



The Order of Worship

December 3, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211 Dieterich Buxtehude
Savior of the Nations, Come

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (9:00) The Barnette Family
 (11:00) The Jennings Family
 Mary Boyd

CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In God's house, we can be joyful.

**All: We can be grateful.
 We can be hopeful.**

One: In God's house, we can be weary.

**All: We can be anxious.
 We can be grieving.**

One: In God's house, we can be honest-

**All: inspired or tired,
 delighted or doubtful,
 connected or curious,
 and everything in between.**

One: This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

All: Let us worship the God of Hope.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 102** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Savior of the Nations, Come
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

One: Gracious God, we are weary.
 For weary bodies that ache and cry out, we pray:

**All: Forgive us for pushing ourselves too hard.
 Reminds us that we deserve Sabbath rest.**

One: For weary minds that feel overwhelmed and saturated with news, we pray:

**All: Forgive us for creating so many distractions.
 Remind us that in the quiet, we can hear you.**

One: For weary hearts that long to feel the joy of this season, we pray:

**All: Forgive us for being impatient with ourselves.
 Remind us that healing takes time, and that joy and grief can coexist.**

One: For the weary edges of our faith that struggle to hold onto hope,

**All: Forgive us. Remind us of the hope the prophets foretold.
 Remind us that your good news knows no bounds. Amen.**

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

Women

Men

All

on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-

on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 581 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "Love Is Born of Faith" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 82** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

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) Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele harm. J. S. Bach
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*
 ed. R. P. Block

Brass Choir

(11:00) Dixit Maria ad Gabriel Hans Leo Hassler
 Dixit Maria ad Gabriel: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi, secundum verbum tuum.

And Mary said unto Gabriel: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, so it shall be, according to Thy word.

Luke 1:38

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Creator God... forever sing to the glory of your name.

Many: Sanctus No. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Agnus Dei No. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Verse 1
Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 110** (red hymnal) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 105 (*Glory to God* hymnal) People, Look East *Besançon*
(Verse 1)

***POSTLUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Verse 1 Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession Adapted from Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed
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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Stephen Fortney

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: All CARE Teams

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Cooper Kringen and Nolan Oros

GREETERS: (11:00) Pam and Mark Potocik

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Brass Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke

USHERS: (9:00) Dave Woodall and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Kathy Shilling, Penny Tschantz, Linda Van Beke and
Ron Alexander

LATE RENAISSANCE-EARLY BAROQUE ORGANIST AND COMPOSER, Hans

Leo Hassler, was one of a number of German musicians who studied in Italy and, upon their return, ultimately helped these inviting styles of composition spread through Europe. Hassler studied with Andrea Gabrieli in Venice, mastering counterpoint and the polychoral (antiphonal) style so popular there.

DECEMBER HIKE Walker Sisters Cabin - Our December hike to the Walker Sisters

Cabin will occur on Saturday, December 16. Hike distance is 5.2 miles round-trip and is family friendly. (There will be the option of turning around at the Little Greenbrier School which is 1.4 miles round trip). Please confirm your participation with Cindy Spangler, spangler2@gmail.com. Happy Trails!

UNDER THE TREE: This Advent season, we are supporting Volunteer Ministry Center's Under the Tree holiday drive. You can find our Christmas tree full of tags set up in the church office through December 10. Please take as many tags as you like and purchase the listed gifts. Place NEW, unwrapped gifts under the tree. We will deliver them to VMC by their December 15 deadline. The collected items will go to those who are working to achieve housing through the many VMC programs.

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. (McKinnon Hall)

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 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 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
Children's Church for children preschool through 3rd 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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR is TODAY!! Please join us in the Schilling Gallery between worship services and/or after the 11:00 a.m. service. Each vendor will be representing a certain organization/charity to which the profits will go. This is a great way of finding some very meaningful gifts during the holidays! Please note that some participants will accept credit cards as well as Venmo. Not all booths will have credit card machines, so be prepared for cash purchases.

KNOXVILLE JAZZ YOUTH ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT The

wonderful and talented Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra will be presenting their Christmas concert earlier this year. On Wednesday, December 6, join us in the Lisa Kaufman Hall at 7:00 p.m. These young musicians from all of East Tennessee will skillfully play your holiday favorites, and get the audience "In The Mood" for a festive celebration!

