



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

- *HYMN NO. 487 (blue hymnal) When Morning Gilds The Skies *Laudes Domini*
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION *written by Rev. Fritz Schilling*
 Forgive us, O Lord, that our conviction has not been more enthusiastic, that our life and witness have not been more spirited; that our dreams and visions have not been more daring. Forgive us for what we have done and not done that makes the church look ordinary and heavy, that makes the Christian life look prodding and repressive, that makes the Gospel sound grim and outmoded. Inspirit us, O Lord, and fill us with new life.
- *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 ...

- EPISTLE Romans 12: 1-8
- A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go in the McKinnon Room and participate in Children’s Worship.
- GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-20
- SERMON “On This Rock” Ms. Katina Sharp
- *HYMN NO. 391 (blue hymnal) Take My Life *Hendon*
(Stanzas 1, 4, 5 and 6)
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We have a message of hope for a fearful time. In our era of globalization we offer a vision of a society that shares more and consumes less, seeks compassion rather than massed arms. We honor the dignity of every person and the intrinsic value of every creature, and pray and work for the day when none “labor in vain or bear children for calamity.” We commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom that embraces non-violence, nurtures character, treasures the environment, and builds community, rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action, trusting in the God who makes all things new.

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.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley
 Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

- *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. 538 (blue hymnal) Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
- POSTLUDE Wir glauben all an einen Gott J. S. Bach
We All Believe in One God
(from the Clavierübung, Part III)
- *Indicates standing.

The Affirmation of Faith is condensed from an ecumenical statement of 35 Protestant and Orthodox church communions at the National Council of Churches in Christ (U.S.A.) in 2007. It was adopted by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at its General Assembly in 2008.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR WEEK IS: Scott Brunger
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS AUGUST 16-31: Bill and Bonnie Rogers
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.
SERVING TODAY
GREETERS: Tim and Anne Crais
LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: James, Melissa, Eli and Cole Everett
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir
SENIOR USHER: Don Byerly
USHERS: Ann Allison-Cote, Susan Baughman, Carol Beilharz, Gary Rowcliffe, Daniel Berry

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY in celebration of Rick and Janice Rawe’s 55th Wedding Anniversary by Amy, Nina, Eric, Margaret and Sam.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS to Katina Sharp for leading worship this morning. Ms. Sharp is an honors graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and a Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian of East Tennessee. She, along with her husband and 4 sons, are members at Farragut Presbyterian.

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz for leading the choir and Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning. I am hugely indebted to both for their graciousness, skill, and musicianship, as well as their willingness to lead Summer Choir and substitute at the organ during my sabbatical. We are most fortunate to have these fine and capable

The Order of Worship **August 27, 2017**
10:00 A.M.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

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

PRELUDE Elevation César Franck
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 71*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

Leader: Incline your ear to me and save me.

People: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust.

People: My praise is continually of you, O Lord.

musicians in our midst and I thank them. Many thanks also to all the musicians of the Summer Choir for their service to Westminster these last six weeks and for keeping the idea of this choir alive and well during my absence. My thanks also to the soloists that enriched our worship the eight weeks prior. Chancel Choir will return to worship Sunday, September 3, and I will look forward seeing you all then as well. Thank you for the gift of a sabbatical this summer—it was truly wonderful and gratefully received!

Peter Van Eenam

HELP US BE SUPERHEROES Our kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade are spending the summer being Super Mission Heroes. We're making care packages for college students today. After Time With Children, head to the McKinnon Room to begin. Ask Allie Brewington if you have questions (allie_wpc@comcast.net or 584-3957 ext 103).

THE BIBLE STUDY class is meeting this summer at 11:00 a.m. in the Library, following the worship service. We are studying the book of Mark.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: 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.

A STATED SESSION MEETING today following worship at 11:15 in the McKinnon Room.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES: (and a parent!) Thanks to our 5th-8th graders who have graciously agreed to serve Westminster as acolytes. We count on you to literally carry the light of God in and out of our worship service! Directly after church today, we will meet in the front few pews and have a short training/practice session. We would like one parent to accompany, as well. Everyone will get to practice processing in and candle-lighting. We should be done with training by 11:30.

