



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 3, 2017

10:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH 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 Adagio (from *Concerto in a*, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach
Alma Redemptoris Mater Marcel Dupré

Loving Mother of the Redeemer
(from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)

Canzona Franz Tunder

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; proclaim the wonderful works of the LORD.

Leader: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious and Holy God, we come before you to confess our sins, to acknowledge again all that separates us from you and our own best selves.

Forgive us when we fail to live in your creation as upon “holy ground.”

Forgive us for not seeing the holiness in ourselves and those around us.

Forgive us for allowing the anxieties and uncertainties of the world around us to drown out your still, small voice of peace. Forgive us for neglecting the ways of justice, for our inattention to Jesus’ call to faithful discipleship. In his name, we pray. 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 Exodus 3: 1-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN J. P. Mackay

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 9-21, Matthew 16: 21-28

SERMON “Standing on Holy Ground” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 374** (blue hymnal) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace
Dickinson College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 Anima Christi Gerald Near

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water

flowing from thy side. Strength and protection may thy passion be, O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me, Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never part from thee.

Anonymous

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

SANCTUS NO. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

Women: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Michael Beyer
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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 ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis’ Canon*
(*Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning*)

***POSTLUDE** Thirteen (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Wes Williams

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR– SEPTEMBER 1-15: Cindy Spangler

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

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Gordon and Robin Greeson

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth, Michael and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS: Georgann and Tom Byerley, Don Byerly Mary Lou Crow, JoAnne White

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY given to the Glory of the Lord from the Rawe family.

GERALD NEAR, whose music is frequently heard at Westminster, is one of our nation’s finest composers of sacred music. He studied theory and composition with Leo Sowerby at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and Leslie Bassett at the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor he also studied organ with Robert Glasgow and conducting with Elizabeth Green and, later, Gustav Meier. We at Westminster have been in dialogue with him about the possibility of commissioning a work from him in the future.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed Monday, September 4. We will open on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Email your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net

HELP US BE SUPERHEROES This is our last Superhero Sunday and we will be writing letters to go in our care packages for our college students today. After Time With Children, head to the McKinnon Room to begin.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Your gifts are urgently needed to support the communities devastated by the historic Hurricane Harvey. Checks can be made payable to Westminster for the flooding (please mark on the memo line

DR000169-Harvey) and we will forward monies to PDA. The donation will be included in your yearly WPC contribution statement. presbyterianmission.org/pda

SHARE THE BOUNTY: Our Share the Bounty table is located in the Schilling Gallery. 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. 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.

THE SESSION has called a Congregational Meeting for September 17, 2017, following the 11a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing an elder to fill the unexpired term of elder Terry Crow, class of 2019. The 2017 Nominating Committee will be nominating Vicki Mayfield.

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 <i>Phantom of the Opera</i> , <i>Les Misérables</i> , <i>Show Boat</i> , and <i>Children of Eden</i> . Come and enjoy the music while supporting this wonderful cause!

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! **September 10 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.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, September 14. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween (or suemcsween@gmail.com).

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible study groups for women 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 was 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.

FOYER GROUPS: Small groups of adults are created at Westminster twice a year for the purpose of getting better acquainted while sharing a meal together. Those new to Westminster are especially encouraged to become a Foyer member as it is a great way to put names and faces together. You may join by contacting either Ginger Williams at) email ginger2tn@gmail.com or Shirley Wittman at) email Shirley.Wittman@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL YOUTH The WPC Olympic Committee is thrilled to call upon the youth of Westminster (grades 6-12) to assemble for the 6th annual Westminster Olympics next Sunday, September 10 from 5-7 p.m. Priceless (non-cardboard) medals will be awarded for excellence in sports such as original joke-telling ("stand-up"), aquatic sports (water-gun accuracy), extreme volleyball, discus/javelin, and mother of all sports... the Loony 'Lympics Relay! You have a week to train... See you next Sunday!!

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

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley