



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship June 10, 2018 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

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

PRELUDE Prelude Jean Langlais
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 138 exerpted
Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
People: For they have heard the words of your mouth.
Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
People: For great is the glory of the Lord.
Leader: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.
People: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 487 (blue hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (The people uniting)
Holy God of infinite love and mercy,
We your people stand before you confessing what you already know
And what we need to admit to ourselves:
The many experiences of loss in our lives are too painful for us to bear alone.
We are tempted to hide, deny, or hang on out of fear,
Rather than let go out of faith and trust in your love
and abiding power and presence.
Forgive us, O God, and be with us when we are timid or fearful
or ungrateful for your many gifts of grace.
*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 ...

READING FROM HEBREW WISDOM Ecclesiastes 12:1-8
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Julia Whipple
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.
EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:13-5:1
SERMON “Growing Into Childhood” John Linton Muntz
“If the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house ... eternal in the heavens.” II Corinthians 5:1
*HYMN NO. 323 (blue hymnal) Loving Spirit Omni Die

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The people uniting)
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 commonweath 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS
Brian Bonnyman, Anne Crais, Amy Gilbert, Maggie Gordon,
Buz Johnson, Rachel Powell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . The Lord’s 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 Be Thou My Vision Albert Travis

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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH AND REPRESENTATIVES IN MISSION
William Milam: Eyeglass Clinic and VBS in the Dominican Republic
Barbara Adamcik: Montreat and WOW
Eric Adamcik: General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
AFFIRMATION BY THE TRAVELERS AND CHARGE
PRAYER (The people uniting)
God of compassion, you charged us to offer a cup of cold water to thirsty strangers, and promised that you would be with us on our way. Look graciously upon these friends who give up the comfort of home to witness, learn and minister in your name among our neighbors. Strengthen them for the tasks that are ahead and bless them with joy in the doing, that your name may be glorified and your good will accomplished. Amen.
*HYMN NO. 343 (blue hymnal) Called as Partners in Christ’s Service Beecher
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Charles Callahan

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and Dan Collins
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JUNE 1-15: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan
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
GREETERS: Rob and Susan McKeehan
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Oros
SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt
USHERS: Gordon and Robin Greeson, Kathy Huck, Buz Johnson and Judy Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in honor of their son Jason’s 5th birthday.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

SUMMER CHOIR will return July 1 and sing through the latter part of August. I invite you to come sit in with the choir this summer and enjoy the music and camaraderie! Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you’d like to participate, so that a choir folder can be made up for you. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well, so that you can placed accordingly. It was wonderful having so many new faces join us last summer–I hope *you* will be one of them *this* summer!

Peter Van Eenam

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS led by Scott Brunger will continue through the summer after our 10:00 AM worship. This group meets in the library.

LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: You are invited to sign up in the Schilling Gallery for a date to serve lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer. All the supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you’re guaranteed to enjoy the fellowship.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our Share the Bounty table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce, mainly gorgeous greens at this point. Later, you will be seeing beets, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Some of this has been planted by our youth. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint Fund. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s amazing what good things can come from a small space.

the Environmental Ministry Team

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

This week!!

Montreat-- Our Senior Highs Of Westminster youth (SHOW) will be joining over 1000 youth from across the country and attending the Montreat Youth Conference. The theme of the conference this year is *Lift Every Voice!* Our SHOW youth will be contemplating using their own voices, as well as hearing and respecting everyone's voice to better our world. Please pray for our youth as they experience this powerful week at Montreat!

WOW Urban Ministry-- Our Westminster's Awesome Middle Schoolers (WAMS) youth will be spending the week serving our neighbors in need. WOW is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran in downtown Knoxville. Our youth will be serving and working with over 20 social service organizations this week. They will be helping our neighbors through organizations like the Volunteer Ministry Center, KARM, Mobile Meals, Random Acts of Flowers, the Community Garden, plus many more! Keep these amazing youth (and sponsor adults) in your prayers this week, as they help many, many neighbors here in Knoxville!



July 1-8, 2018

Appalachia Service Project in Hazard, KY-- In July, we have a team of 25 SHOW youth and adults participating in an Appalachia Service Project (ASP) week in Hazard, KY. While there, we will be helping three families restore their homes! More details will be available soon!!!

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP: The following WPCers are going on the DR trip: Ellie Yates, Max Yates, Helen Wedekind, Brad Pearman, Cindy Pearman, Anna Milam, Darlen Milam, Leah Milam, William Milam, Leslie Hull, Andrew Gordon, and Maggie Gordon. They will leave Saturday the 16th of June, and return the 24th. The team will perform eyeglass clinics and mini-VBS (the Spanish version of the VBS that was at Westminster this week!) in 5 different locations in conjunction with King's Grant Pres. Church (Chris Carrasco's new church) in Virginia Beach. Please keep them in your prayers.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER’S current needs are seasonal men’s clothing – especially sizes 28 to 34 inches. You can place your donations in the collection area at the base of the stairs leading to the children’s ministry area.

FRIENDS OF FISH: It is our turn to stock the FISH pantry. Help us bag groceries during the month of June at Church of the Savior, 934 N Weisgarber Rd. We will meet on June 14, and 26 at 5:30 pm to prepare the bags of groceries. Please contact Linda VanBeke if you have questions (804-4904).

BIG SUMMER




“**BIG SUMMER**” starts today after Time with Children. All school aged kids are welcome to join us for larger than life activities in the Fellowship Hall. We’re keeping the events a surprise to build some suspense, but think of some traditional fun- upsized!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a huge success!

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday, June 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MOTHER’S MORNING OUT: Drop your kids off Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 starting June 13th. We’ll have crafts, stories, snacks, and more. Email Allie at allie_wpc@comcast.net if you’re interested!



 **FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, June 14th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. With the youth unable to get their meals while at school during the summer months - it is crucial to get as many bags of groceries in the hands of those who are truly hungry. You are needed! We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at church any time after 10 AM. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween at 584-1958 or suemcsween@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

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