



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 17, 2017

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH 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 Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr Heinrich Scheidemann
I Love You with All My Heart, O Lord
 Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J. S. Bach
Dearest Lord Jesus, We Are Here
 Twenty-four and Thirty (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Hear My Words Stephen Paulus
 Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be: Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

from Psalm 5

Westminster Choristers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness.
 Come into God’s presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God,
 whose mercy is everlasting;
 and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, throughout the Gospels we hear the message over and over: forgive, forgive, forgive. But we struggle hard to do so. We hold on to hurt feelings and wrongs until they make us bitter. Then they become walls that we can’t get around. In a world in desperate need of unity and reconciliation, open us to your life-giving presence, that our lives may reflect the depth of your love. 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 14: 19-31

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bryan Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14: 7-12; Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON “Jim and Ed and the Three Dollar Pig” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 347** (blue hymnal) Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive *Detroit*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. 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.

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) Hear My Words Stephen Paulus

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Kyrie (from *Missa brevis*) Andrea Gabrieli

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Popes Gelasius I and Gregory I

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 356** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***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** Point d’Orgue sur les Grands Jeux Nicolas de Grigny

(from *Livre d’Orgue*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

STEPHEN PAULUS was an American composer writing in many genres, including music for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensembles, solo voice, keyboard, and opera. The Westminster congregation will remember the Chancel Choir singing his *Pilgrims’ Hymn*, taken from his opera *The Three Hermits* (commissioned by The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, while Jim Carter, Westminster’s former minister, served there). This morning’s anthem is well suited to young voices, combining a lyrical melody, a two-part texture, and a gentle accompaniment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS SEPTEMBER 16-30: Leslie Versen, Brenda Seip and Susan Baughman

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Lucy Gordon and Jake Phillips

GREETERS (11:00): John and Kathy Shilling

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Robert McKeehan
(11:00) Reed Ellis, Gordon and Robin Greeson, Paul and Judy Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Gordon Family in loving memory of Betty Gordon.

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)

Adult Sunday School Starting TODAY

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. This week we are combining with the Wired Word to discuss the movie, The Shack.

KIDS CLUB Join us today 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.

SCHILLING GALLERY Please take time to enjoy the new art exhibits in the Schilling Gallery and church foyer: painting and pastels by Lee Edge and mixed media by Angela Schilling in the display cases.

THE ABBEY deadline is today. Send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING scheduled for today at 11 AM 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 has nominated Vicki Mayfield.

SAFETY TEAM TRAINING TODAY If you are a senior usher or safety team person, please gather at the kitchen end of the Schilling Gallery following the 11 a.m. service and Congregational meeting. Scott Porter will be giving you a print out of guidelines and will conduct a brief training that should only last 15-20 minutes. Please sign up at the meeting for 2-3 Sundays that you would be willing to be the Safety person.

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 Hanes.

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 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.

A FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARK is planned for Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 AM at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area in the Smoky Mountain National Park. Find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

CHURCH WORKDAY is scheduled for October 21 from 8 AM - 12. Help us with small tasks that make a big difference.

HUNGER HIKE The youth are "hitting the pavement" again, and marching to help relieve hunger at the Hunger Hike around Lakeshore. This year, they have voted to benefit our local Remote Area Medical organization. RAM are helping to feed and give water to the thousands of hurricane victims in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. SHOW and WAMS youth will be collecting funds the next two Sundays. Also, anyone who wants to join the team and participate are welcome to come along!! Meet us at Lakeshore by 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 1. Thanks, as always, for your support!!
CHRISTMAS AUDITIONS Mark your calendars!!! We are holding auditions for Westminster Players' annual Children and Youth Christmas drama on Sunday, October 1. All actors from 5 years old thru high school are welcome. We will gather directly after the late service (2nd grade and older should bring a lunch). Kindergarten through 2nd grade will audition first and finish by 12:20. Older kids will audition from 12:20 to 1:30. Our play this year: Junie B. Jones, Jingle Bells Batman Smells P.S. So Does Mae!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 1 and we will have a combined worship service at 11:00 following Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE We will continually be collecting money for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma relief efforts. Checks can be made payable to Westminster for the flooding (mark the memo line DR000169-Harvey or DR000194-Irma) and we will forward monies to PDA. The donation will be included in your yearly WPC contribution statement. presbyterianmission.org/pda

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

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"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!

A nursery for small children will be available.

Youth "Test-Drive" Main Event today!!

The youth are going to gather today 5:00 and head to Knoxville's newest entertainment place, The Main Event (9081 Kingston Pike.) While there, we will bowl, have dinner, and enjoy a 30 minute unlimited play pass in their arcade! Bring \$10 to cover the cost*. (*As always, Westminster can help with costs for anyone that needs it.) Pick up afterwards will be at the Main Event at 7:30. We will need parent drivers (free bowling for drivers!!) Please let Barbara know if you can help. We'll WPCya this afternoon!!!

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Terry Crow

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

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