



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 30, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

NINETEENTH 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 Twenty-four and Thirty (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ashley Baker

INTROIT (11:00) O Lord, Our Governor Benedetto Marcello

O Lord, our Governor, oh, how excellent is Thy great name in all the world!

Thou, O Jehovah, hast set Thy glory above the heavens!

Psalm 8:1

Boys' and Girls' Choirs

Trebles of the Westminster Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 478 (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us:

For the indulgence that thinks freedom has no limits;

For the indifference that stops caring to avoid the pain;

For the despair that acts on our fears instead of our hopes;

For the distrust that clutches old securities to avoid the risks in making things new;

For the narrowness that makes blinders of our viewpoints;

For the broadness that equates tolerance with seeking justice;

For the smallness that constricts the circles of our love;

Transform us, O God, that we might live more fully as your people; through Jesus 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 James 5:13-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:38-50, Esther

SERMON "For Such a Time as This" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 286 (blue hymnal) Give to the Winds Thy Fears *St. Bride*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) O Lord, Our Governor Benedetto Marcello
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Jubilate Deo in B-flat C. V. Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 361 (blue hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (9:00) Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

Natalie Sleeth

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (11:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Rigaudon André Campra

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

BENEDETTO MARCELLO, born in Venice in 1686, was a contemporary of J. S. Bach. In addition to his work as a composer, librettist, and writer on music, he was educated in law. The composer of cantatas and oratorios, as well as concertos and sonatas, he is perhaps best known for his 50 psalm paraphrases, published between 1724 and 1727, from which this morning's aria comes.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Peter Van Eenam and the Westminster Music Ministry by Suzanne Graham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and James Everett
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): Meghan Oros and Bobby Powell

GREETERS (11:00): John and Kathy Shilling

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Michael Betz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs and Trebles of the Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs and Trebles of the Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Leslie Versen

(11:00) Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, John Romeiser, Gary Rowcliffe and Bill Rudd

WESTMINSTER'S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD: We need more hands! The

Habitat build dates are as follows:

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 – WAITLISTED

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: This team will be helping feed the builders. The next lunches will be October 13 and November 10. 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.

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.

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".

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

HOMECOMING 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 is collecting the cans of food until today. Maggie and our friends at FISH would really appreciate the help!!

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. See Mary if you would like to carpool from Westminster.

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, October 4 at 10:00.

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

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.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY: Have you ever thought about signing up for a Mission Activity, but felt you weren't ready? Have you ever wanted to help, but didn't think you had the right skills? Have you ever wanted to be a helping hand, but weren't sure how to be that? If so, this class is for you. On the 4 Sundays (10/14-11/4), you will have the chance to hear about specific opportunities, (locally, regionally, & internationally). You will have plenty of time to ask questions, and figure out how you might plug in. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn more. There will be something for almost everyone. Please contact William Milam for more information.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS is today! 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 families with children 0-12 at Westminster.

SHOW AND WAMS: Tonight is Laser Tag at LazerQuest!! We'll meet at LazerQuest at 5:20, and play 2 games of tag! Can anyone beat the Partelow team of Scott and Eric? Come give it your best shot!! Please bring \$15 to cover the cost for laser tag. (**WPC will help with the cost, if needed.)

SPECIAL PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING is being collected this Sunday and next. See insert for more information.

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KID'S CORNER

Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.
Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs 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.

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.

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 McKeenan

Shawn Owens

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