

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Chorale Fantasia on "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star", Bux WV 223

CHORAL INTROIT

Arise, Shine

Hal H. Hopson

Arise, shine! Arise, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
O come and worship Christ, the newborn King.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

We have seen a star in the East.
We have heard the songs of the angels.
Now we follow the light into the world.
God is with us. Christ has come!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start of a new dawn -
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!**

*(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship
of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 150**

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

CALL TO CONFESSION

God judges the nations with righteousness,
and answers the poor with justice.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace,
you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we choose darkness
and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love.
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we may preach your word to the nations
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our Light forever.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie (*Sung responsively by the choir and congregation*)

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism,
and then speaks words of pardon.)*

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(Hymn 513) **FESTIVAL CANTICLE**

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Old Testament, page 690 in your pew Bible*)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Marty Haugen

Refrain



God, may your judgment come dwell in your king,
 your justice to each son and daughter;
 Oh show forth your justice,
 your mercy to the poor. **Refrain.**

Justice shall flourish, and peace forevermore,
 from the seas to the ends of the earth. **Refrain.**

For God shall rescue the poor when they cry,
 the weak and the helpless God shall save;
 God's mercy will shine
 on the poor and needy souls. **Refrain.**

Matthew 2:1-12 (*New Testament, page 2 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON

“By Another Road”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE NICENE CREED

(Page 34 in the front of *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Brightest and Best

Paul Sjolund

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Shall we now give him, in costly devotion,
Gifts of incense and off'rings divine;
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?
Vainly we offer the rarest oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . . who forever sing
to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord...
God of pow - er and might... Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
comes in the name of the Lord... Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

We praise you, most holy God, ... to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... until we feast with him in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison; see page 35 of the hymnal for text.*)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Improvisation on "We Three Kings"

David Holden

Anthem

Arise, Shine

Donald Pearson

Refrain:



Arise, shine for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has dawn'd upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land,
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. *Refrain.*

For over you the Lord will rise
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawning. *Refrain.*

Your gates will always be open
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you the city of the Lord
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain.*

Violence will no more be heard in your land.
Ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls salvation
and all your portals praise. *Refrain.*

The sun will no more be your light by day,
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light
and your God will be your glory. *Refrain.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

*In You is gladness amid all suffering,
Nothing can separate us. Alleluia!*

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the hard-working Westminster church staff.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; (8:30 a.m.) Lay Liturgist: Olin West, (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Lynne Trost.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Westminster Choir; Shreyas Patel, conducting; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

USHERS: (8:30 a.m.) Walker Choppin, Doug Cruickshanks, Elizabeth Minkoff; (11:00 a.m.) Ken Larish, Jack Larish, Luke Larish, Fred Lowrance, Mac Lowrance, Lula Lowrance. *Please contact an Usher if you need assistance.*

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who are truly sorry for their sins and seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and

our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to speak with one of our Greeters in the Parlor after each service. The Greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Sondra and Doug Cruickshanks, and (11:00 a.m.) Aline Patte.

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available from Ushers. **Please tune hearing devices to channel 4.** If you would like to take a hearing device home with you, please contact Paul Webb in the church office at 615.292.5526.

WINTER NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY, JANUARY 6, 2019! If you are interested in exploring membership, would like to learn more about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA), or discover opportunities for fellowship, study, mission and service offered through our community of faith, please join us. Contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615-292-5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org) or Elder Jim Hartman (615-887-3787; overlookjim@yahoo.com). To register, contact Suzanna Weisband (615-292-6626; suzannaw@nashvillewpc.org) or speak with the Greeter in the Parlor following either service.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS IS JANUARY 13: The monthly Prayer Service for Wholeness will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 13th. This brief and informal service (roughly 15 minutes) will include a time for sharing concerns and joys, griefs and celebrations. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler and Claire Harris Kramer co-lead this service and remain available to pray with and for members of our community.

SANCTUARY AND PARLOR FLOWERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019: If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel urns in the Sanctuary or the refectory table in the Parlor during 2019, please contact Terri Eckert by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to select your Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. Arranged by members of Westminster's talented Flower Guild, this is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones or honor those who have died.

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