



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

**The Order of Worship**

**September 16, 2018**

**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SEVENTEENTH 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.*

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

**PRELUDE** Canzona Franz Tunder  
Organ  
 Bransle de la Roynne (from *Terpsichore*) Michael Praetorius  
Recorder Ensemble

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** People of God; in this moment, this sacred and holy moment, know that you are in the presence of God. And whatever you have brought into this moment, there is cause to offer praise and thanksgiving.

**People:** **In this moment, this sacred and holy moment, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the gift of God’s redemptive love.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN** God Is Here! *In Babilone*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, whose love is even more forgiving than it is demanding, forgive us; for failing to savor your good gifts while we are experiencing them; for resisting life’s transitions as though there were no grace in them; for acts of caring that we have left undone until the opportunity was gone; for thoughtless words spoken in haste, and for failing to speak up for those who have no voice. Transform and renew us in the love that has sought us in Jesus the Christ. 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** James 3:1-12

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Cameron Sears

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Graham Hilton Fortney

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 8:27-38

**SERMON** “WWJS-What Would Jesus Say?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 426** (blue hymnal) Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak *Canonbury*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

**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 commonwealth 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.**

**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) Passepiéd Georg Philipp Telemann

Recorder Ensemble  
 (11:00) Be Thou My Vision *Slane*  
arr. David Ashley White

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy

presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart; great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

trans. Eleanor H. Hull

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 371** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Point d’Orgue sur les Grands Jeux

Nicolas de Grigny

(from *Livre d’Orgue*)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Amy Gilbert and Andrew Gordon

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Brenda Seip and Susan

Baughman

**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): Will Manrod and Elena Bell

**GREETERS** (11:00): Scott and Linda Rutherford

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Hap McSween

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Robert McKeegan and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, LoAnn Price, Ashley and Scott Porter

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Penny Tschantz in loving memory of her husband, Bruce, born September 15, 1938.

**THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE** is by French organist and composer Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703), Organist at Rheims Cathedral from 1697 until his untimely death just a few years later. The supreme compliment was paid him by both J. S. Bach and Johann Gottfried Walther, who each made copies of his entire *Livre d'Orgue*, which concludes with the piece heard today. Though our organ and reeds were inspired by North German and Dutch instruments, one is still able to hear the intense color of the registration called for by the composer. The title refers to the use of very long pedal notes above which the music for the hands seems to ride.

**WESTMINSTER'S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD:** We need more hands! The Habitat build dates are as follows:

**September 29** (BLITZ DAY) – This is the day that the volunteers will erect the exterior walls and build and set trusses.

**October 6** – Interior walls will be built and the roof will be installed.

**October 13** – Vinyl siding will be applied to the exterior.

**November 3** – Interior painting will be done.

**November 10** – Trim and cabinets will be installed

**January 12** – The house will be dedicated

Use this link to sign up: <http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/HABITAT EVERYDAY ANGELS>: Westminster is committed to feeding all hammer and saw Habitat House builders for 3 out of the 5 Saturday work days. You can be an everyday angel by helping feed the hard-working builders. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Contact Brenda Seip for more information at.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB** will meet September 18, at 10:30 AM to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Discussion will be led by Cindy Spangler. This well-researched narrative fiction concerns the Osage Indians of Oklahoma, their discovery of oil and the murders that followed. The newly formed FBI led the investigation and they botched it well. A fascinating story about a dark time in our nations history.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** The luncheons will resumes on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Chesapeake's West, 9630 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, 37922. Please contact Joyce Ryan (text or leave message) if you will be joining us. Ask another person to join our group.

**RACE FOR THE CURE:** Join our team, Ashley's Awesome Angels (Captain Ashley Baker) for the Saturday, October 27, 5K race in downtown Knoxville. You can register online at [www.KomenEastTn.org](http://www.KomenEastTn.org). Be sure to select Westminster's team - Ashley's Awesome Angels when you are registering. Adults (age 18+) \$35 Student/kids (age 3-17) \$25. Contact Anne Crais for more information

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER'S** critical needs this month are deodorant, hygiene products, underwear, and socks for both men and women. The drop off collection area at Westminster can be found at the base of the stairwell leading to the Children's education wing.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** (WWW) will begin October 3, and it's going to be a field trip. We'll travel downtown to First Presbyterian Church to have dinner with them at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6.00 per person. The speaker will be one of the PC(USA) International Peacemakers, Rev. Jerome Bizimana. Rev. Bizimana is from Rwanda, and will speak about the genocide there. It's sure to be fascinating. Our hosts need to know how many of us will attend. Please let Mary Boyd () know by September 27 if you would like to go. We can carpool from Westminster if you would like.

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### KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

We are excited to move Children's Sunday School hour to the 11:00

Worship Service time slot. Kids 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs after Time with the Children where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate). Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 adult Sunday school hour for children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Bible Study** - taught by Scott Brunger, meeting in the library

**Feasting on the Word** - a lectionary-based study taught by Phil Barnette, Tim Crais, Leigh Dunlap, Linda Judge-McRae, and Andy Morgan meets in the McKinnon Room

**The Wired Word** - a current topics discussion, facilitated by Jack Carley, Jeff and Amy Gilbert, Shawn and David Owens, and John Smartt meets in the Prayer Room

**Faith and Life** - rotating topics class, starting out with a class on "Revolutionary Love" taught by Larry Ridley and Rev. John Muntz, meets in the Fellowship Hall from September 16 - October 7

All Sunday school classes are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**2019 PILGRIMAGE MEETING** for youth (8th-12th) and their parents will take place at 12:00 PM today, following the service in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the trip to New Mexico and Ghost Ranch.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net) .

### THE SESSION

#### Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

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Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

#### Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

#### Class of 2021

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