.com

Janet Drumm, 865-310-3739, janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is this afternoon at 5pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**PICKLEBALL** Want to learn a new game? Come to the West Hills Park - Pickleball Courts on Sheffield Drive on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 1-4 pm. Extra paddles, balls and instruction will be provided. Contact Barbara Adamcik and Anne Crais for more information and to sign up.

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Sophia Manrod, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, February 18

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:00pm - Renee 25<sup>th</sup> Reception

4:00 pm - Youth Group

5:00pm - *Abbey* Deadline

#### Tuesday, February 20

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies Book Group

12:00pm - Class - *What Kind of Christianity?*

#### Wednesday, February 21

3:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:00pm - Young Musicians' Class

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

6:00pm - Lenten Services LKH

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, February 22

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells Choir

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

#### Friday, February 23

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

Civil Rights Trip through February 25th

### THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

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