



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**October 14, 2018**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**TWENTY-FIRST 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** Prelude in e, BWV 533, 1 J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Building a Rainbow Jeff Gilbert

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** We have gathered to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

**People:** We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ and to affirm our trust in God’s love in the future.

**Leader:** Let us praise God with our hearts and minds and place our lives in God’s care.

**People:** Let us offer to God our prayers and sing songs of praise.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 458** (blue hymnal) Earth and All Stars Dexter

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Merciful God, Living Lord, ever-present Spirit,**  
**How often you come to us and we do not recognize you:**  
**In friends and strangers who seek to offer kindness,**  
**In words that make sense of our lives and the world around us,**  
**In opportunities to show and receive love,**  
**In living, enduring promises that sustain us when life threatens to overwhelm,**  
**You come, O God.**

**But our hearts and minds are slow to recognize you.**

**Forgive us and awaken us to your presence.**

**\*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 ...**

**HEBREW HISTORY** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Ellen Anderson

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

**GOSPEL** Mark 10:17-31

**SERMON** “So Many Questions” John Linton Muntz

*“Is it any pleasure to the Almighty if you are righteous?”*

*Job 22:3*

**\*HYMN NO. 293** (blue hymnal) This Is My Father’s World Terra Beata

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Hebrews 4:14-16

**Since, then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**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) Holy, Holy, Holy Nicaea

arr. Peggy A. Thompson

Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) When in Our Music God Is Glorified C. V. Stanford

ed. Russell Schulz-Widmar

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
 It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound,  
 As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
 Borne witness to the truth in ev’ry tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the light?  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
 And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 332** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Live Into Hope Truro

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue in e, BWV 533, 2

J. S. Bach

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Shawn Owens, Dan Collins

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER 1-15:** Janet Tortorelli

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER 16-30:** Janet Tortorelli and Kathy Shilling

**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 wish to take it home.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Chloe Smith and Anna Grace Gilbert

**GREETERS** (11:00): Brenda Seip, Cindy Spangler

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Buz Johnson

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Elizabeth Ridley

### USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall, Jeff Bendy

(11:00) John Salsbery, Penny Tschantz, Linda VanBeke, Janice Rawe, Rick Rawe

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Benjamin A. Hatmaker, and in honor of all Youth and Adult Christian Educators at WPC.

**THE MUSIC OF CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD** is well known to the Westminster congregation and it is always a pleasure for our choirs to sing his inspired and uplifting work. A most important figure among British composers of the late 1800s, he is considered one of the leaders of the musical renaissance in England at that time. Though best known as a prolific composer of Anglican church music and choral services, he was also an influential teacher of many of England's finest twentieth-century choral composers. This morning's anthem is a stirring setting of his beloved hymn tune *Engelberg*, first published in 1904 in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, now appearing regularly in many hymnals for about the last quarter century.

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

**WPC OCTOBERFEST** is scheduled for tonight 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.

**JUSTICE KNOX LISTENING SESSIONS** will take place at Westminster today at 12:00 noon in the McKinnon Room. This session 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 [peacefully35@gmail.com](mailto:peacefully35@gmail.com).

**LADIES BOOKCLUB** will meet this Tuesday at 10:30 am. The book on review is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Join us!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is this Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will gather at PF Changs on Thursday, October 18 at 11:30 am. Please let Shirley Wittman know if you will be attending so that she can make reservations (266-0940).

**KID'S CORNER** - Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children.

Kids 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - All Sunday school classes are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**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** - 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. 865-216-6307, [wtmilam@ieee.org](mailto:wtmilam@ieee.org).

**PLAY TRYOUTS** for the December 9 Youth Christmas drama will take place next Sunday immediately after worship. Pack a lunch and come ready to do a read through of the play.

**THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP IS HERE!** October and November bring us more than football, fall colors, cooler weather, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. October and November provide Westminster friends and families the opportunity to prayerfully consider ways we can promise to give our time, talents, and financial gifts to the church for 2019. All of us have gifts to offer which make Westminster a lively and loving place in which to worship and serve God's kingdom.

In the coming weeks, we're going to build a rainbow together, and in doing so highlight the ministries that make Westminster such an amazing place to grow and connect! Today, we're focusing on Christian Formation- "the lifelong process of growing in our relationship with God, self, others, and all creation." (Things like classes, programs, speakers, spiritual retreats and gatherings are what we consider Christian Formation.)

Today, we invite you to take the first color of our rainbow, and write ways you enjoy and experience Christian Formation at Westminster. You may also write suggestions of how you would like to experience Christian Formation in our Westminster community. Please place the red sheet in the collection plate, and we'll start building our rainbow! (You'll be able to see it in the Shilling Gallery next Sunday!)

Just as the first rainbow marked God's covenant with us, let each of us enjoy this fall season and colorfully promise to give our time, talent, and financial gifts to support and enhance the life and mission of Westminster.

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**BLT'S RETURN:** Dr. Phillips' Bible Lunch Tuesdays class will begin 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.

**WEDNESDAY WITH WESTMINSTER:** Our speaker this week is Dr. John O.

Hodges, author and retired Department of Religious Studies professor at UT. Dr.

Hodges will speak to us about his memories of growing up as the son of an African-American sharecropper in Mississippi during the tumult of civil rights struggles. It would be helpful to have RSVPs so we can let our caterer know how many to prepare for, but we won't turn you away if you don't respond! Dinner begins at 5:45, followed by Dr. Hodges's presentation at 6:30.

**WESTMINSTER'S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD:** We need more hands! The Habitat build dates are as follows: November 3 – WAITLISTED; November 10 – Trim and cabinets will be installed; and January 12 – The house will be dedicated Use this link to sign up: <http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

**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.. 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.

**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 865-360-9008.

**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.