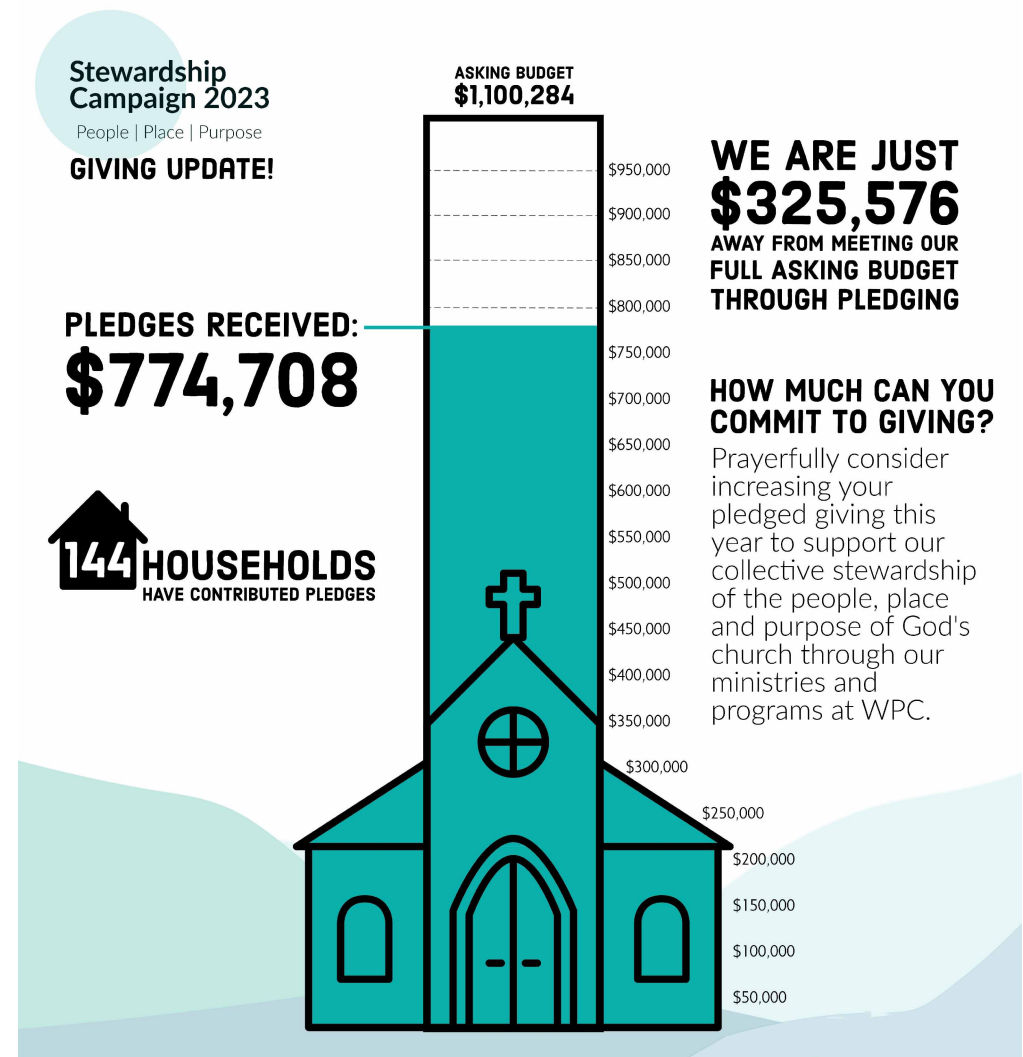
THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!! Westminster's children and youth are excited to share their talents with everyone! On Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m., they will present The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Our talented young actors and directors will share the "real" story of Christmas in this hilarious and poignant story of the troublesome Herdman children hearing it for the first time. What a gift! We hope you can join us!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND CAROL SING December 13 at 5:30pm, the three C's: Catering, Crafts, and Caroling!! Westminster's Connect Team is providing a meal from Olive Garden, Sophia is organizing awesome crafts to make, and Ibbie is leading us in a carol sing (featuring some musical guests: Good Treble Quartet, Mary Ann Fennell's studio ensemble, and more!) Choose your own adventure- there's something for everyone!!

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST! Sunday, December 17 from 10-10:45am
Come enjoy a fabulous pot-luck breakfast with your Westminster family! Sign-up to bring a casserole/main dish, fruit/sweet, meat, bread, or other, please send an email to sophia@wpcknox.org with what you would like to bring or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Schilling Gallery.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise. You will find offertory envelopes in the Narthex.

STEWARDSHIP Many thanks to all of you who have come together to offer your time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God through the ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We have received 144 pledges so far from our 255 family units for a total of \$774,708.00. We need EVERYONE'S participation in order to reach our asking budget of \$1,100,284. Big or small - when we come together - we can achieve our goal.



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ABBEY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm.

Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 3

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:15 - Play Practice (LKH)

12:30pm - Session Meeting

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00pm - *Abbey* Deadline

Monday, December 4

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:15pm - Young Musicians

Tuesday, December 5

10:00am - Staff Meeting

5:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

Wednesday, December 6

4:30pm - Companions in Prayer Room

7:00pm - Youth Jazz Concert

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 7

10:00am - Art Group

10:30am - Women’s Bible Study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Play Dress Rehearsal

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

Friday, December 8

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

Saturday, December 9

6:00pm - Play Dress Rehearsal

THE SESSION

Class of 2024 **Class of 2025** **Class of 2026**

Josh Birdwell Ed Babelay Bill Farnham

Gloria Borum Wendy Collins Lee Ingram

Melanie Lewis Janet Drumm Lucy Johnson

Lisa Oros Stephen Fortney Kathryn Oakes

Chris Van Beke Barbara Froula Richard Ward

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander Alice Mercer John Smartt

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ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:
