



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 16, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTY-SECOND 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) Pièce pour Orgue, No. 1 (from *L’Organiste*) César Franck
(11:00) Sonata No. 24 Gottfried Reiche

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tim Ryan

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

Jeremiah 31; Timothy 3; Luke 18

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart.

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart.

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 483** (blue hymnal) Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, hear the pleas of your people. For our failure to love others as you have loved us; for wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods; for too easily losing hope in your power to transform all things and giving up on you, each other, and ourselves; for all the ways we turn from your way, forgive us and restore us, that we might live in the fullness of life you intend for us through Christ our Lord. 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

Jeremiah 31:27-34; II Timothy 3:14-4:5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Cameron Sears

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

“All Over But the Shoutin’”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 405** (blue hymnal) What Does the Lord Require

Sharphorne

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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) Sonata No. 24

Gottfried Reiche

(11:00) Mercy and Truth Are Met

Ned Rorem

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall show loving kindness, and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be the pathway of his steps. Amen.

Psalm 85:10-13

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 228** (red hymnal) (11:00) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Old Celtic Blessing

Thomas McCracken

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at ewer back, may the sun shine warm upon ewer face, may the rain fall soft upon ewer field, and until we meet again may he hold you in his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Traditional

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** Tuba Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER 16-31: Linda Rutherford

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): Lane Palmer and Jake Palmer

GREETERS (11:00): Mark and Teresa Palmer

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) John and Lalla Phillips

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Bill Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling, Jay Schmid, Linda Van Beke

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Paula Warner Smartt by her family.

NED ROREM, considered one of this country’s finest composers, was born in Richmond, Indiana, in 1923. He was raised in Chicago and entered the Music School of Northwestern University at age seventeen. Subsequent study was at Tanglewood, the Curtis Institute, and at Juilliard. In this morning’s anthem, he sets verses from Psalm 85 in a style reminiscent of some of the movements found in his *Quaker Reader*, one of his cycles of organ pieces. In them and today’s anthem he balances a plain and straightforward “New England” style with an elegant lyricism.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an elder for the Class of 2018 to replace Steve Hoadley, who has resigned.

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

AED TRAINING: Training for our new Automated External Defibrillator is Monday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Schilling Gallery. Anyone interested in this training is invited.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet October 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. This month, we will discuss *A Portrait in Sepia* by Isabel Allende. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

BLT: BIBLE, LUNCH, THEOLOGY: This week, we will be looking at I Corinthians, Chapters 9 and 10, and Unit 6 in our Interpretation Bible Studies book. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Dinner will be served at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Laurie Birt from Smoky Mountain Service Dogs is bringing a canine ambassador, whose name is Hooligan. This is a family friendly program, and children are welcome.

THE LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 20th at Bravo (106 Major Reynolds Place). If you can attend, please RSVP to Georgann Byerley by Monday, October 17th. This is a fun way to get to know each other better. Come join us!

MATT MATHEWS MEMORIAL BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES: Saturday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m. we will have the 5th annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (9th WPC breakfast) at the Metcalf Bottoms Pavilion in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Come enjoy fellowship and breakfast cooked in the outdoors. We will hold the event rain or shine.

Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery, noting whether you need transportation or perhaps can provide transportation.

HABITAT NEWS: Our worksite is just off North Broadway near Whittle Springs School. For more information, please contact Jay Schmid at wpc.habitat@gmail.com or 865-254-2444. This is a great way to share our blessings with the community. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2borAab>

October 22: Inside painting (need 10 volunteers)

October 29: Trim and cabinets (need 14 volunteers)

**Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The youth of Westminster invite **everyone** to our better-than-ever Trunk-Or-Treat! Everyone can enjoy this event, and you are welcome to decorate your car trunks and distribute treats to our adorable Trunk-Or-Treaters! (We even have awards for the best trunk decoration, the most artistic trunk, etc.) The youth will have games to play, and they will also create a candy forest. And you won’t want to miss our costume contest for all ages! Our WPC Fellowship Team is serving dinner for everybody. We will have pizza, carrots, apples, and yummy desserts. This event takes place rain or shine!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study for women meets monthly at two different times. A morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. An evening group meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Both groups use the Horizons study, which is entitled “Who is Jesus?” It’s a great look at Jesus through the eyes of various writers or groups. Please contact Mary Boyd for more information.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you a new member at Westminster? Have you been visiting and want to learn more? We will offer a class for you on November 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00 a.m. so you can find out all you want to know about us! Led by Rev. Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, and a bit about our history. If time permits, we’ll take the 50 cent tour of the building and grounds. There is no pressure to join the church, although we are always happy when that happens!

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Adult Education

Bible Study — Led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen, this group meets in the library and dives deep into the scriptures. No experience is necessary, and you are welcome to jump in any time.

Table Talk — We’re using a curriculum called “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 only thing you’ll need is a smartphone or tablet.

Faith and Life — Larry Ridley is leading a series he’s calling “FACE to Faith.” Using videos, music and personal stories, the class will consider the mystery of faith and why it matters. This group meets in the McKinnon Room.

Topics — “Parenting a Child of God” is led by Laurie Williams and Alice Mercer. We’ll take a look at how parenting impacts our children’s concept of God, how to parent the whole child, and how parenting affects spiritual growth and morality. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee House – Do you just want a chance to share some fellowship time between services? This is the place for you. This group gathers in the Schilling Gallery.

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

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