



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 10, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH 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.

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

PRELUDE Méditation (from 24 Pieces in Free Style) Louis Vierne
 Canzona “Al S. Pompeo Coradello” (11:00) Florentio Maschera
 Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball
 O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 149
 Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let the children of God rejoice...let them praise God’s name and sing for joy. Praise the LORD!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 150** (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing Madrid

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12: 1-14, Matthew 18: 15-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Deborah Phillips

Children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13: 8-14

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Seminary was where I got my questions answered. And life is where I got my answers questioned.”

News commentator Bill Moyers, in an interview on *Fresh Air*

***HYMN NO. 228** (red hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Beecher

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

(9:00) Canzona “Al S. Pompeo Coradello” Florentio Maschera

(11:00) Alleluia for a Festival David Hurd

Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life. Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Alleluia.

John 14:5

Brass and Chancel Choirs
 Robert Adamcik, Timpani

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

Old Hundredth

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 386** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O for a World Azmon

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

DAVID HURD (b. 1950) is an American composer, concert organist, choral director, and educator. Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary, New York City, for 28 years, he also served as Music Director at the Church of the Holy Apostles. He is currently Director of Music at The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Times Square. He received degrees from the Juilliard School and Oberlin College and holds honorary doctorates from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and Church Divinity School of the Pacific, given in recognition of his many contributions to sacred music. We have enjoyed sharing a number of his works in worship over the years, finding the settings of the texts compelling and the harmonic language imaginative, interesting, and fresh.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Vicki Mayfield in appreciation of the Adult Bible Study Class.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Gwyneth Dace Rogers, daughter of Rachael and Trey Rogers of Richmond, VA and granddaughter of Cindy Spangler. She was born on August 31, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and JP Mackay
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS SEPTEMBER 16-30: Leslie Versen, Brenda Seip

and Susan Baughman

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

ACOLYTE (11:00): Eric Partelow

GREETERS (11:00): Ibbie Muntz and Linda Van Beke

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Don Graham

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Sue Caradine, Robert Daverman, Christie Dowling

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service
(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School
(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

Sunday School: Pre-K (3-5 year olds), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades.
Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship. 3-5 year olds will meet in the Pre-K room. K-2nd graders will meet with Allie Brewington. (Note: If 2 or fewer 3-5 year olds attend, they will join the children in the nursery)

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz for leading the Brass and Chancel Choirs this morning and to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Anne and I are in Paradise Valley, Arizona, attending the funeral of Robert Clark, my organ professor from the University of Michigan and dear friend. We have enjoyed Bob and his late wife, Evelyn, as close family friends from our Ann Arbor days, and Bob maintained a close relationship with Westminster, mentoring and advising me, as a recitalist on a number of occasions, and serving as the consultant on our sanctuary organ project.

Peter Van Eenam

MANY THANKS also to Bob Adamcik for accompanying the Brass and Chancel Choirs this morning.

THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS changes with the Liturgical Seasons. The Liturgical Season is now Ordinary Time and remains so until the beginning of Advent. Green is the color of the paraments during this season, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month for Communion. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, of living things and the promise of new life.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is September 12. Refreshments will be provided by Fellowship Team. Refreshments begin at 7:00 and meetings begin at 7:30. Please contact Barbara Adamcik wpcyouth.barbara@gmail.com if you would like to serve on one of the committees.

DISCOVER WESTMINSTER! Today is your chance to Discover Westminster and see folks who might have been traveling or at the lake this summer. It's always a fun event, and there are some new and exciting things happening around here! This 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 today, you 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! This will 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.

Evening Youth "Opening Ceremony" TONIGHT!!

The WPC Olympic Committee is thrilled to call upon the youth of Westminster (grades 6-12) to assemble for the 6th annual Westminster Olympics this evening 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 throw, and mother of all sports... the Loony 'Lympics Relay!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday, September 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the

SHOW room.

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).

KIDS CLUB Join us next Sunday (9/17) for our first Kids Club of the school year! Kids Pre-K through 5th grade will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 Worship Service for fun and games. We will wrap up by 2:00 and lunch will be provided.

Adult Sunday School Starting September 17

The Wired Word

You'll receive an email each week that includes a story pulled from the headlines. It's a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. The class will meet in the Prayer Room, and discussion will be led by a rotating group of facilitators. The only thing you'll need is a smartphone or tablet. If you have not received Wired Word emails in the past, let Mary know you want to be added to the class list.

Bible Study

Scott Brunger leads a group in the church library that digs DEEP into scriptures each week. Typically, the class chooses a book of the Bible and works its way through, verse by verse. The topic will be announced soon!

Feasting on the Word

This is a new (to us) curriculum from the PC(USA) that is lectionary-based. You will get an opportunity to hear and study the texts that will likely be read in worship that same day. The take on the texts may not be exactly what you hear from the pulpit, but can provide another perspective on the scriptures.

Faith and Life

This class offers topics that change every four to six weeks. Among other things this fall, we will spend some time discussing The Shack, hear about Scott and Ann Brunger's recent trip to Syria, learn about suicide prevention from Michael Yates, Kristi Gordon, and Sandra Rowcliffe. We'll celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 29. We'll learn about what led to it, and how it changed the world.

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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.

WESTMORELAND SEQUOYAH NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP is gathering Sunday, September 17 at the home of John & Betty Hanes, 7014 Stone Mill Rd., for fellowship from 5:00-7:00. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. RSVP to Betty,

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet on September 19 at 10:30 am in the church library. The book that will be reviewed is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer. Please contact Linda Rutherford at for more information.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH. will meet on Thursday, September 21, at the home of Adrienne Roberson in Loudon, TN. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. The address is Riverview Farm, 1655 Roberson Lane. If you would like to hike around the property arrive at 11:00, if only lunch, arrive at 11:30.

SHOW TUNES I LOVE: Please join Meredith Mackay and friends for a fundraising concert, organized to benefit the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. The event will be held Saturday, September 23rd, 7:00 p.m. here at 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*.

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 McKeegan, Shawn Owens

Trustees: Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer, Reed Ellis

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley