



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 23, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH 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 Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr Heinrich Scheidemann
I Love You with All My Heart, O Lord

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When our thoughts are scattered and feelings confused, how gracious of our God to help us order our lives.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us to discipleship.

Leader: When we sense an inner emptiness and search for meaning and purpose, how gracious of our God to open the path that leads toward fulfillment.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us into mission, into service in the name of Christ.

Leader: When our spirits lack focus and our strength gives way, how gracious of our God to draw us near.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us to worship.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 469 (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken Bunessan

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Help us to remember, O Lord, for we seem to practice forgetting. We forget who made us and why, we forget your daily grace and unconditional love, we forget your forgiveness of ourselves and our neighbors. We forget so much because there are some things we remember too well: perceived injustices done to us, hurt we cannot let go, times of judgment and harshness towards others, moments of envy and thoughts and actions of which we are ashamed. Forgive our sins, our sins of forgetting and remembering, and help us, we pray, to trust in the One who buries all our sins deep in the tomb of his own death and raises us up daily to new life through Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, 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 Psalm 1, Mark 9:30-37

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Laura Stockdale

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Grant Richard Birdwell

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:13-4:3, 7-15

SERMON “The Goodness of Now” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 248 (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord Sursum corda
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from A Declaration of Faith

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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 Come Let’s Rejoice John Amner
Come let’s rejoice unto the Lord, let us make joy to God our Saviour. Let us approach to his presence in confession, and in psalms let us make joy to him. Alleluia.

paraphrase of Psalm 95:1-2

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 422 (blue hymnal) (11:00) God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Scott Brunger

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): Ella Chattin and Fiona Collins

GREETERS (11:00): Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Tim Crais

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Marty Pryor and John and Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Tim and Anne Crais in honor of their children and grandchildren.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay, Lisa Ellis, John Harrison, and John Hankins for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

JOHN AMNER (1579-1641) was Organist and Choirmaster and a clergyman at Ely Cathedral from 1610 until the time of his death. Most of his known works were published in 1615 in a collection entitled *Sacred Hymnes of 3, 4, 5, and 6 Parts for the Voyces and Vyols*. This morning's motet is exuberant in every way, beginning with lively and playful motives which are then woven together into an intricate fabric through pervasive use of counterpoint, all contributing to a compelling and inviting expression of joy and thanksgiving encapsulating the elements of worship and praise.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: PDA urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. They are deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with them and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain -- providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. You can give financial support by sending WPC a check with the code DR000169 on the memo line. We will forward the monies to the PDA. Your donation will be included in your annual Contribution statement from Westminster.

PRAYERS FOR NEW MEXIQUESTERS: From September 29-October 7, Westminster has 32 people from our faith community traveling to New Mexico on what we're calling a "New Mexiquest." Our group will be visiting many of New Mexico's sacred spaces: Chimayo, churches and cathedrals, Christ in the Desert Monastery, and Ghost Ranch. We will also be attending the Taos Pueblo San Geronimo Feast Day and the famous Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We appreciate your prayers for safe travels and spiritual growth for all our "Questers".

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. Let Mary Boyd know if you would like a study guide.

HOME COMING FOOD DRIVE: West High School is having a Homecoming food drive that will benefit the FISH pantry!! Maggie Gordon has placed a box in the Schilling Gallery to collect cans of food that will be donated to FISH. She will be collecting the cans of food until Sunday, September 30. If you can spare a can or two, please bring them to church these next couple of weeks. Maggie and our friends at FISH would really appreciate the help!!

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, September 27th at 7:30 am. The lesson will be presented by Larry Ridley and will be on the subject: 'National Anthem Protests -- Kneeling at NFL Liturgies -- The Role of the Church'. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Charles Van Beke. There's a lot to talk about. All men of the church are welcome. No reservation is necessary. Bring a friend and join in the conversation on kneeling, symbols, liturgy, and the American passion for sport.

WEDNESDAY WITH WESTMINSTER: Our first WWW will be a trip to First Presbyterian Church on October 3. We'll join our hosts for dinner at 5:30 (\$6 per person) and then hear the PC(USA) International Peacemaker from Rwanda tell about life in that country. Please RSVP to Mary Boyd marybwpc@gmail.com by Friday if you plan to attend. Ask Mary if you would like to carpool from Westminster.

JUSTICE KNOX LISTENING SESSIONS will take place at Westminster on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 PM and Sunday, October 14th at 12:00 noon. All Sessions will be in the McKinnon Room. These sessions will ask: what worries you personally, what serious community problems have you experienced, can you share a story about how mental illness, public education or affordable housing has affected you?

For more information respond to Jackie at

WPC OCTOBERFEST is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at Whittington Creek's Pavilion! A gourmet hotdog bar will be featured along with beer tasting and sampling brews from Westminster's own master-brewers. This event is for all in our community who are 21+ years old. We will have a special band reuniting to enliven the evening. The charge for this event is \$10 per person. Sign up today, in the Schilling Gallery.

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. 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 are deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, pots and pans and cooking utensils. The drop off collection area at Westminster can be found at the base of the stairwell leading to the Children's education wing.

BLT'S RETURN: Murder and mayhem...good and evil...sin and grace and redemption. A new series on Netflix? Nope. It's Dr. Phillips' Bible Lunch Tuesdays class. Beginning on October 16, Buran will teach a class on the major story lines in the Book of Genesis. There will be 5 classes in the Fall, taking a break for Advent and Christmas, and then we will resume the class in January. Classes will meet in the McKinnon room at 12 noon. You are welcome to bring your lunch and your bible and join us. Admission is free.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS will be Sunday, September 30. Join us in the McKinnon Room following the 11:00 Worship Service for a catered lunch from Buddy's BBQ. This is a great opportunity to get to know other young families at Westminster. Anyone with children 0-12 years old is invited to attend (that includes aunts, uncles, and grandparents too). Please RSVP to allie_wpc@comcast.net.

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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 4th 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 4th 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.

SHOW AND WAMS: Tonight all youth (6th-12th grade) will be meeting at church from 5-7 to tie-dye our 2018-2019 WPC Youth shirts! We will also have a shirt designing contest to choose this year's shirt logo. In addition to making shirts, we will enjoy dinner and assemble college care packages!!

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Alice Mercer

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

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