



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 19, 2017

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY FOURTH 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

(9:00) Sixteen and Three (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells
 (11:00) Overture to “Berenice” G. F. Handel
 trans. Edwin Glick

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

(Based on Psalm 123)

Leader: Lift up your eyes,
People: to behold the majesty of God, who is among us.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts,
People: to sense God’s presence around us,
 Leader: Lift up your voices,
People: as we join together to sing God’s praise.
ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God!

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)

We confess to you, Gracious God, that we did not see you. We saw a homeless person and we looked away. We saw the images of the hungry and the thirsty and we changed the channel. We felt secure knowing that the prison gates are locked tight. We enjoyed our friends but did not welcome the stranger into our midst. We overindulge and overspend and then come to church to see you, when we failed to see you in the least of these. Forgive us.

***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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians: 5 selections

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON “Team Sheep vs. Team Goats” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 414** (blue hymnal) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
Forest Green

***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.

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) Overture to “Berenice” G. F. Handel

(11:00) The Goodness of the Lord C. P. E. Bach

The goodness of the Lord aboundeth, Lives there one man beyond its spell?

Our song of grateful praise resoundeth, And anthems celestial His glory tell.

His love to cherish His grace to measure, Shall ever be my great concern, His

mercy is my highest treasure, My goal His benison to earn.

O Master, let Thy loving care be clear before me through all my days, And

let this be my earnest prayer, Thy heav’nly kingdom to serve always: Thou

art my comfort In time of sadness, Thou my Delight in time of cheer, And

ever Thou my soul’s great gladness, For fear departs when Thou art near.

adapt. Walter Ehret

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 554** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Let All Things Now Living *Ash Grove*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you

and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be

gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

POSTLUDE Alla Marcia

John Ireland

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and Wes Williams
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOV 16-30: Susan Baughman, Brenda Seip
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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Kara and Macy Porter

GREETERS (11:00): Bob and Lana Daverman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SAFETY TEAM: Hap McSween

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Robert McKeehan

(11:00) Mary Lou Crow, Robert Daverman, Christie Dowling, Gordon and Robin Greeson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Marty and Frank Marsh in memory of Catharine Walters Marsh (Cathy), Frank H. Marsh III (Hank), Frank and Margaret Marsh Sr., John and Eloise Frisbie, and in honor of Tom and Terry Shamblin, John and Jaynee Marsh, and Margaret Fegar (Mollie), and eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, soon to be six great-grandchildren.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Xavier Dominick Romero, great-grandson of Kaye Davis. He was born on November 8, in St. Louis, Missouri.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR BRASS is a transcription of the overture to Handel’s opera *Berenice*, premiered at Covent Garden in London on May 18, 1737. The opera is in three acts and traces the life of Cleopatra, who was Berenice III of Egypt and daughter of Ptolemy IX. After a stately opening section, jubilant counterpoint prevails.

THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS changes with the Liturgical Seasons. Green is the color of the paraments during Ordinary Time, between Trinity Sunday and the beginning of Advent.

Over the last several years, more and more liturgical churches have returned to using blue as the color associated with the season of Advent. Blue was used, in fact, until the Middle Ages, when blue dye became too expensive to produce and purple was substituted. Thus, the color purple was used for both advent as well as the season of Lent. This year Westminster joins many churches in returning to the color blue for reasons both historical and theological. Blue was the color associated with the Virgin Mary, and the season of Advent finds us waiting with her for the birth of God incarnate in the baby Jesus. Further, while Lenten purple marks a time of penitence and a focus on the suffering of our Lord, the color blue reminded early Christians that Advent was a season focused on hope, expectation and the anticipation of those awaiting the birth of the Savior.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will be reviewing the book *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers on Tuesday, November 21 at 10:30 am in the SHOW room. Please join us for the discussion. For information, call Linda Rutherford at 690-3499.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On Sunday, December 3rd, our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. Several groups are expected to be there with their items to sell. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We will be having two services on Sunday, December 24, 11:00 AM and 11:00 PM. This will be the same service offered at two different times.

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 YO), 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.

NEW MEXICO ADULT PILGRIMAGE: We are pleased to announce we are planning a trip for September 29 thru October 3, 2018 to visit many sacred places in northwestern New Mexico! There will be an gathering on Monday, November 27, 6-7 p.m. in the McKinnon room to discuss all of the details, including the cost. We will also discuss transportation options. Southwestern snacks will be provided. We hope all who are interested will come. Questions? Call Barbara at.

ANGEL TREE DISTRIBUTION: On Wednesday, December 6, from 5-8 PM all Westminster adults (18+) are invited to help at the Angel Tree Distribution Center, 11238 Kingston Pike, the old Kroger building, with checking, sorting and organizing thousands of gifts for the angel tree kids. Call Barbara for more information.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Faith and Life Fellowship Hall
The Wired Word (Current Topics) Prayer Room
Bible Study Library
Feasting on the Word (Lectionary-based Bible study) McKinnon Room

BEING PRESBYTERIAN: Today is the last class with Rev. John Muntz and the series from Theocademy. Next Sunday, November 26, Mary Boyd will tell about the history of this congregation and give a tour of the building and Barbara Adamcik will share ways to get connected at Westminster on December 3. These classes are open to everyone!

JUNIE B. JONES REHEARSAL TODAY: All actors, except Kindergarten "angel chorus", will rehearse for our play, *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, P.S. So Does May* today from noon-2.

CAST AND FAMILY LUNCHEON: Join us today in the McKinnon Room at 12:15 to support the cast and enjoy lunch together.

SHOW AND WAMS join us tonight for the Great Photo Scavenger Hunt from 5-7 PM. We will get organized in the McKinnon Room at 5:00, then the 4 teams will go around town hunting for pictures using our crazy clues. We will have dinner after the hunt! Don't miss the fun. We need 3-4 parents to be driver/photographers.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Leigh Dunlap	Debbie Babelay	Scott Brunger
JP Mackay	Daniel Collins	James Everett
Linda Van Beke	Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon
Wes Williams	Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeehan
Michael Yates	Jay Schmid	Shawn Owens
Youth Elder: Clara Oakes		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

TRUSTEES

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