



The Order of Worship

April 21, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Rex sanctorum angelorum Thomas Tallis
King of All the Holy Angels
 Recorder Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive, from Jeremiah 29) Daniel Lewis

One: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
All: Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
 One: Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.
All: When you search for me, you will find me;
 One: if you seek me with all your heart,
All: I will let you find me, says the Lord.
 One: Let us Worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 280** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us Ebenezer

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Oh Lord,
 Deliver us from the arrogance of assuming
 We know enough to judge others;
 Deliver us from the timidity of presuming
 We don't know enough to help others;
 Deliver us from the illusion of claiming we have changed enough
 When we have only risked little,
 That, so liberated,
 We will make some of the days to come different. Amen.

***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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:11-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Morgan Prichett

daughter of Ben and Chelsea Prichett

Presented to the congregation by Elder Melanie Lewis

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Baptism.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison, The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

SERMON "Generation to Generation" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 475** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

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) O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Weston

Mary Lou Holt, Piano

(11:00) O Lord, Increase My Faith Henry Loosemore

formerly attr. Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Anonymous

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

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. 826** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lift High the Cross Crucifer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Alleluia! Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(11:00) Sonata Adriano Banchieri

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession adapted from Ted Loder, Guerrillas of Grace. With thanks to George Barber for sharing this book of liturgy with the WPC staff.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Arthur Collins and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Eli Everett and Jason Birdwell

GREETERS: (11:00) Pat and Chip Herzog

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

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

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Michael Betz

SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes

USHERS: (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Bill Wiesehuegel
(11:00) David Owens, Ken Hughes, Rick and Janice Rawe, John Salsbery

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of their first child, Benjamin Neal Harmon, from Gary, Katherine, CJ and Nathan Harmon.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS again to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist this morning at the 9:00 service.

ORGANIST AND COMPOSER HENRY LOOSEMORE was born around 1600 in Devonshire, England, the son of an organbuilder. He was appointed organist at King’s College, Cambridge, in 1627 and graduated from Cambridge University in 1640. From 1652 to 1660 he was resident organist at Kirtling, Cambridgeshire, afterwards becoming organist of Exeter Cathedral. He returned to Cambridge to spend the last years of his life in the service of King’s College before his death in 1670. This morning’s motet, formerly attributed to the great Orlando Gibbons, shows Loosemore’s fine contrapuntal skill.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been set for TODAY during the 11:00am worship service to vote on list of Elders for the Class of 2027 and Trustee.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND CONFIRMANDS! Please mark your calendars for May 5th for our Annual Church Picnic, when we will celebrate the accomplishments of Westminster's graduating high school seniors and the latest class of confirmands. We will also enjoy some delicious fried chicken tenders, along with cole slaw, water melon, and chips. Contributions of \$7 per person, or \$25 per family, can be made to defray the cost of the meal. **Look for sign-up sheets in or near the Schilling Gallery to make your reservations. There will be one worship service at 11:00am.**

WPC HIKE FOR MAY Goldmine Trail in the Smokies, Thursday, May 2. See details in this week’s enews.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (McKinnon Room)

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

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

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.



MORE OF A GREAT MUSICAL OFFERING!

Westminster Church has been delighted to host the 2023-24 season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville’s exceptional

musicians to chamber music lovers throughout our community and region. The next and fourth concert in this series is **this Saturday evening, April 27, at 7:00, in the sanctuary.** Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire featured on this program.

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY Our youth are going to have a Super Wise and Wonderful Sunday! Some of our wiser and wonderful-er adults are going to teach us some amazing and fun new things! These amazing people are grandparents who know how to have fun! We will be learning a new game, making and cooking personal custom-made pizzas, and trying out a classic new(ish) outdoor "sport"! It's going to be a great evening to meet and learn from some of the best peeps at Westminster!! We will gather at church from 4-6 p.m. You won't want to miss a minute of this awesome evening!!

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE has big plans to extend our current array of organized social events to our intergenerational congregation. We're a small group, looking for energetic folks to help make things happen. The most reliable source of fun is the people of WPC. So, if you've had a fun experience that you'd like to share with others, or just want to be part of a team that provides nights out, excursions, or even weekend retreats, come join us. Participation requires more creativity than time. To sign up, you can email Connie Graham, our intrepid leader, at grahamcd@bellsouth.net

MEN'S BREAKFAST on April 25th - Matt Ryerson, the CEO of United Way, will be our speaker. Matt should have some interesting facts about the United Way as well as human interest stories. Gordon Greeson will provide our breakfast, so we hope you will join us for a thought-provoking program and a healthy breakfast. Bring a friend or new member. See you soon.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 21

9:00am - Worship RCP

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00pm - Congregational Meeting

12:10am - Choristers

4:00pm - Youth group

Tuesday, April 23

10:00am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

4:30pm - Companions

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

9:00pm - Wombats softball game

Thursday, April 25

8:30am - Men’s Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm -Handbells

Friday, April 26

11:00am - A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Dagmar Krall (RCP)

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

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

Class of 2026

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Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

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