



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

May 1, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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

(9:00) Adoramus te, Christe Orlando di Lasso
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Sinfonia No. 5 Salomon Rossi
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Gaudeamus omnes William Byrd
trans. Scott Hartman

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP St. Augustine (354-430)

Leader: O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way.

People: Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God.

Leader: Let us worship 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)

Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear and anger and selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded and bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling and uncaring and thoughtless, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, we have sinned. When our lives have become so self-centered that we are no longer centered selves, we have sinned. When for whatever reason we have passed by those in need, we have sinned. We ask for forgiveness and renewal in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 Philippians 4:4-7; Revelation 21:22-22:5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:23-29

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Beyond the door
there's peace I'm sure
And I know there'll be no more
tears in heaven”

“Tears in Heaven” – Eric Clapton

*HYMN NO. 368 (blue hymnal) I've Got Peace Like a River
African-American spiritual

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS (11:00)

Finn Burgin, Kaitlyn Harmon, Katie Rogers, Owen Salsbery, Ellie Yates

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Confirmation Class 2016

God has created us and is the light, warmth and compassion that this world needs. God guides us in our journey through life, love and faith, and allows us to flourish. Jesus teaches us that God does not judge, or hate, or strike fear in people. I believe the Holy Spirit is always present, even when we question our faith, and we are called to be a caring and considerate church. Christianity is a way of acting and living. It is seeing the brightness at the

end of the tunnel, even when surrounded by darkness. It is being positive even when the tunnel seems to go on forever. It is finding joy in the little things that we pass by every day. It is appreciation, appreciation for these little things as well as appreciation for the amazing things such as your friends, family, and life. It is not judging people by the harsh scars on the outside seen by the eyes, but by the burdens and actions felt by the heart. It is hope. Hope that never gives up on you or anyone else. But the most important of all, Christianity is love.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Hélas que pourra devenir Heinrich Isaac
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Arise, My Love, My Fair One Gerald Near

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the time of the singing of birds is come. Alleluia.

based on Song of Solomon 2:10-12

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: 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.

People: 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.

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. 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 Christus, der uns selig macht Hans Kammeier
Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed

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**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) A Short Verse

Thomas Tomkins

(11:00) Gigue (from *Six Pieces*)

Johann Pezel

Brass Choir

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and Michael Yates

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY 1-15: Lana Daverman and Susan

McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from 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): Macy Porter and Kara Porter

GREETERS (11:00): Bitsy Ingram and Susan Baughman

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Donnie and Connie Graham

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Bill Rudd, Ashley and Scott Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Larry and Jeanne Ridley in honor of the Confirmation Class and all the 2016 Graduates of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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 ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

THIS MORNING the Recorder Ensemble introduces to the congregation the newest member of its family of instruments, the tenor recorder. Considerably longer in length than an alto, it uses the same fingerings as soprano. It also greatly expands the repertoire available to the group as well as the diversity of color. The ensemble’s and my thanks to Bill Wiesehuegel for his wonderful idea of surprising Renee with it as a

birthday present!

Peter Van Eenam

LOOKING BACK THROUGH WESTMINSTER’S MUSICAL HISTORY, the Brass Choir’s postlude today is the same played at former minister Dr. James L. Carter’s final service with us, September 30, 1984.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to hear American organist Christian Lane in recital at Westminster Church **this Friday evening, May 6, at 8:00.** Winner of the 2011 Canadian International Organ Competition, he is currently Director of Music and Organist at All Saints Episcopal Parish, Brookline, Massachusetts. From 2008 to 2014, he was Associate University Organist and Choirmaster at Harvard University. This program is part of this season’s *Musica Organi* recital series and we would love for you to join us. Featured will be works of J. S. Bach, Bruhns, Buxtehude, Locklair, Mendelssohn, Rorem, Weckmann, and Whitlock. A nursery will be provided.

2016 Confirmation Class

Confirmand

Mentor

Finn Burgin

Andrew Gordon

Kaitlyn Harmon

Sandra Williams

Katie Rogers

Leigh Dunlap

Owen Salsbery

Stephanie Lynch-Wright

Ellie Yates

Kathryn Oakes

2016 High School Graduates

Maggie Bendy

Bearden High School

University of Tennessee

Leah Milam

Maryville High School

Tennessee Tech

Ethan Partelow

Bearden High School

University of Tennessee

Jake Tidwell

West High School

University of Tennessee

Duff Gentry

Karns High School

Roane State

Joe Hutzenbiler

West High School

Norwich (VT) or The Citadel

Lauren Pearman

Bearden High School

Case Western Reserve University

Eva James

Catholic High School

University of South Carolina

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: The cost for the picnic is \$7 per person, with a \$25 cap per family. Lunch is on us for High school graduates, confirmands and mentors.

SHOW AND WAMS: Tonight, we are going to be cooking a special Mother's Day dinner for Moms, Grandmas, and Just-like Moms the Sunday before Mother's Day. (This way Mom can be pampered for an entire week!) We will impress and "wine & dine" (no whining...) our Moms with a “gourmet dinner.” Youth arrive at 5:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30. All this will be done with the assistance of our chef Betty McKeehan! We love you, Moms!!

THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets Thursday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER continues on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m., through May 11th. Led by master trainers and area professionals, the course is targeted at unpaid caregivers, but will also be helpful to pastoral care providers, caregiving professionals, and care receivers. For further information, please contact Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com.

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Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate

Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

“The Shape of Hope in Syria and Lebanon”

“The Shape of Hope in Syria and Lebanon” is the title of the presentation by the Rev. Elmarie Parker on Monday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster sanctuary. You are invited to come and meet our Presbyterian Church USA mission co-worker in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq and learn about the witness and work of our partner Protestant churches in the Middle East.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: WPC’s Connect Team has organized a fun fellowship event for the “empty-nesters” of Westminster. Bill and Kathleen Farnham will host a Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday, May 7 at their beautiful home. We will lounge on their deck and enjoy yummy snacks and drinks de Mexico. Lawn games and other festivities are likely to happen too, along with lots of great conversation. We are hoping to get ideas and organize our next events as well. Maybe we’ll take a trip, do some service work, organize some kind of tournament... Don’t miss this fun opportunity to meet some amazing Westminster friends!

VBS 2016 - Water All Around the World

June 20-23, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Age 3 – 5th Grade

“Water All Around the World” will help our children understand the importance of clean water for our health, and show them how access to clean water affects children around the world. We will talk about the value of water and conservative water use.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Faith and Life

Fellowship Hall

Dr. Phillips and Angela Shilling co-moderate our class on the book, *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Nadia is the pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, a Lutheran mission church in Denver, Colorado. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$10 each.

The schedule is as follows:

May 1st, Chapters 1-4, pgs. 1-41

May 8th, Chapters 5-8, pgs. 42-86

May 15th, Chapters 9-11, pgs. 87-120

May 22nd, Chapters 12-19, pgs. 121-204

Bible Study

Library

This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.

Coffee House

Can’t make it to class on time? Do you really just want a chance to chat? Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There is always coffee and a few pastries ready for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.