



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**May 21, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Sonata Johann Kessel
La Luchesina (11:00) Gioseffo Guami

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP St. Augustine – Bishop of Northern Africa (354-430)

Leader: O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know.

People: Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way.

Leader: Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings.

People: Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 142** (blue hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Coronation

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
your face is hidden from us by our sins,
and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.

Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires.

With lowliness and meekness
may we draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 3:13-22

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) JP Mackay

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“God is so transcendently close we cannot see Him”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945

***HYMN** We Meet You, O Christ Lyons

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:00) La Luchesina Gioseffo Guami

(11:00) I Will Arise arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Traditional

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) 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. 151** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Plein jeu (from Suite on the Third Tone) Jean Adam Guilain

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and Michael Yates

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS – MAY 16-31: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Griffen Oros and Meghan Oros

GREETERS (11:00): Cindy Spangler and Laura Stockdale

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Carolyn Greenwood, Kara and Macy Porter

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Joanne White, Ann Allison-Coté, Emily and Wiley Wright,
Linda Van Beke

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Barbara Cline, to the glory of God in memory of Jennings.

THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS changes with the Liturgical Seasons. White will be the color until Pentecost, June 4. White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all High Holy Days and festival days of the church year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and the first Sunday of each month for Communion.



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins next Sunday, May 28 and continues through Sunday, September 3. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR BRASS includes interesting features that have been a lot of fun for us to explore. The Kessel begins with sweeping, arching melodic lines all about grand sonorities, followed by intricate counterpoint. The new feature comes halfway through this contrapuntal second section: a series of three-part phrases which are terraced in their dynamics and texture. It is unusual and interesting! Our thanks to Ron Kauffmann for sharing this piece with the Brass Choir. The other work heard this morning is from the Italian polychoral tradition, which involves multiple choirs (two, this morning) located in different places in the sanctuary at some distance—possibly one of the earliest instances of acoustical “stereo” to be experienced!

Peter Van Eenam

Rise AGAINST HUNGER Our super service project is today! It is appropriate for all ages, and **we need your help!** Beginning at noon, we will be packaging meals to feed 35,000 school children. These meals will go to high-impact areas (usually schools). This allows children to attend school and helps families to insure their children have access to regular meals.

FISH Pantry Help Needed

June is our month to stock the West Knox FISH Pantry. Help is needed with unloading the food truck on **Tuesday, May 23rd** at 9:00 a.m. at Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road. Any and all help is appreciated! WPC delivers food for FISH on the second Thursday of each month. **We need volunteers** to answer the FISH phone line on our delivery day. We also need a volunteer to coordinate our FISH delivery teams the week before our delivery date. Please contact Kathy Shilling to volunteer to help with any of these needs.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING is being collected through Pentecost Sunday, June 4. This offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is about guiding the Christian formation of young people – building a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 a.m. in the McKinnon Room. Tim Crais will present a lesson on the book, *Hillbilly Elegy*, and breakfast will be provided by Jack Draper. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome.

**VBS 2017 – Passport to Peru
June 5 - 8, 9:00 am - Noon
Ages 3 - 5th Grade**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! We’ll have a new cultural experience each day through stories about the daily lives of children in Peru. We’ll enjoy games, music, foods, etc. that are built around the Bible story of the day.
Please place your sign-up sheet in the offering plate.

Child’s Name	Age/Current Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____

VBS Volunteers
Name:
Please circle area of volunteer interest: Shepherd / Snacks / Crafts / Decorating
If you are volunteering and need childcare for your child/children under age 3, please note names and ages: _____.

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SHARE THE BOUNTY: Our Share the Bounty table is back in the Shilling Gallery and is starting to provide produce. Our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. And if you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. There is a donation basket with any contributions going to Family Promise of Knoxville.



LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: You are invited to sign up in the Schilling Gallery for a date to serve lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer. All the supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you’re guaranteed to enjoy the fellowship.

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study	Library
Join us as we continue a study of the Gospel of Mark.	
Welcome to Westminster	Prayer Room
This three-week series led by Dr. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd is for anyone who wants to learn more about Westminster.	
Leadership	SHOW Room
How does God expect us to lead as Christians in our world? Presbyterians have a tradition of being leaders in any context. Explore what that might mean for you.	

THE SESSION

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Phil Barnette	Leigh Dunlap	Debbie Babelay
Bitsy Ingram	JP Mackay	Daniel Collins
William Milam	Linda Van Beke	Terry Crow
Bryan Powell	Wes Williams	Cindy Pearman
Brenda Seip	Michael Yates	Jay Schmid
Youth Elder: Tolson Bell		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

TRUSTEES

Larry Ridley	Paul Jorden	Alice Mercer
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