



The Order of Worship January 26, 2025
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Andante Religioso from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn
CALL TO WORSHIP** Jean Bonnyman

- One: We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.
- All: In God's Spirit, we are one.
- One: From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,
- All: In God's Spirit, we are one.
- One: From diverse cultures and diverse generations,
- All: In God's Spirit, we are one.
- One: From diverse questions and diverse dreams,
- All: In God's Spirit, we are one.
- One: We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.
- All: In God's Spirit, we are one.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

- *HYMN NO. 394 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY
- *CALL TO CONFESSION
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
- God of mercy, you offer us a vision of life true to who we really are: A vision of good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and

freedom to the oppressed. And yet we refuse this vision, tossing it aside as nothing more than fantasy, as if the Scriptures were simply naive, as if we knew how the world truly works. But you, Lord, our creator, know how the world truly works, what truly could and can be. You alone know who we truly are. Awaken us to your vision of good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*RESPONSE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and World to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and World to the Spi - rit, whose love has set me free.
with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

- PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
- SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19
- A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Wanda Barber
- Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*
- SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21
- SERMON "The New Community" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
- *HYMN NO. 772 Live into Hope TRURO
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)** By Eric Barreto

- One: Declaring "Today" is an act of trust in God's promises, a bold voicing of faith, a step toward the reign of God. "Today" is not about us; it is about the God who sets the world right.
- All: In the eye of a hurricane, today.

- In the victory over injustice, today.
- In the death-dealing of a pandemic, today.
- In the healing of the sick, today.
- In the trauma of violence and division, today.
- In the bridging of broken relationships, today.
- In the overflowing ICU, today.
- At the soup kitchen, today.

One: With every breath and every step you take, with every anguished word you whisper in the dark of the night, with every blessing you give, with every tear you shed, God is at work today.

- All: Not tomorrow. Today.
- Not next week. Today.
- Not next year. Today.
- God's promise. Today.
- God's grace. Today.
- God's justice. Today.
- God's good, good news. Today.

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) Faith from *Songs without Words*, Op. 102, No. 6 Felix Mendelssohn
- (11:00) There Shall A Star from *Jacob Come Forth* Felix Mendelssohn
- There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations.

How brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar
With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

*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
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. 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (9:00 stanzas 1, 2, 5) AZMON
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Call to Worship adapted from the *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, and the Arts*. 58.1.

Affirmation of Faith adapted from Eric Barreto's sermon, "Not Later. Today." Given at Princeton Theological Seminary. Feb. 9, 2022.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Gilbert and Lee Ingram

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Janet Tortorelli

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Nolan Oros and Eli Everett

GREETERS: (11:00) Debbie Schmid and Joyce Ryan

LITURGIST: Jean Bonnyman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Buz Johnson

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Doug Naugher and Carol Beilharz

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

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in celebration of their son Grant's 7th birthday.

MUSICAL NOTE Born into a wealthy, well educated family, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) lived to be only 38 years old, but composed a vast amount of music for organ, choir, orchestra, and piano in his short life span. The prelude and postlude for today come from his *Sonata IV*, one of six organ sonatas that were published in 1845. At the 9:00 service, the offertory piece comes from his famous *Songs without Words* for piano. The 11:00 anthem, *There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth*, is part of an unfinished cantata, *Christus*, that Mendelssohn sketched out in the last year of his life. This anthem ends with an Epiphany chorale, *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*, by German theologian, preacher, and hymn writer, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece), Janice Jennings, Salma Alami, Becky and Cathy Cagle (Gloria Borum's dear friends), Rhys "Bebes" Claiborne (Julia Whipple's mother), Rev. Dan Park, Kaye Davis, Barbara McNew, Ivan Beltz, Ava (Mike and Deb McGaugh's daughter), Breeze Blankenship.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study is reading the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in the McKinnon room.

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

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 5rd 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 Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 7th & 8th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 9th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

CALLING ALL YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS! The session has tasked us with looking into intergenerational programming at Westminster, specifically the opportunities for children, youth, and families. Through a series of listening sessions, we are seeking inputs from across our congregation. We want to know what you like about the current programming at our church, what you wish were different, and also what you hope for or wonder about what it could be like in the future. We have two upcoming opportunities to share your thoughts and help us learn about what's important to you and your family at church:

- Youth in 6th thru 12th grade are invited to participate in an interactive session TONIGHT at 5:00pm. We are eager to hear straight from you about what excites you about being involved at church!
- Parents of the youth are invited to participate in a concurrent session TONIGHT at 5:00pm in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Both parents and youth will be provided with a meal as we gather together.

We hope you will take advantage of these upcoming opportunities to share your family's thoughts with us! Your comments and ideas will help shape the future of intergenerational programming for children, youth, and families at Westminster.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There is a called congregational meeting on February 2 after the 11:00am service for the purpose of electing the nominating committee and voting on the Pastor Terms of Call.

WASHINGTON D.C. CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP February 28-March 3 our church and presbytery will travel to Washington D.C. to learn about our nation's continuing quest for Civil Rights. While in DC, we will visit the Smithsonian African American Heritage Museum, The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, The Freedom House, The MLK National Monument, and worship at Alfred St. Baptist Church. The group will travel by bus and stay in the Hampton Inn. The cost of the trip is \$400, which covers transportation, hotel, and museum/tour fees. Deadline to sign up is January 28. There are scholarships available. Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/matthew25/>



This summer Westminster will offer a combined Vacation Bible School/Choir Camp the week of July 14. More details will follow!



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Dr. Edie Johnson, Music Director/Organist

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 26

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm - Session Meeting (McK)

12:15pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Treble Choir Dinner (McK)

5:00pm - Youth Group

Tuesday, January 28

10:00am - Staff Meeting (McK)

1:00pm - Staff Lunch

Wednesday, January 29

4:30pm - Companions

5:00pm - Kid Song (Choir Room)

6:30pm - Sectionals (LKH)

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 30

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Handbell Choir

NOMINATING COMMITTEE It is now time to start thinking about our next class of officers and the first step is to form a Nominating Committee. In addition to Janet Drumm, Chair, and Lucy Johnson, Vice Chair, we need three at-large members from the congregation. These folks will help discern our next class of leadership of five Session members. (and Youth Elder) and a Trustee. Please contact Janet (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com) or Lucy (lucywj49@gmail.com) for suggestions by Monday, January 27. This committee will be elected during the 11am worship service on February 2. If you prefer, please write in your suggestion(s) below and put in the offering plates or return to the church office by Monday, January 27.

Suggestions for 2025 Nominating

Committee _____