NEW SAFETY TEAM: (from Georgann Byerley) Westminster has had a Safety Task Force at work for several months. At the June 25, 2017 session meeting the elders agreed that the children should be our first priority and approved forming a new group, the Safety Team, to roam during the 11 AM Sunday worship service to supervise the parking lot, hallways, and children's areas. A check-in/check-out system is being formulated for the nursery and children's area downstairs. Three two-way radios have been purchased so that the Senior Usher, the on-duty Safety Team member, and Nursery Attendants downstairs can be in contact if the need arises. We have recruited 17 people so far and are looking for a few more so that each team member will serve in this capacity only twice a year. Scott Porter has agreed to hold a training session for all members of the Safety Team. If you have any questions, please call me at . If this is something that you feel you can help with, please let me know as soon as possible. We would like to have the Safety Team in place and trained by September 10th when we start up our fall schedule. Thank you so much for your consideration of this important team!

CAREY FAMILY MATCHING GIFT: During the month of August, the Carey Family will match contributions to the Ruthie Carey Pavilion up to \$15,000. At approximately \$175,000 and counting we still have a ways to go to complete the funding for this wonderful outdoor pavilion that will be used by generations of Westminster family members. Help us to complete the funding with this opportunity to create a matching portion to your gift. We are so thankful for the support of so many people in our church and within our community. We are getting much closer to the finish line! Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATE!

“Show Tunes I Love”

a Fundraising Concert organized by Meredith Mackay

Proceeds to benefit the Ruthie Carey Pavilion

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Many of your fellow church members, plus several recruits from outside the congregation, including a few of Meredith's students, will entertain with beloved Show Tunes from Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Show Boat, and Children of Eden. Come and enjoy the music while supporting this wonderful cause!

MOVIE PREVIEW: We'll gather together following the worship service today to watch the recently-released movie, *The Shack* in the Fellowship Hall. Based on a book by William P. Young, it tells the story of a man whose family suffers an unspeakable tragedy which sends him into a crisis of faith. It follows his transformative spiritual journey as God is revealed to him. The film is rated PG-13. It contains some adult themes and a few depictions of violence. We welcome any youth if parents think it is appropriate. Kids 0-5th grade are invited downstairs during the viewing of *The Shack*. We will have nursery care and pizza and a movie for older children. We'll start the event with a pizza lunch for those in attendance. There could also be popcorn involved - after all, what's a movie without at least the aroma of popcorn in the air? After we've had a chance to see the movie, we'll let it percolate a bit, then discuss it during Sunday school on September 17.

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DISCOVER WESTMINSTER!: There are lots of interesting things to look forward to! We reenergize our Sunday morning programs beginning with Discover Westminster/ Progressive Breakfast on September 10. This is a great chance to see folks who might have been traveling or at the lake this summer, and to find ways to plug in at Westminster. It's always a fun event, and there are some new and exciting things happening around here! That morning we go back to our regular schedule of two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00, with the education hour at 10:00. During the education time that day, you'll get a chance to discover all Westminster has to offer, not only educationally, but in fellowship, service, congregational care, worship, music and the arts, property and care of the environment, and much more! We'll give you a glimpse of upcoming events and a chance to get involved in so many ways. There will be special activities for everyone during this time, and you'll get an opportunity to see parts of our building you might not have visited before. Our ministry teams will be on hand to tell you what makes Westminster so special.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible study groups for women are starting soon. We use the Presbyterian Women's *Horizons Bible Study* curriculum each year. This year, the study is on the book of Hebrews, and is entitled Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. There are two groups that meet, both using exactly the same lesson. There is an evening study that meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. The first meeting will be August 28. The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. The first meeting will be September 7. If you would like a study guide in advance, speak to Mary Boyd. You can wait until the first meeting if you'd like. The books are \$10 each.

THE SESSION AND TRUSTEES

Class of 2018: Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda VanBeke, Wes Williams, Michael Yates, and Youth Elder Clara Oakes

Class of 2019: Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Terry Crow, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid

Class of 2020: Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Susan McKeehan, Shawn Owens

Trustees: Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer, Reed Ellis