



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**February 27, 2022  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping 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.*

**PRELUDE** Fantasia in G Pieter Cornet  
**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Chris Van Beke

Leader: On mountaintops and in valleys,  
**People: the glory of God surrounds us.**  
 Leader: In whispers and in shouts,  
**People: the glory of God speaks to us.**  
 Leader: In nature's variety and color,  
**People: the glory of God calls to us.**  
 Leader: In baptism's claim and communion's welcome,  
**People: the glory of God comes home to us.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 667** (*Glory to God* hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson  
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Cameron Sears  
*Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 9:28-36  
**SERMON** “Time to Shine” Barbara Adamcik

**\*HYMN NO. 401** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Here in This Place *Gather Us In*  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. 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 gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**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.*

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online or by a check in the mail, 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) Variation II (from the *Goldberg Variations*, BWV 988) J. S. Bach  
Harpichord

(11:00) There Is a Balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work’s in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

Don’t ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend, And if you lack for knowledge He’ll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus And say, “He died for all.” (Refrain)

African-American spiritual  
 Women of the Chancel Choir

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *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. 853** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00)  
 We Are Marching in the Light of God *Siyahamba*  
*(sing verse 1 twice)*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Threefold Amen for Two Voices Peter Van Eenam  
Women of the Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** Tuba Tune in D, Op. 15 C. S. Lang

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

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

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Sophia Manrod and Chris Van Beke

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

**PLEASE** place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES:** Anna Van Beke and Eli Everett

**GREETERS:** Rick and Janice Rawe

**LITURGIST:** Chris Van Beke

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Women of the Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Cile Mathews and Leslie Versen

(11:00) Charlie and Alice Mercer, Darlen Milam, Shawn and David Owens

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Paula Hogan in honor of her mother Marjorie Hogan on her birthday.

**JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH'S** *Goldberg Variations* consist of an aria followed by 30 variations, which explore canon at every interval, multiple musical forms, and even a variation which combines the melodies of several German folksongs(!).

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, February 28 for staff development. See you Tuesday!

**WAMS:** Harry Potter Sunday School will be downstairs this week. Don't miss this fun and clever lesson: The Tri-Wizard Tournament I.

**SHOW:** Daniel will lead another great Sunday School lesson in the SHOW room.

**CONFIRMATION:** We're having a "Homework Sunday" with mentors + confirmands in the WAMS room.

**YOUTH SUNDAY AFTERNOON:** MARDI GRAS!! In the tradition of "Fat Tuesday", the youth will be making their own yummy and artful pancakes Sunday with prizes for our wild and delicious creations. We'll enjoy eating them in the pavilion. There will be beads, masks (the Mardi Gras kind), and drums!!! Bob Adamcik is bringing his drum set, and teaching all of us to play! We'll also learn about this tradition of celebrating before the start of Lent. It should be lots of (church-appropriate) Mardi Gras fun- with a meaningful purpose! Our party will last from 4-6 p.m. All youth 5th-12th grade are welcome!!!

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send your articles to Debbie at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet via ZOOM on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30.

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**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS:** There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.



**JUSTICE KNOX MEETING:** Sunday, March 6th at 12:00

We will hear reports from the Research to Action Teams on Education, Mental Health, Transportation and the new Team on combating Violence in Knoxville. We will plan for our part in the Nehemiah Action on May 2nd  
Questions or Comments:

### LENT AT WESTMINSTER

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. We mark that day with imposition of ashes and the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This year we will offer a contemplative "self-guided" Ash Wednesday service, similar to the one we offered last year. If the weather is good, we will be in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. If the weather is too chilly, we will move into the sanctuary but still be self-guided as we walk around the room, reflecting on various scriptures, prayers, or objects. You may drop in any time between noon and 2:00 p.m. That same day, we will have a more traditional Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. We will also be offering a weekly Lenten study and prayer service. Rev. Gradye Parsons will lead the study using his book, *Open to Me the Gates* and we will end each week with a time of evening prayer. The study/prayer service will be each Wednesday during Lent (March 9 - April 6) at 5:30 p.m.

Full article in *The Abbey*, Feb 16, 2022, Mary Boyd

**SESSION MEETING** today in the McKinnon Room after the 11:00 worship service.

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### **ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Feasting on the Word**

Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based study, meets in person in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class looks at scriptures that are from the lectionary readings for each week.

#### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study class chooses books of the Bible for in-depth study each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The class meets in person in the McKinnon Room AND on Zoom.

#### **The Wired Word**

The Wired Word meets at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. You'll get an email with the week's current events topic that is discussed with an eye and ear toward scripture. The discussion is always lively. Jump in! The class is meeting in the library this fall to allow for more distancing. If you don't already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

#### **Westminster's Coffee Spot**

Give it a try on Sunday mornings from 10:00- 11:00 a.m. Our coffee bar is under the TV near the kitchen. It offers an assortment of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and flavorings for you to enjoy. You can grab a cup to take to a Sunday school class or stay and chat. We're purchasing our coffee through UPerk at UTK, so we'll be helping their ministry.

#### **Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Cile Mathews

#### **THE SESSION**

##### **Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

##### **TRUSTEES**

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##### **Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

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