



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 22, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit around and pluck blueberries...”
Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

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

PRELUDE Gott ist mein Heil, mein Hilf und Trost Johann Gottfried Walther
God Is My Salvation, My Help and Comfort
Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl Johann Michael Bach
The Fool Says in His Heart, “There Is No God.” (Psalm 14)
O Herre Gott, Vater in Ewigkeit
O Lord God, Eternal Father
Verse 1
Verse 2 Christe, aller Welt Heiland
Christ, Savior of the World
Verse 3 O Gott, heiliger Geist
O God, Holy Spirit

INTROIT (11:00) The Gift of Love *O Waly Waly*
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev’ry deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

based on I Corinthians 13

Westminster Choristers

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Betty McKeehan

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 476** (blue hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! Lyons

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace and goodness, each day our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world; we are convinced there is nothing good we can do. Forgive us if despair displaces discipleship; forgive us if we let our differences blind us to our essential unity; forgive us for neglecting our planet, the welfare of all your people, and our own spiritual health; and for failing to see the life-giving connection between all three. May your spirit lead us to a place of wholeness. 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 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

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

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 33: 12-23, Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON “Glimpsing the Face of God” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 399** (blue hymnal) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Dunlap’s Creek

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere where we encounter the presence of God. In its beauty and vastness, blessings and tragedy, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created us and endowed

us with capacities to serve the world in a way that reflects the goodness of God. In the Christ we see the purposes of God; to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of all life. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. 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) The Gift of Love *O Waly Waly*
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) All People That on Earth Do Dwell Thomas Tallis
All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his flock, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth hath always firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

W. Kethe

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

***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** Praeambulum in e, WV 38 Heinrich Scheidemann

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Michael Yates
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS OCTOBER 16-31: Cindy Spangler
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Alice Gawne and Rhys Whipple

GREETERS: (11:00) Charlie and Alice Mercer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SAFETY TEAM: William Milam

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Gary Rowcliffe, Bill Rudd, Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Dorothy C. Prescott and in honor of Renee Wiesehuegel by Sue McSween.

THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505-1585), the highly esteemed English composer of the late Renaissance, was a gentleman of the Chapel Royal from around 1545 until his death, and organist of the Chapel with another eminent English composer, William Byrd(!). This morning's anthem is skillfully crafted, balancing homophonic (chordal) passages with polyphony (including imitation between voice parts and counterpoint).

STATED SESSION MEETING: will be held today at 12:15 pm.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

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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)

Christian Stewardship: It's Always Been Part of Our Culture

In 1964, eight founding families of Westminster church committed to developing "an unbroken thread of stewardship and service" that would be sustained and nurtured through generations to come. According to founding member Frank Marsh, tenets of Christian stewardship were central for the fledgling band of believers, as was instilling them in those who would follow.

Service, Christian education for children, and global and community outreach were primary tenets of stewardship in the early days of Westminster, and these same tenets are evident in our church today. Thanks be to God for this blessing. And thanks be to God for all who have shown us the stewardship way.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS: Families with children 0-12 are invited to join us for lunch from Lenny's today! We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service.

JUNIE B. JONES REHEARSAL TODAY: All actors, except the K-2nd grade "angel chorus", will have a read-through of our play, *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, P.S. So Does May* today from noon-1. We'll provide a snack. We're excited to start our most hilarious play!

SHOW AND WAMS: Today all middle and high school youth are meeting at the church @ 12:45 to go to the UT Women's Soccer game. UT has a great team this year!! Currently, they are ranked 8th in the country!!!! Today, they are playing their rival, Florida Gators. Admission is free, but bring money for concessions. We will return to church by 3:30. Go Lady Vols!!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE We will continually be collecting money for Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Puerto Rico relief efforts. Checks can be made payable to Westminster for the flooding (mark the memo line which one you would like to donate to) and we will forward monies to PDA. The donation will be included in your yearly WPC contribution statement. To see what is happening with relief efforts, check out their website at www.presbyterianmission.org/pda
WWW has begun with flair, and it's not too late to join the fun! Barbara's Stained Glass will meet the next 4 Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the downstairs fellowship hall. No experience necessary. Debbie Cooper, Angela Shilling, and Chloe Smith are on board to help everyone make a project of which they'll be proud! Come join us next Wednesday!!

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: After the 5:45 pm dinner, you can either attend the Stained Glass class mentioned above or attend Rev. Phillips' class on "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: the Confessing Church and Nazi Germany". Bonhoeffer's life and work continue to inspire people across the broad spectrum of religious thinking. This class will look at the political and theological background of Nazi Germany and then focus specifically on Bonhoeffer and the way his thinking about God and faith was shaped by the world around him.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Mark your calendars and RSVP to join us for our Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 29th. We will have pizza for dinner at 5:30, then jump into trick-or-treating and lots of new fun games. The list includes: corn hole, witch's hat ring toss, popcorn booth, colored hairspray, donut dangle, and more! This is such a fun church wide event, and there are many ways to participate.

- ✓ Come decorate your trunk at 5:00 and pass out candy to the cuties as they trick-or-treat after dinner at 5:30.
- ✓ Volunteer to help with one of our fun games (let Allie know if you can help!)
- ✓ Participate in the costume parade
- ✓ Simply come and enjoy! We hope you can join us!

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS TODAY

The Faith and Life

Fellowship Hall

Michael Yates and Kristi Gordon lead part two of a two-week discussion about suicide and prevention.

The Wired Word

Prayer Room

You'll receive an email each week that includes a story pulled from the current headlines. It's a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. A discussion is led by a rotating group of facilitators. The only thing you 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

Library

Scott Brunger leads a group that digs DEEP into scriptures each week.

Feasting on the Word

McKinnon Room

This curriculum from the PC(USA) is lectionary-based. You 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.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 26th, at 7:30 am. Phil Barnette will present the lesson entitled 'Life on Parole'. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tim Crais. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is necessary. Come and bring a friend.

LECONTE 2018 HIKING SPACES for our July 21, 2018 hike together are now on sale! A \$50 deposit is due upon signing up and the remainder \$98 will be due closer to the hike. Please see Renee Wiesehuegel for further information.

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, Vicki Mayfield, 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